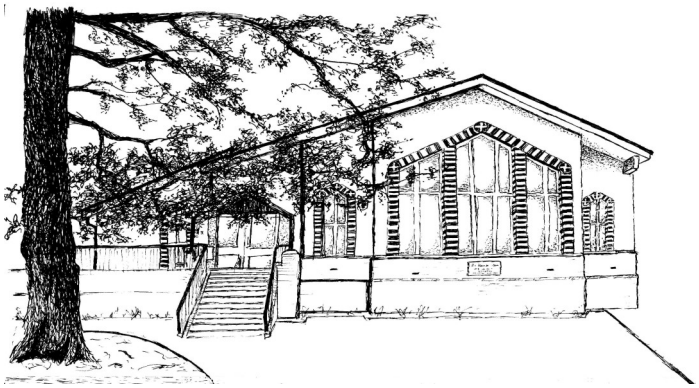
WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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'Growing by sharing God's Love': Church Mission Statement

Sunday 18th February 2018

Wellington Methodist Church and Centre

New Street, Wellington, Telford, TF1 1LU

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Welcome to Wellington Methodist Church! At the top of New Street, the church seeks to serve town and people and offers good news for all. If you are here for the first time or just visiting the area you are welcome. Please feel at home and if you would like to know more about the work of the Church please ask, or fill in one of the contact leaflet sheets to join the mailing/email list. Do stay and join us for tea and coffee after the service.

Dear friends,

The Ash Wednesday service, which marks the start of Lent, reminds us of our mortality: created from dust to return to dust. It seems to be a common trait to think we have more time than we actually do: more time to a decision; more time to get to that appointment; more time to do those little (even big) jobs around the house; more time to put relationships right. The reality is, however, that our time is limited, and the consequences of believing we have more of it than we really do are that the thing is done too late or else it never gets done at all. Either way we end up running out of time.

This tendency to believe there is always more time impinges on dealing with the big questions in life, too. Why do I exist? What will happen after death? Why is there suffering? Questions such as these are pushed to the backs of many people's minds, to deal with "later", confident there is plenty of time remaining. Sometimes, though, we delay asking ourselves these sorts of questions because we're afraid of what their answers might be.

Jesus told a parable about a man who misjudged the time he had left in life (Luke 12 vs. 13-20). The main point of this parable was to highlight the foolishness of storing up treasure on earth rather than paying attention to cultivating treasure in heaven. However, it also illustrates how time can be misused or at the very least, taken for granted, because the man ran out of time for concentrating on what was most important.

The psalmist (Ps 103 vs. 15-16) reminds us that in God's time-scale we are like grass—here today and gone tomorrow—so f you know there are things to put right in your life don't leave it to do until tomorrow.

Every blessing,

Diane

Services for Sunday 18th February

10.15 am Morning Worship - Rev Chitokwindo

Mid-week Worship (Thursday) 22nd February

9.30 am Holy Communion - Rev Farrimond

Services for Sunday 25th February

10.15 am Holy Communion—Rev Chitokwindo

5.00 pm Iona Service

Marsh Green Services

18th February 6.30 pm Evening Worship - Mr K Jones

25th February 11.00 am Family Service - Mrs. D. Morgan

Our prayers

Please continue to keep in your prayers those who are poorly, those who grieve or are lonely. Please remember those who are homeless.. Prayers please for Mary Hubbleday and family her Mother Beryl Rowan has recently passed away. Prayers also for Gareth Sumnal grandson of Alwena and Dewi whose Dad Ed who has passed away suddenly. Prayers are also requested for Richard Breeze and Uncle George who both passed away recently. And for Jennifer's uncle who has had a fall.

NEWS, DIARY DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Prayer meeting

There will be a prayer meeting in the sanctuary on Thurs 22nd Feb at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.
Please note—there will be no Here to Listen session this Wed (21st Feb.)

Holy Week

There will be evening prayers Monday to Thursday of Holy Week at 7pm.
Maundy Thursday service 7pm, involving foot and hand washing. Please let Diane or the office know if you would like to have your feet or hands washed during this service.
Good Friday service 10.15 am followed by refreshments and then Walk of Witness.

Church Flowers

A coffee morning is to be held on Saturday 24th February to raise funds for the Church Flower Fund. Offers of help on the day and donations would be much appreciated. Thank you Ann Shaw

Items for the newsletter

Please send all future items for the newsletter to Richard Lockley (the new Church and Centre Co-ordinator) in the church office to the following email address: wmc.office@telfordmeth.org.uk.

A big thank you to Angela Sherratt for the many years she has produced the newsletter for Wellington Methodist Church and we wish her well in her retirement.

