



## WELSHPOOL METHODIST CHURCH

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*“Celebrating and Sharing God’s Love”*

## OCTOBER 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).

### **“Making a Splash”: ALL WE CAN'S Harvest Appeal 2016**

Please return your envelopes with your donations for this year's Harvest Appeal, preferably by mid-October. Money raised will benefit rural communities in Uganda by providing them with clean water and better sanitation, thus improving health and life expectancy. UK tax payers can please Gift Aid donations. Thanks.

**THANKS TO ALL** who contributed to the recent appeal launched by the Red Cross following the earthquake in Italy. We were able to send a total of £380, £160 from the collection at the Community Hymn Sing, and a further £220 from donations received.

### **Thought for the Month**

Not what I gain but what I give,  
Measures the worth of the life I live.

From “Wise Words - an Anthology” by Barbara Bowdler and Dorothy Raine

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October     HARVEST

### Lectionary

Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

**Morning Worship** at 10.45am led by Rev Peter Rees

**Harvest Lunch**

**Evening Worship (Compline)** at 6pm led by Rev Sue Lawler (Gallery)

**Tonight in church** at 7.30pm     Welshpool 1940's Weekend event:  
Charity Concert featuring the Shawbury Military Wives Choir & supporting  
artistes. Tickets £6 (children £4).

### This week:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>             Coffee Morning 9.30am to 12; Jubilate at 10am;  
                                 Playgroup at 1pm

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>         'Knit and Natter' at 12

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>             Alpha at 6.30pm

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>         'Walking with Friends': Stiperstones, dept.10am

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October

### Lectionary

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

**Morning Worship** at 10.45am led by John Harbron

**Evening Worship** at 6pm at Chelsea Lane Baptist, WCT service

### This week:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>         Coffee Morning 9.30am to 12; Jubilate at 10am; Playgroup at  
                                 1pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>       'Reading the Bible Together' at 12

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>       Music Club Concert, Y-Squared (cello & piano), 7.30pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>           Alpha at 6.30pm

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>       Coffee Morning and Friendship Lunch, 11am to 2pm

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October

### Lectionary

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

**Early Reflective Communion** at 9am led by Rev Sue

**Morning Worship** with Holy Communion at 10.45am led by Rev Sue

(No evening services on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays during winter months)

### This week:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning 9.30am to 12; Jubilate at 10am; Playgroup at 1pm; WCT at 7.30pm  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Church Council at 7pm  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 'Knit and Natter' at 12  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Fellowship at 2.30pm - 1940s Music & Memorabilia  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Alpha at 6.30pm

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October ONE WORLD WEEK

### Lectionary

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

**Morning Worship for One World Week** at 10.45am led by Jubilate

**Afternoon Tea Service** at 4pm led by Rev Sue (Meeting Room)

### This week:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning 9.30am to 12; Jubilate at 10am; Playgroup at 1pm  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilate at 7pm, rehearsing for Arddleen Concert  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 'Reading the Bible Together' at 12  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Alpha at 6.30pm  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Circuit Safeguarding Training, 10am to 12.30pm  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Circuit Preachers' Annual Fellowship Open Day from 10.30am at Newtown, with Rev Irfan John, Cardiff.  
(Further details from John Harbron 01686 627509)

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October

### Lectionary

Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

*Please note change to Plan - 10.45am at High Street **not** St Mary's. We welcome St Mary's congregation to our church.*

**Morning Worship** at 10.45am led by Rev Sue with Rev Irfan John, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

**Evening Worship** at 6pm at Cefn Chapel with John Harbron

### This week:

Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Coffee Morning 9.30am to 12; Jubilate at 10am; Playgroup at 1pm
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jubilate at 7pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	'Knit and Natter' at 12
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Alpha at 6.30pm
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning and Friendship Lunch, 11am to 2pm
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship (Communion) led by Rev Bob Thomas Evening Compline led by Rev Sue (Gallery)

### Visit of Rev Irfan John and members of Cardiff congregations

We are pleased to be welcoming Rev Irfan John back to Welshpool. His group of family and friends will total 9, and they have opted to sleep on the floor in church overnight on 29<sup>th</sup> October, but we need to provide their bedding - if anyone has an air bed or mattress that we could borrow, please let us know.

Please note: there will be a Bring and Share Lunch on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, instead of on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

*Please note that Rev Sue is on leave 5<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October. During this time Rev Bob will provide pastoral cover for any urgent issue.*

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## Beautiful Harlech

I stand alone - it's so quiet and still ...  
All I hear is the sound of the waves as they meet the shore.  
How beautiful and peaceful! Dear Lord, I could not ask for more.

The mist lifts from the mountains; the sun comes shining through;  
The clouds then roll away to reveal a sky of blue.  
A blackbird sings his song to greet a brand new day.  
The quietness and peace make all my worries float away.

As I stand alone, I know that God is there;  
For I can sense His presence everywhere.  
He's in the sky, He's in the sea ... and best of all, He's close to me.

*Celia was inspired to write this during a recent Craft holiday*

## October

The morning hills release their damping shrouds  
Of silver mist, which thins and slips away  
Beneath an ageing sun still sending warmth  
That brushes gold the contours of each day.

Entwined behind the fading yellowed fern,  
Festooned with fruit the prickling briars loop tall;  
Around the pond the wagtails dip and dart  
Drawn here by insect clouds which waft and fall.

In shiny coats like drops of blood  
The hips and haws appear among the thorn;  
Such bright delight, October's final flush  
Before bleak Winter's monochrome is worn.

*Andrea's Poem for the Month*

### Whose Job? (Food for thought?!)

"This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done!"

*Submitted by Gordon and Janice, from a tea towel for sale at Meirion Mill*

### Smiling is Infectious

Smiling is infectious. You catch it like the flu.  
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.  
I walked around the corner and someone saw me grin;  
When he smiled I realised I had passed it on to him.  
I thought about the smile and then realised its worth;  
A single smile like mine could travel round the earth.  
So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.  
Start an epidemic and get the world infected!

*Submitted by Gwen*

### And finally, to keep you smiling...

There was a queue of men standing in front of the Pearly Gates waiting to get in. A sign overhead read: 'For men who have been dominated all their lives by their wives.' The queue extended as far as the eye could see. There was another sign nearby: 'For men who have never been dominated by their wives.' Only one man was standing under it. St Peter asked: 'What are you standing here for?' The man said, 'I don't know. My wife told me to stand here.'

*From snippets submitted by Vio - more to come!*