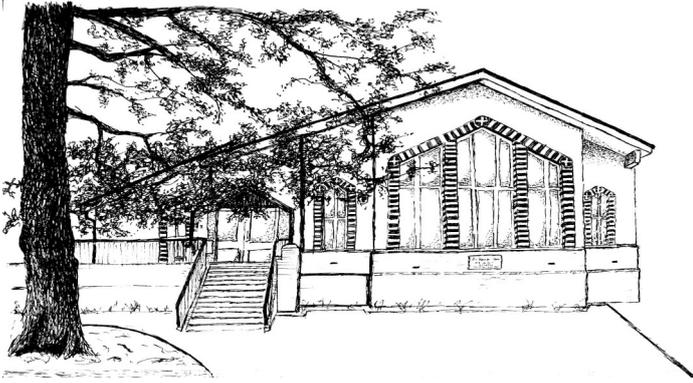


# WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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

**Sunday 11th March 2018**

## **Wellington Methodist Church and Centre**

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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,

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son..." so wrote John in Ch 3 v.16. This is perhaps one of the best human phrases of the New Testament. It illustrates true, or real, love invariably costs something. It cost Jesus his life. Therefore true or real love is not compatible with "love" that aims to hurt or to look for power. Real love doesn't lie or cheat. Real love does not put self at the centre. Rather it seeks to raise up the other person and to prosper them. That is neither easy nor without cost. As I have already said, it cost Jesus his life.

The cost to you and I is unlikely to be our physical life, but it will almost certainly sometimes be at the expense of our natural, selfish preferences. I don't accept then that love is free as some would have us believe. It requires effort and self-sacrifice. Of course, being human and imperfect we often fall short of demonstrating real (Christ-like) love. God knows our failings! But, we have to admit when we have gone wrong and recognise our need for God's grace in changing our hearts so that our love is ever more frequently real and pure: indeed Christ-like. No areas of our life can be excluded. Real love impacts our private personal life, our home life, our work life, our church life. John tells us in his epistle that if God loved us enough to send Jesus to atone for our sins we ought to love one another in the same way (1 John 4 vs. 10-11). The Good News is that real love comes from God himself. He is the source and it comes to us through the gift of his Spirit (1 John 4 vs. 12-23).

Every blessing, Diane.

## Services for Sunday 11th March

9.00 am Holy Communion—Rev M Chitokwindo  
10.15 am Cafe Worship - Rev G Morton

## Mid-week Worship (Thursday) 15th March

9.30 am Holy Communion - Rev Jones

## Services for Sunday 18th March

10.15 am Holy Communion—Rev M Chitokwindo

## Marsh Green Services

11th March 6.30 pm Evening Worship—Mr C Hicks  
18th March 6.30 pm Holy Communion—Rev M Chitokwindo

## 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 the family and friends of Mary Hubbleday, Gareth Sumnal, (grandson of Alwena and Dewi), and the families of Richard Breeze, Raymond Goodall (Jennifer's uncle) and Uncle George as they grieve their loss. Prayers are also requested for Mrs Snead and Denis Noble both in the Princess Royal Hospital. Prayers are also requested for baby Dawson who has just undergone an operation.

## NEWS, DIARY DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

### Café Worship

This morning's Café Worship sees the introduction of phase 2 of the new plan. The nibbles on your table will be a little different. We hope you enjoy them.

### Tongan Celebrations

Ex-students from Queen Salote College, Tonga and members of the Tongan community in the UK will be returning to Wellington to celebrate their school anniversary on **Saturday 17th March** to hold a Thanksgiving Service in the church at **1pm** followed by some food & dancing in Belmont Hall. Come along & experience some warm South Pacific hospitality. See Barbara Murray.

### 24 Hours of Prayer

As part of 'Thy Kingdom Come 2018', a global wave of prayer from 10th –20th May, there will be 24 hours of prayer at **Hadley Methodist Church** from **12 noon on Friday 18th May to 12 noon Saturday 19th May**. Could you commit to praying for 1 hour at home or in Hadley, volunteer to welcome or provide refreshments, or join the planning team? If so, please contact Julie Morton on 640079 or Denice Morgan on 210234.

### Pastoral meeting

The next pastoral meeting will be held on **Mon 26th March at 10.30** in the Community Room.

### 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.

### Holy Week Services

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.

