

WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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'Growing by sharing God's Love'

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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.

Acts 1: 7-11

When I have been involved in writing essays I have been someone who leaves it until the last minute. We would be given our instructions, our essay title and the date on which we had to hand the written piece into the tutor. The date always seemed ages away and there was never a real sense of urgency until one day I realised the date was coming increasingly closer. I remember printing off my MA dissertation in the early hours of the morning of the day it needed to be submitted to the printers, and the printer was misbehaving.

Ascension Day is not widely marked by many Methodists and yet it is an important day in the calendar. We remember the day when Jesus left his disciples for the final time to go and be with his father and left them with clear instructions. Yet the disciples were left staring upwards and their concentration was interrupted by two men dressed in white. Can we speculate that Jesus had sent two of the angels who had taken him away, back to check on the disciples?

Whoever they were they challenged them, as they challenge us, why do you stand looking into the sky? They had been told to wait for the great enabling power that would soon come and fill them, sending them out to continue the work of building the kingdom.

How often do we waste time staring into the sky or staring inwards at our own Christian community? When we do this how can we fulfil the instructions of Jesus to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

At the end of the reading there is a promise that He will return but it is not for us to know the times and dates. Should we not stop staring and get on with the job while we can? We don't have a date by which our work will finish, surely this must increase the urgency and be witnesses every day.

Filled with the power, let us not look upwards or inwards but out to the future where the work needs to take place. Gordon Morton.

Services for Sunday 13th May

9.00 am Holy Communion Rev M Chitokwindo

10.15 am Café Worship Mr J Parkin

Mid week Service (Thursday) 17th May

9.30 am Holy Communion Rev M Chitokwindo

Services for Sunday 20th May

10.15 am Holy Communion Rev M Chitokwindo—**Pentecost Sunday**

5.00 pm Iona Service

Marsh Green Services

13th May 6.30 pm Evening Service— Ms L Busby Waltho

20th May 6.30 pm Evening Service— Mrs D Morgan

Our prayers



Elmien and her sister Retha, whose mother, Minnie passed away, Terry Guest and his family, Kay Noble and her family, the family of Mrs Snead, Jean and Stuart Wilson, and Staff and guests of the Oakwood Independent Living Unit. And we pray for Catherine, Molly and her mother, Veronica, Rev David Jones' eldest son, Ferdi Merter, (father of Almula), Paul Williams, Pauline Birch and her husband Bob, Rosemary Felstead, Clive and Pauline (Anne Willets' sister)

NEWS, DIARY DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

NEXT WEEK IS THE LAST DAY TO HAND IN COMPLETED DATA CONSENT FORMS

Tuesday Bible Study Group

Tues 15th May 10.00 am

We'd be glad to welcome anyone who'd like to join us in the Fellowship Room. B.M.

Ladies Group

Wednesdays 7.30—9.00 pm

16th May Bible Study (Ladies only) (Friends of Apley Woods rebooked for Sept)
23rd or 30th May (TBC) Viv Marsh—Praise Bee—conserving Bees (Men welcome)

Safeguarding Training

Thurs 17th May at 7 pm

There will be a training session for anybody who has never attended safeguarding training (Foundation Module) at Ketley Methodist Church. Registration is at 6.30 pm and anyone wishing to attend, please contact Margaret Reynolds on 505233 or 07800 719639 or by emailing safeguarding@wsmethodist.org.uk

'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, or whether you could help in other ways e.g set up a prayer space. Please contact Julie 640079 or Denice 210234

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

Christian Aid Coffee Morning **Sat 19th May 10.00– 12.00 noon**

Kick start our Royal Wedding weekend here at church with a cake stall, tea and coffee and a raffle all in aid of Christian Aid. All help most welcome. Envelope collection will be on Sunday 20th May during the morning service.

Royal Wedding Celebration **Sunday 20th May from 12.30 pm.**

The church is organising a celebration to which everyone is welcome including people living nearby. Weather permitting, the event will be outside so the carpark will be closed. Lists are now up on a board **in the corridor** outlining jobs to be done and items of food you may like to donate. Please remember to label, heat, plate and cut any food you bring in advance. Many thanks, in anticipation.

Evening Iona Service for Pentecost **Sun 20th May at 5.00 pm**

A service of meditation using words and music of the Iona Community in Scotland.

The Girls' Brigade Award Night **Tuesday 22nd May at 6.15 pm**

Come along and find out what the Girls' Brigade get up to and what the girls have achieved over the last year. There is a small entrance fee of £1 each for an evening of entertainment and refreshment. For further information contact Tracey Bailey on 01952 405178 or 07896 478391. Everybody welcome.

Open House invitation **Sat 26th May from 2.00 pm—8.00 pm**

Leon, Barbara, Christine & Rachel Murray warmly invite you to their Open House. All are welcome. Please share cars where possible. Tel 01952 249135.

The Annual Church Meeting /AGM **Tuesday 29th May at 6.30**

Please try your best to attend this important meeting

Methodist Women in Britain cream tea **Tuesday 5th June 2.00 pm for 2.30 pm**

Meet here at 2.00 pm to car-share to Horsehay Methodist Church for a 2.30 pm start. Bring along photographs, Sunday School certificates and memories to share.

Telford Faith Action Audit Feedback **Thursday, 14th June at 7pm**

You are invited to a presentation of the Telford Faith Action Audit Report in the Chapel of Meeting. A Report and feedback of the recent online audit, completed by 50 faith groups and faith based organisations, will be available.

WEEKDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 14th May

9.00 am Slimming World
1.00 pm MS Yoga
6.00 pm Brownies
7.00 pm Sugar Craft Guild
7.00 pm Banners
7.30 pm Severn Harmony

Tuesday 15th May

9.30 pm Twins and more
10.00 Bible Study
10.30 am Art Group
1.30 pm Art Group
6.00 pm Girls' Brigade

Wednesday 16th May

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

Thursday 17th May

9.30 am Mid week Communion
10.00 am Coffee Morning (Shirley & Marlene)
10.00 am Stitch in Time
12.15 pm Food for Thought
1.30 am Art Group
6.00 pm Boys' Brigade

Friday 18th May

9.00 am Thy Kingdom Come walkers arrive at Wellington Methodist Church

Saturday 19th May

10.00 am Coffee Morning— Christian Aid (inc. Cake stall & raffle)

Circuit Service- Admaston Meth. Church Sun 10th June at 3pm

Led by Rev R. Parkinson (District Chair) on the theme of 'Vocation'. Please park opposite Admaston House on Pemberton Road rather than outside the church.

Shoebox appeal

Marlene Parton would like to thank everyone for their support of the Shoebox appeal over the last 10 years. She has decided to stand down this year but she is willing to give advice to anyone who would like to take over. Many thanks Marlene.

Request for a lift

Is there anybody who could give a lift on a regular basis to someone living in Oakwood (Sanctuary Housing) on Holyhead Rd? The person uses a walker so you would need to be able to stow the walker in the boot. Please contact Jean Green.

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

May Birthday

Oscar Baines will be 3 yrs old on 20th May. Wishing you a wonderful 3rd birthday!