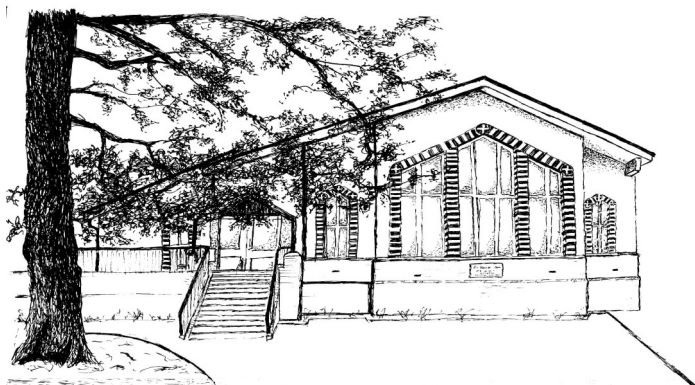


WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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'Growing by sharing God's Love'

Wellington Methodist Church and Centre

Sunday 14th October 2018

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

Thanks to the generosity of this and other churches, schools and individuals, particularly at harvest time, the Food Bank at Dawley Christian Centre is currently bursting at the seams but because of demand the shelves will soon be empty again. Going to a foodbank can be a strange and humbling experience. The volunteers at Dawley Christian Centre work hard to provide a warm welcome, restore dignity and offer choice – but it's not quite the same as the freedom of a supermarket shop. For volunteers, handing someone a bag of pasta can seem an inadequate response to the enormity of circumstances. Like the provision of manna in the wilderness, it is important to remember that the foodbank is intended to serve as a short-term solution to an immediate problem for people en route to a more plentiful place.

The Foodbank works in partnership with other referral agencies, they help relieve the pressure created by immediate food poverty, whilst these specialist agencies ensure further support is put in place to help people get their lives back on track. This harvest time, please continue to pray for foodbank customers who are traveling through the wilderness and have lost hope of coming out the other side.

Please pray that through the food they receive, they will also taste something of God's great love for them – a God who both sees their immediate need, and who cares passionately about their future.

Deacon Julie

Services for Sunday 14th October

9.00 am Holy Communion - Rev M Chitokwindo

10.15 am Café Worship - D Parkin

Mid week Service (Thursday) 18th October

9.30 am Holy Communion—

Services for Sunday 21st October

10.15 am Morning Service - D Morgan

Marsh Green Services

14th Oct - 3.00 pm Harvest Festival - J Short

21st Oct - 6.30 pm - Evening Service - J Cox

Our prayers :We pray for all those living on the margins of society here in the UK and in places of conflict all over the world. Please pray for Molly, Allen and family, Veronica (Molly's mom) who is now walking without a stick, Elmien, Pauline and her husband Bob, Rosemary , Sheila, David, Peter, Emrys, Carol, Val, Almula, Robert, Hermione and Noah, Melody and Eddie, Christina S. and the family of Kath and Marjorie and her family.



NEWS, DIARY DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Ladies Group in the Fellowship Room

Wednesdays 7.15 for 7.30 pm start

17th Oct - Shrops Outdoor Partnership: speaker - Claire Fildes - open invitation

24th Oct - Devotional Evening with Rev M Chitokwindo

All are welcome. For more details contact Tina on 01952 247819

Church Council

Mon 22nd Oct at 7.30 pm

A reminder about the church council meeting on Mon 22nd Oct at 7.30pm.

Safeguarding Training

Sat 17th Nov 10.00 am—2.30 pm

There will be Advanced Level Safeguarding training on Sat 17th Nov 10.00 am—2.30 pm at Dawley Christian Centre. Registration 09.30, Start 10.00. Please note there is essential pre-training exercises to complete online/on paper. Please book with Marjorie Brown/Margaret Reynolds at safeguarding@wsmethodist.org.uk

Christmas Fayre

Sat 17th November from 10.00 am

The following stall holders are looking for donations for their stalls at the Christmas Fayre on November 17th. Bert Wedge is looking for a variety of cakes and Peter Wedge is looking for Jig Saws, Games, DVD's, CD's. Tina would appreciate any items for the Christmas Hamper or other raffle prizes. If you are able to donate any of the above items would you please contact Bert, Peter or Tina.

Church Anniversary

Sun 25th Nov at 10.15 am

Rev Andrew Roberts (Author of Holy Habits) will be preaching on the Church Anniversary on 25th Nov. Please put this date in your diaries now.

