



WELSHPOOL METHODIST CHURCH

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"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love"

JULY 2017 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).

We offer our **CONGRATULATIONS** to Rev Sue and Mr Malc Gonnella of Derbyshire who have announced their Engagement. Their Wedding will take place in Cwmbran on 27th August. We wish them much happiness for the future as they move to South Wales.

The **CIRCUIT FAREWELL SERVICE** for Rev Sue is being held in our church on Wednesday 19th July at 7pm. All are welcome.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Take time to think - it is the source of power
Take time to play - it is the secret of perpetual youth
Take time to pray - it is the greatest power on earth
Take time to love and be loved - it is a God-given privilege
Take time to be friendly - it is the road to happiness
Take time to laugh - it is the music of the soul
Take time to give - it is too short a day to be selfish

Sunday 2nd July

Lectionary

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Morning Worship at 11am at Marton, thanks to Chris Richards and family, led by Rev Sue Lawler, with Communion. Bring & Share Lunch.

Compline at 6pm led by Rev Sue Lawler

This week:

Monday 3rd Coffee Morning 9.30am to 12; Jubilate at 10am; Playgroup at 1pm; **Pastoral Committee at 7pm**

Tuesday 4th Jubilate rehearsal for "Apostle", 7pm

Thursday 6th Reading the Bible Together, 12 noon: the book of Acts

Saturday 8th Walking with Friends: Aberystwyth.

Sunday 9th July Action for Children Sunday

Lectionary

Gen.24:34-38,42-49,58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Rom.7:15-25a; Matt.11:16-19,25-30

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Eileen Jobling

Evening Worship at 6pm at New Street (WCT)

This week:

Monday 10th Coffee Morning 9.30am to 12; Jubilate at 10am; Playgroup at 1pm; WCT at Welsh Chapel, 7.30pm

Tuesday 11th Jubilate rehearsal for "Apostle", 7pm

Thursday 13th Friday Fellowship by train to Borth

Saturday 15th Coffee Morning and Friendship Lunch, 11-2

Sunday 16th July Rural Mission Sunday

Lectionary

Gen.25:19-34; Psalm119:105-112; Rom. 8:1-11; Matt.13:1-9, 16-23

Early Communion at 9am led by Rev Michael Taylor

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by John Ellis

Evening Worship at 6pm led by Rev Dr Jennie Hurd

This week:

Monday 17th Coffee Morning 9.30am to 12; Jubilate at 10am; Playgroup at 1pm
Tuesday 18th Jubilate rehearsal: "Apostle" & Farewell Service, 7pm
Wednesday 19th Circuit Farewell Service followed by refreshments, 7pm
Thursday 20th Reading the Bible Together, 12noon: the Book of Acts
Friday 21st Gallery Group, 7pm
Saturday 22nd "100 Cakes Stall" - annual event for Samaritans Purse, raising funds for transporting Christmas Shoeboxes

Sunday 23rd July

Lectionary

Gen.28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12,23-24; Rom.8:12-25; Matt.13:24-30,36-43

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Nigel Evans

(Jubilate will be presenting "Apostle" at Trefeglwys Chapel at 10am)

Evening Worship at 6pm led by Rev Sue Lawler, with Holy Communion

This will be Rev Sue's final service before she leaves this circuit.

This week:

Monday 24th Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate (**in the Gallery**) 10am
Saturday 29th Outing to Lichfield & National Arboretum at Alrewas

Sunday 30th July

Lectionary

Gen. 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11,45b; Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Gareth Evans, to which we welcome our friends from St Mary's on this 5th Sunday

Evening Worship at 6pm at Newtown with Rev Dr Stephen Wigley

This week:

Monday 24th Coffee Morning 9.30am to 12; Jubilate at 10am
Thursday 3rd Reading the Bible Together, 12 noon: the book of Acts
Saturday 5th Coffee Morning and Friendship Lunch, 11-2

Dates for the Diary

At the Consultation Meeting on Worship and Events last week, a calendar from now until the end of the year was agreed. Please note:

- 19th July Circuit Farewell Service for Rev Sue, 7pm
22nd July "100 Cakes" Stall for Samaritan's Purse, am
29th July Church Outing to Lichfield and National Arboretum
- 23rd August Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Bob, Newtown, 7pm
- 10th Sept Rev Marian's First Service and Welcome, 10.45am, followed by Celebration Lunch
- 23rd Sept Supper Concert: Music, Poetry and 1940s "Singalong"
- 1st Oct Harvest Festival, 10.45am, followed by Harvest Lunch
- 13th Oct Either "An Evening with Val Littlehayes" or Film Evening
- 12th Nov Remembrance Service, 4pm. (At St Mary's 11am, WCT)
- 16th Nov Derek's Quiz Night
- 1st Dec Town Lights Switch On: "Carols on the Steps"
2nd Dec Winter Fair, with Coffee and Lunches
10th Dec WCT Carol Service (*a new venture, details awaited*)
12th Dec Service of Light, 7pm
16th Dec Carol Singing in Broad Street for Action for Children
17th Dec "Make Way for Christmas" led by Jubilate - a celebration in Church at 4pm, with songs, readings, carols for all, and tea.
24th Dec Christmas Eve Midnight Communion

Please note A very short Annual General Church Meeting, postponed from June, will take place at the end of the morning service on 16th July to elect officers for 2017-18. Rev Sue has nominated Derek as Lay Chair for the meeting in her absence. Tony Harvey has been nominated for the vacancy of Representative to Church Council.

"HOLIDAYS" - a Prayer

Now "School is out" and lively minds
Are seeking things, to see them through
The summer weeks on holiday,
They need exciting things to do.

Their lives are young and full of joy
There's such delight in all that's new;
But let their sense of fun be blessed
So they know love and fairness too.

For parents, days can seem so long
And questions never seem to end,
But childhood lasts so short a while
So help *them* find the time to spend;

For days of doing nothing much,
Just sharing fun with family
Are never wasted, never lost,
They'll be remembered happily.

So "School is out" and months go by
Each childhood filled with smiles and sun;
Let us give thanks for what is *now*,
Leave no regrets for things undone.

Amen

Andrea Davies

NOTICES OUTSIDE CHURCHES

PRAYER Wireless access to God with no roaming fee

LOST? Try G.S.P. (God's Salvation Plan)

MISSING? What is missing from CH—CH? UR!!!

From Edith Thomas to make you smile!

PENTRE LLIFIOR FLOWER FESTIVAL

"The Voice of Creation"

Pentre Llifior Methodist Chapel is holding a Flower Festival on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July in support of Water Aid. The various displays will interpret the theme and visitors are most welcome to view the floral depictions at their leisure. Opening times are 10.30am - 4.30pm Saturday and 10.30am to 1.30pm on Sunday. "Bacon Buddies" will be the refreshments on offer on Saturday until midday after which, homemade cakes and drinks will be available throughout the remainder of the opening times.

Visitors on Sunday will be most welcome to stay for worship at 2.30pm, when the preacher is Rev Bill Rowell.

Welcome Service, Cwmbran, 30th August

A Service of Welcome for Rev Sue and another minister joining Gwent Hills and Vales takes place at 7pm at Llanyrafon Church.

Pastoral Care of Welshpool during August

Rev Bob Thomas returns to Circuit work at the beginning of August following his Sabbatical, and will provide Pastoral Care for the Welshpool congregation until Rev Marian takes up her appointment in September. He can be contacted on 01686 625690.