Wellington Methodist Church Holiday

The destination is Redcliffe Hotel (overlooking the sea) in Paignton, Devon from Mon 18th—Fri 22nd June 2018. The cost will be £330 and includes 4 nights stay with breakfast and evening meal and trips to Dartmouth and various other places tbc. Please let Dewi or Alwena know if you're interested on 501071.

The Good Life Programme

What are the issues facing people in retirement.? For 6 weeks we will chat together about a variety of topics such as memory, identity, change ,wisdom and dying. Continues tomorrow—Monday 19th February at 10am here in church. To book a place please contact Julie Morton on 07841 428302

Iona Service

An evening meditation for Lent using words and music from the Iona Community Sunday 25th February at 5pm . Everyone Welcome.

Boys' Brigade Jumble Sale

The Boys' Brigade Jumble Sale coffee morning last Saturday was a great success, raising £235 for company funds. A big thank you the team that helped us in the kitchen and serving, those that donated their old clothes, and most of all Rosemary for organising and arranging the event. The event will be hold every February, so please save your old clothing, which can be left with Alastair or Rosemary.

Boys' Brigade News

Last Friday, 5 members from the 1st Wellington Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association competed against 40 other youngsters from the Wolverhampton and Shropshire Battalion at Telford Tenpin. On the individual competition, Harrison scored 108 placing him 6th overall, and Alex scored 102 placing her 8th. In the team competition, out of 14 we came 10th and 11th. We had a great night. We travel to Cheslyn Hay in a few weeks for the Battalion Swimming Gala.

Safeguarding Training

There is a Refresher Foundation Module Training Evening on Monday 19th February at Oakengates United Church at 7pm. Please contact Marjorie Brown or Margaret Reynolds is you wish to attend. *Please note the change of date.*

Church Council Meeting

DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRMUSTANCES THE DATE OF CHURCH COUNCIL IS NOW ON THURSDAY ***8TH MARCH*** @ 7:30 pm.

Thy Kingdom Come— bus driver required

Do you have a HGV/PSV licence or at least 10 hours experience of heavy vehicle driving and able to spare an hour or so in March? If so, Thy Kingdom Come are looking for someone to drive a double-decker bus full of Christian resources to rural communities in Shropshire. Please contact Charles Ruxtonc.ruxton@btinternet.com 01743 891636. Please see Deacon Julie for more information about Thy Kingdom Come.

Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir and Bel Canto performance

Advanced notice about an evening with Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir and Bel Canto at Cartway Methodist and UR Church, Bridgnorth on Sat 19th May at 7pm. Tickets are £12 (including light refreshments) and are available from Jenny on 01746 711422, Gilly 01746 789674 or Doreen 01746 764734

WEEKDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 19th February
9.30 am Slimming World

10.00 am Good Life Programme

7 pm Banners Group

Tuesday 20th February

9.00 am Twins and more

6 pm Girls Brigade

7.30 pm Membership Class

Wednesday 21st February

5.15pm Rainbows

6.00 pm Guides

7.30 pm Ladies Group

Thursday 22nd February

9.30 am Holy Communion— Rev Farrimond

10.00 am Coffee Morning

12.15 pm Food for Thought

Friday 23rd February

10 am Craft and Chat

Saturday 24th February

10am Coffee Morning - Church Flowers

Ladies Club

Our coffee and chat get together will be on Wednesday the 21st February at 7.30 pm . Why not make it a bit different by bringing some yummy food.

Urgent appeal from the Telford Food Bank

Supplies of food at the Food Bank are extremely low. Please consider donating any items that you can spare.

Belmont Community Hall

There is a vacancy for a Coordinator for Belmont Hall of 18 hours per week on a flexible basis . Duties to include Marketing the Hall to the Community, preparation of invoices, preparing room for bookings. Some evening and weekend work as required. DBS check will be required. For a Job Description and Application form please contact Dewi Evans on 01952 501071. Applications close on 6th March

Women's World Day of Prayer

A service for Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on Fri 2nd March at 1.45 at Christ Church, New Church Road, Wellington. The service will last 1 hour and be followed by refreshments. The theme this year is All God's Creation is Very Good and everyone is very welcome.

Thank you

'A big thank you from to all church family and friends for all the cards, flowers & messages of good wishes after my accident. Glad to say I'm now on the road to recovery. Love to you all, Anne Willetts'

Mosque Open day

An informal drop in event is being held at the King Street Mosque this afternoon between 12 noon and 5.30 pm. for anyone who would like to find out more about the local Muslim Community. Please dress modestly. 88-89 King Street, Wellington. TF1 1NZ