



WELSHPOOL METHODIST CHURCH

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“Celebrating and Sharing God’s Love”

AUGUST CHURCH BULLETIN

We extend a Warm Welcome to any visitors, or to anyone worshipping with us for the first time. Please make yourselves known to us, and stay after the service for a cup of tea and a chat. (There is a loop system for hearing aid users).

What's new?

Every Thursday morning from 4th August, “OPEN CHURCH” from 10 o'clock, with complimentary drinks and biscuits, then from 12 noon, for about 30 minutes, there will be the opportunity to listen to or join in some **BIBLE READING**. (See notices for w.beg. 1st Aug).

ALPHA SUPPER, Friday 16th September at 6.30pm. Come yourself, bring a friend, and learn more about the **Alpha Course**.

Please add your choice of hymns for the **Community Hymn Sing** (on 28th August at 6pm) to the list in the foyer by Monday 22nd. Thanks.

Thoughts for the Month

“Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday and all is well”

“The past is something for learning from, not living in”

“Let us live **SIMPLY** so that others may simply **LIVE**”

“A house is built by human hands; a home is built by human hearts”

Sunday 31st July

Lectionary

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Rev Sue Lawler. We welcome our friends from St Mary's to this service.

Evening Worship at 6pm led by Eileen Jobling

This week:

Monday 1st Coffee Morning 9.30am to 12; Stewards at 7.15pm
Thursday 4th **OPEN CHURCH** from 10am - come along for a complimentary drink & biscuits and a chat (and explore the church, if you wish!) There will be the opportunity to join in a half-hour **Bible Reading** session at 12 noon, the first of a weekly series focussing firstly on Mark's gospel. This is NOT a formal Bible study, but a simple read-through. Please join us!
Saturday 6th Coffee Morning & Friendship Lunch

Sunday 7th August

Lectionary

Isaiah 1:1,10-20; Psalm 50:1-8,22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Terry Jobling

Evening Worship at 6pm, Compline, conducted by Rev Sue Lawler

This week:

NB For Gallery Group dates this month, please check with Graham

Monday 8th Coffee Morning 9.30am to 12
Thursday 11th **OPEN CHURCH** from 10am; Knit and Natter at 12
Saturday 13th Church Outing to Stratford
Saturday 13th 'Walking with Friends' - Powis Castle and beyond.
See Derek for details, tel. 556117)

Please note Rev Sue is on leave from 18th to 25th August. If urgent pastoral care is needed, please contact Rev Bob on 01686 625690.

Sunday 14th August

Lectionary

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2,8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Morning Worship with Communion at 10.45am led by Rev Sue Lawler

Evening Worship at 6pm led by Rev Bob Thomas - to which we welcome friends from other churches in the town.

This week:

Monday 15th Coffee Morning 9.30am to 12

Tuesday 16th Julian Prayer Meeting, Newtown Manse, 2.30pm, (and every 2nd Tuesday afternoon in the month).

Thursday 18th OPEN CHURCH at 10am; Bible Reading at 12

Saturday 20th Coffee Morning, Crafts & Friendship Lunch

Sunday 21st August

Lectionary

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 2:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Early Communion at 9am led by Rev Michael Taylor, followed by Breakfast.

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Rev Bill Rowell

Evening Worship at 6pm led by Rev Jennie Hurd

This week:

Monday 22nd Coffee Morning 9.30am to 12; Jubilate at 10am

Thursday 25th OPEN CHURCH at 10; Knit and Natter at 12

Saturday 27th Bank Holiday Weekend Coffee Morning and Lunches, Crafts and other Stalls

Sunday 28th August

Lectionary

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1,10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by John Harbron

Evening Community Hymn Singing at 6pm led by Gareth Evans

This week:

Monday 29th Extended Bank Holiday Coffee Morning from 9.30am

Thursday 1st OPEN CHURCH at 10am; Bible Reading at 12

Saturday 3rd Coffee Morning and Friendship Lunch

Also "break@backlane" - refreshments and stalls at Newtown 10am to 3pm, as part of town's Food Festival

Saturday 3rd Welshpool Music Club: Young Musicians' Concert, 7.30pm
Tickets: £5 at the door, to include supper afterwards

Sunday 4th September

Lectionary

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Morning Worship at 10.45am Prayer & Praise; "Bring & Share" Lunch

Evening Worship at 6pm - Compline led by Rev Sue Lawler

This week:

Monday 5th Coffee Morning from 9.30am; Jubilate at 10am;
Playgroup at 1pm

Wednes. 7th Circuit Meeting at Caersws, 7pm

Thursday 8th OPEN CHURCH at 10am; Knit and Natter at 12

Saturday 10th "Walking with Friends" - Pentre Llifior to Welshpool

ALPHA SUPPER: Friday 16th September at 6.30pm

Bring yourself and bring a friend. All welcome. Further details from
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PRAYER AS A FIVE FINGER EXERCISE

I start with the **thumb** - it's nearest to me; so I pray for those who are closest in my affections and thoughts. I lift them before you, Lord, watch over them today.

Next, the **forefinger**, which points and gives direction. And I pray for those who have authority over my life: my teachers and instructors; my parents; my pastor . . .

Then the **big finger**. Let me pray for those in important positions: the Queen; the Prime Minister; the leaders of nations; the heads of industry; local government.

And the **fourth finger**? Pianists call this the weak finger; so I remember in my prayers the weak and the vulnerable; the sick in body or mind; my elderly neighbours; the homeless and the unemployed.

Last of all comes the **little finger**. That stands for me. Thank you, O Lord, for including me in the circle of your great love. You know my needs and I am content to leave them in your care.

Written by Richard Bewes and submitted by Olive Booth

GOD GUIDES US EACH DAY

When we walk with the Lord, He gives us His hand,
To lead us on our way;
His power reaches out to us;
He is with us every day, to lift our spirits high.
Just look up to the sky, and see the rainbow up above -
Then we know that He is there,
Scattering the earth with His love.

Celia was inspired to write this following the Roger Jones weekend, and singing the musical "Barnabas" with its theme: "When We Walk with the Lord ... Trust and Obey"

Andrea's Poem for August

Andrea writes: My daughter's birthday is in August and I wrote this for her. Only after it was written did I realise its validity in a far wider context. It could equally be entitled '**DIVERSITY**'.

DAUGHTER

No, you are not like me
And that is right.
Your life-song weaves
A different melody;
An oboe,
Plaintive, sweet,
Seeking its voice,
Set in a minor key.
It rises and falls
Away to a
Whisper of love
And then
The harmonies begin.
Crescendos swelling
Rich and pure;
Resonances that sweep
In fulfilment,
Completing perfect cadences,
To then return,
And vary the theme.
No, you are not like me
And that is good.

(Look out for another of Andrea's poems, "HOPE", in the next Circuit Magazine)