Wanted : Interesting Empty Glass Bottles

This year the Girls' Brigade are making bottle lights for the Christmas Fayre. If you have any interesting 70cl, or bigger, glass bottles (spirit/wine) that you are able to donate, please let Tracey Bailey know to arrange collection on 07896 478391.

Food Bank Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated produce for the Harvest Festival last week. This has all now been donated to the Telford Food Bank based at Dawley Christian Centre. Please could you consider making regular donations throughout the year.

Shoebox Appeal

With the retirement of Marlene as the Shoe Box coordinator, it was decided this year by the Church Council that the church would not support the Shoe Box Appeal. Items similar to what would be in the boxes i.e. toiletries and gift sets can be placed in gift bags on a table next to the trolley, where they will be dedicated & taken to the Food Bank to be given out to children of families using the Food Bank

Poppies for Remembrance

Many thanks to all who have been knitting or making felt poppies for our appeal. There is still time to get involved. If you don't knit or sew, but you have a black pen or marker, you could draw some lines on the petals for us. It would be helpful if you could bring any finished poppies to church as soon as you have a batch – or at the latest by **October 26th**. as we need to start bringing things together.

Poppies received later will still be used. There will be some knitted poppies with pins available for £1 from Tina. All proceeds to the Royal British Legion.

Ladies Group (Macmillan Coffee Morning)

We would like to thank everyone who supported this event which raised a fantastic £250. Once again, many, many thanks. Rosemary and Tina

Used stamps collection for MS groups

Many thanks to all those of you who have been giving me used stamps. The latest collection has raised £40 which will go to our local MS Group to help with the funds for supporting those with MS in this area. Thank you all and please keep collecting your used stamps - I'm told that as fewer of them are being used, their value is increasing, which is good news for us! Sheila Blakeway

Request from Banner Group

Please can you collect any red circular plastic inserts from small cakes boxes for us. Give them to any member of the banner group or hand them in at the office.

Action For Children Collection Boxes

Could you please return all Action for Children collection boxes in as soon as possible and by November at the latest. Thank you. Margaret Whitehead

WEEKDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 15th Oct

9.30 - 1.00 pm	Slimming World	Hall
12.45 - 1.45 pm	MS Yoga	Sanctuary
6.30 - 7.45 pm	Brownies	Community Room
7.30 - 9.30 pm	Severn Harmony	Fellowship Room/Hall
7.00 - 9.00 pm	Banners Group	Sanctuary

Tuesday 16th Oct

9.30 - 12.00 noon	Twins and more	Community Room
10.00 - 11.30 pm	Bible Study	Fellowship Room
10.30 - 12.30 pm	Art Group (morning grp)	Hall
1.30 - 1.30 pm	Art Group (afternoon grp)	Hall
6.00 - 7.30 pm	Girls' Brigade	Community Room & Hall
7.00 - 8.00 pm	Calm Minds	Fellowship Room

Wednesday 17th Oct

9.30 - 12.00 noon	Here to Listen	Fellowship Room
10.00 - 12.00 noon	Sugar Crafters	Hall
5.15 - 6.10 pm	Rainbows	Community Room
6.00 - 7.30 pm	Guides	Community Room & Hall
7.30 - 9.00 pm	Ladies Group	Fellowship Room
7.30 - 9.30 pm	Caledonians	Hall

Thursday 18th Oct

9.30 - 10.00 am	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
10.00 - 12.00 noon	Coffee Morning	Community Room
10.00 - 12.00 noon	Stitch in Time	Fellowship Room
12.15 - 1.00 pm	Food for Thought	Fellowship Room
1.30 - 3.30 pm	Art Group (Thursday pm grp)	Community Room
6.00 - 9.00 pm	Boys' Brigade	Community Room & Hall

Friday 19th Oct

10.30 - 11.30 am	Mothers' Prayers	Sanctuary
1.30 - 2.30 pm	Breathe Easy Exercise Class	Hall

Saturday 20th Oct

10.00 - 12.00 noon	Coffee morning - Property	Hall
1.30 - 5.00 pm	Shropshire Child Contact Group	Community Room

Free copy of Holy Habits Book written by Andrew Roberts

Due to the success in sales of the Holy Habits book, I have been given a free copy which I want to give away to the first person who makes contact with Richard in the office by phone, email or in person. Deacon Julie