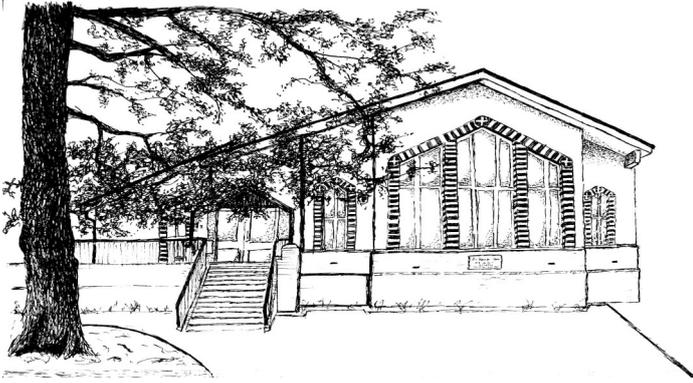


WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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'Growing by sharing God's Love'

Sunday 1st April 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,

"He is risen!" - the cry which has gone out on Easter Day down the centuries. Not that first Easter morning, however or at least, not to begin with. When Mary encountered the risen Christ, two days after his crucifixion, she failed to recognise him straight away. It was only when Jesus used her name that Mary realised to whom she was speaking, and even then, in relaying the news to the disciples, there is no record of her using the phrase, "He is risen".

There has been plenty of conjecture as to why Mary did not recognise Jesus initially. That in not what is important, however. The main focus of our Easter celebration is that Jesus was resurrected - brought back to life - and not in some horror movie fashion, like a zombie, or one of the living dead. Rather Jesus remained the engaging, warm hearted and compassionate person he always had been, and once Mary understood this stranger at the tomb to be the Jesus she knew and loved, everything changed. Jesus' resurrection turned everything around for her, and for the disciples too.

Each one of us has to come to the point of recognising the risen Jesus. Sometimes it takes a while for it to dawn on us that it is him in our lives, waiting for us to see him for who he is.

Every blessing this Easter,

Diane

Services for Sunday 1st April (Easter Sunday)

9.00am Easter breakfast (No early communion in April)

10.15am Easter Communion - Rev Chitokwindo

(There will be no soup lunch after the service)

Mid-week Worship (Thursday) 5th April

9.30 am Morning Prayers - Mrs Diane Parkin

Services for Sunday 8th April

10.15 am Café Worship - Mrs Carol Hughes

Marsh Green Services

1st April 11.00am Easter Praise and Egg Hunt - Mrs J Newby

8th April 6.30 pm Evening Worship - Mr Leon Murray



Our prayers

Please continue to pray for those who are poorly, those who grieve or are lonely. We also hold in our prayers, Terry Guest and his family and Kay Noble and her family. Prayers please for Rev David Jones' eldest son following surgery. Ferdi Merter, father of Almula, who is seriously ill in Ankara. Please pray for Rosemary Felstead & family

Rosemary's Mother is in PRH and her cousin Gina has passed away Please pray for Paul Williams following his diagnosis

NEWS, DIARY DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Easter Day Service

9.00 am Easter Breakfast—please sign up

10.15 Holy Communion -Please remember to bring a **posy of flowers** for the cross. Donations towards the church flowers are always welcome. Please see Ann Shaw.

Methodist Women in Britain

April 3rd 2.30 pm Devotional with mrs Annette Thomas. Followed by tea, coffee and Fellowship all are Welcome

Cancellations both Food for Thought and Stitch in Time are cancelled for 5th April

Open The Book

There will be a training session for Open the Book at Ketley Methodist Church on 7th April from 10 am - 1pm for more information please contact Deacon Julie on 01952 640079 or to book a place please contact Sharon Tel: 505108

Ladies Group

Wednesdays 7.30—9.00 pm

4th April Jackie Smith—Nova Chocolates talk and tasting (Men welcome)

11th April Songs of Praise—sing your favourite hymns and songs (Ladies only)

Funeral arrangements for Denis Noble **Thurs 5th April**

A short service will be held at the Telford **Crematorium at 12 noon** followed by a service of thanksgiving at **Wellington Methodist Church at 1pm.**

Dedication Service of the Easter Offering **Sun 22nd April at 6 pm at St George's**

Methodist Women in Britain will be holding their annual service of dedication of this year's Easter Offering. Envelopes are available.

Dementia training morning

Sat 14th Apr from 10 am

If you are interested in learning more about Dementia there is an information morning from 10 am until 1pm here at Wellington Methodist Church. To book a place please contact Sharon Roberts on 01952 505108

Amnesty International Photo Exhibition **Sat 14th April at 6.30 pm**

To launch Shawkan's two week Photo exhibition in this church, Amnesty International's Egypt Co-ordinator, **Hugh Sandeman** and **Kuldip Sahota** will be giving a presentation of Shawkan's story followed by tea and cakes. All are welcome.

'Thy Kingdom Come' 24 hrs of Prayer **Fri 18th May noon - Sat 19th May noon.**

As part of a global wave of prayer, there will be 24 hours of prayer at **Hadley Methodist Church**. Please prayerfully consider whether you could commit to praying for one hour either at Hadley or from home, whether you could help in other ways e.g set up a prayer space. Please contact Deacon Julie 640079 or Denice 210234 if you are available to help.

Choir performance

Sat 19th May 7pm.

Cartway Methodist and UR Church, Bridgnorth are holding an evening with **Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir & Bel Canto**. Tickets are £12 (inc. light refreshments). Contact Jenny on 01746 711422, Gilly 01746 789674 or Doreen 01746 764734

Church Holiday to Devon

Mon 18th—Fri 22nd June

Please contact Dewi or Alwena for more information on 501071.

April Birthday - 1st April Daphne Taylor - Murison who will be 4

WEEKDAY PROGRAMME

Tuesday 3rd April

2.30 pm MWiB - Devotional

Wednesday 4th April

9.30 Here to Listen

7.30 pm Ladies Group

7.30 pm Caledonians

Thursday 5th April

9.30 am Morning Prayers -

Diane Parkin

10.00 am Coffee Morning

7.30 pm Holiday Club meeting

Friday 6th April

12 noon Funeral of Mrs Christine

Challinor

1.30 pm Breathe Easy

Saturday 7th April

10am Coffee Morning - Holiday Club

Holy Habits Resources

Come and celebrate the launch of the Holy Habits Resources, which have been enhanced to resource all types of churches of all traditions and denominations – and to learn how they can be helpful in your context. On Saturday 28th April – Codsall Methodist Church, Wolverhampton from 10am – 12:30pm.

Hosted by Andrew Roberts (author of the book Holy Habits). The event is free to attend and drinks and biscuits will be served.

Prayer Crosses

If you wish to pray for someone, express a hope or make a special wish, please write it on one of the crosses and place it on the tree in the back foyer.

Food Bank The Food Bank continues to help an ever increasing number of people. Please remember to donate items to the Food Bank.

Shropshire Star Cash for your Community request from Magaret Whitehead

Please collect the tokens for Cash for your Community, printed in the Shropshire Star, for Wellington Cottage Care. Many thanks.

Book produced by Charlton School Young Enterprise Group “Unity”- ‘Is This Us?’

Copies of this book (£4.99) about diversity, mental and physical health & healing is available from ‘The Baileys’ on baileymail@blueyonder.co.uk or 07896 478391

Cartway Church

Do you have experience In communications, finance or fundraising if so please consider joining the Cartway Church Building Project Team for more information please contact Valerie Morris 01746 714837 or Rev Kate Cook 01746 762315