### 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

### Come and Sing: Stainer's Crucifixion

A performance of John Stainer's Crucifixion will take place on **Good Friday (30th March) 6.30pm** at Holy Trinity Church, Wrockwardine Wood. If you would be interested in take part, optional rehearsals will be held on **Mon 19th & 26th March** at the church at 7.30 pm. Please contact Mrs M Howells on 252844 or email [teamore5@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:teamore5@hotmail.co.uk). See noticeboard for more details.

### Volunteers needed for 'It Takes Two' event

Care for the Family are looking for 4 - 6 volunteer stewards to help with this event on **March 20th from 6.30 pm at the Park Inn Hotel**. Duties will include handing out bags to delegates, ctaking tickets and showing people to their seats. Volunteers will receive a free book at the end of the evening. Contact Abi Williams at [Abi.Williams@ccf.org.uk](mailto:Abi.Williams@ccf.org.uk)

### Recycling Presentation

There will be a presentation by **Ruth Jones** from Veolia Environmental Services on **Monday 19th March at 7.30 pm at Oakengates United Church**. So if you want to know what to do with all those plastics, come along—all are welcome.

### Iona Worship

There will be an evening meditation for Palm Sunday using the words and music of the Iona Community in Scotland on **Sunday 25th March at 5pm**. Refreshments to follow. All welcome.

### Amnesty International Photo Exhibition

Shawkan's Photo exhibition will be on display in the church from **14-27th April**. The launch will be on **Sat 14th April from 6.30 pm** with tea and cakes followed by the launch by **Kuldip Sahota** and then a presentation of Shawkan's story by Amnesty International's Egypt Co-ordinator, **Hugh Sandeman**. All are welcome.

### Swap Party

There will be a Swap Party at **Admaston House** on **Sat 24th March from 7 pm**. £5 admission. Please bring a minimum of **two** items of clothing. Light refreshments will be available. For tickets see Julie Morton.

# WEEKDAY PROGRAMME

## Monday 12th March

9.30 am Slimming World  
10.00 Good Life Programme  
1.00 pm MS Yoga  
6.00 pm Brownies  
7.00 pm Banners Group  
7.30 pm Severn Harmony

## Wednesday 14th March

9.30am Rubric Preschool  
9.30 Here to Listen  
9.30 am Sugar Craft  
5.15pm Rainbows  
6.00 pm Guides  
7.30 pm Ladies Group  
7.30 pm Caledonians

## Friday 16th March

10.30 am Mothers' prayers

## Tuesday 13th March

9.00 am Twins and more  
10.30 am Art Group  
1.30 pm Art Group  
2.00 pm Macular Support Group  
6 pm Girls Brigade

## Thursday 15th March

9.30 am Holy Communion— Rev Jones  
10.00 am Coffee Morning  
10.00 am Stitch in Time  
12.15 pm Food for Thought  
1.30 pm Art Group  
6.00 pm Boys' Brigade

## Saturday 17th March

10am Coffee Morning  
1.00 pm Tongan Service

### **Fountains Counselling Service volunteer opportunity**

A volunteer Service Manager is sought to support a small team of professionally qualified counsellors across Staffordshire for 7 hrs /wk. Please email [suefrankfort@gmail.com](mailto:suefrankfort@gmail.com)

### **Messy Church Meet up**

A time for Messy Church teams from Telford and surrounding areas to meet up and share stories and ideas. **Sat 17th March 10.00 am —12.00 noon** (breakfast served at 9.30 am) at **St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Shifnal**. The event is free to attend but places need to be booked with Cerys Hughes on 07950 548549 or email: [cerys.hughes@lichfield.anglican.org](mailto:cerys.hughes@lichfield.anglican.org)

### **Charlton School Young Enterprise Group "Unity"**

Thank you to everybody for their continued interest in our Young Enterprise project. Our book **"Is This Us?"** has now been printed and is available for anybody who would like a copy. They are £4.99 each. For those who don't know us, we are a group of young people called Unity who have created a book involving diversity as well as mental and physical health and healing. This is our entry to Young Enterprise which is an international competition which requires students to create a business with a product to sell.

The book "Is This US?" is aimed at bringing awareness to people about issues that some of us know far too well and others not at all. If you would like to purchase a copy, or more information, please contact Eliza or Tracey Bailey on [baileymail@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:baileymail@blueyonder.co.uk) or 07896 478391. Many thanks, Eliza, Emily, Molly, Esther, Ella and Maisie