



WELSHPOOL METHODIST CHURCH

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“Celebrating and Sharing God’s Love”

FEBRUARY 2020 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. (We have a loop system. Please turn off mobile phones.)

Pause for Thought

A little alarm now and then keeps life from stagnation. (Fanny Burney)

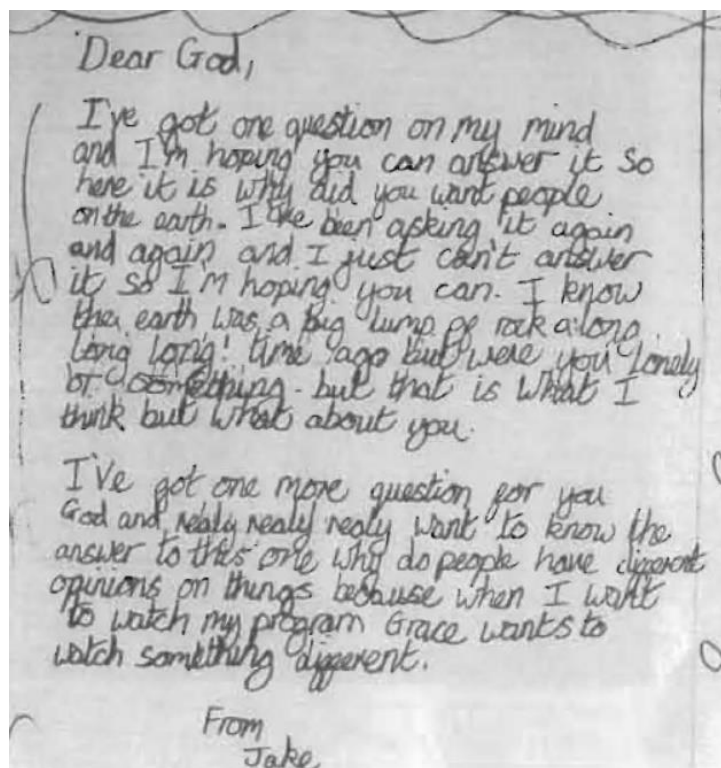
Habit is habit, and not to be flung out of the window by any man, but coaxed down the stairs a step at a time (Mark Twain)

One need not be a room to be haunted. One need not be a house. The brain has corridors surpassing material places (Emily Dickenson)



Humour

Here is a prayer written by a young boy, from Bleasdale Church School, in rural Lancashire



I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them (Phyllis Dyller)

Sunday 2nd February

Lectionary

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5: 1-12

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Nigel Evans

Bring and Share Lunch

This week:

Monday 3rd Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate 10am; Playgroup 1 pm
Wednes.5th Mid-week Movies, 2pm: "By Jeeves!"- Musical comedy, PG Wodehouse characters and Lloyd Webber music
Wednes.5th Church Council, 7.15pm Council Meetings are "Open Sessions". Non-members of Council are welcome to attend and to speak, but are not eligible to vote.

Sunday 9th February

Lectionary

Isaiah 58: 1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matt. 5:13-20

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Rev Marian (Holy Communion)

Evening Worship at 6pm at New Street (Churches Together)

This week:

Monday 10th Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate 10am; Playgroup 1pm
Tuesday 11th Pastoral Committee, 7.15pm
Thursday 13th Reading the Bible Together, 12noon
Saturday 15th Coffee and Lunches, 11am to 2pm

Sunday 16th February

Lectionary

Deut.30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Holy Communion at 9am led by Rev Michael, followed by breakfast

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by John Harbron

This week:

Monday 20th Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate 10am; Playgroup 1pm
Thursday 20th Music Club Concert: Mary Hofman (violin) and Richard Ormrod (piano), 7.30pm
Friday 21st Gallery Group, 7pm
Saturday 22nd Walking with Friends: Pool Quay and Coppice Lane

Sunday 23rd February

Sunday before Lent

Lectionary

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 (or 99); 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Rev Bob (Baptism & Communion)

Afternoon Tea Service at 4pm led by Graham Smith

This week:

Monday 24th Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate 10am; Playgroup 1pm
Thursday 27th Reading the Bible Together, 12 noon
Worship Consultation, 2pm (Open Meeting)
Friday 28th Friday Fellowship, 2.30pm Speaker: Rev Bob Thomas
Saturday 29th Games Afternoon & Welsh Tea, 2pm

Sunday 1st March

1st Sunday in Lent

Lectionary

Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Morning Worship at 10.45am

Bring and Share Lunch

This week:

Monday 2nd Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate 10am; Playgroup 1pm
Wednes.4th Mid-week Movies, 2pm: "12 years a Slave"
Lent Group (1) at New Street, 7 f or 7.30pm
Thursday 5th Prayer Group, 12 noon, led by Rev Bi"
Saturday 7th Coffee and Lunches, 11am to 2pm

CONGRATULATIONS!

We extend our congratulations to the oldest member of our Church Family, Roy Cook, who has recently celebrated his 98th Birthday. Second in seniority is Leah Smith, who will be 98 in May. Both are regular attendees at worship, and continue to be active in church life, supporting special events and activities. Roy continues to Sing with Jubilate, and Leah enjoys Mid-Week Movies, Friday Fellowship, Monday Coffee Mornings and Saturday Lunches. Examples to us all!

MID-WEEK MOVIES

Wednesday 5th February: "BY JEEVES" - a musical comedy, to cheer us up on a gloomy winter afternoon! Free admission & tea!

Wednesday 4th March: "12 YEARS A SLAVE" - multi award winner "Based on a true story, and filled with powerful performances by an outstanding cast, this film is both an unflinching account of slavery and a celebration of the power of hope".

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN MARCH

Wednesdays throughout Lent, 7 for 7.30pm

WCT Lent Groups, New Street Chapel: "Journey to the Cross"

Sunday. 8th, 6pm

WCT World Day of Prayer Service at Welsh Chapel - replacing the usual Friday service, but using the same order of service, this year prepared by the women of Zimbabwe.

Friday 13th, 7.15pm

Come and hear Steve Worrall speak about "Operation Saver", an alternative to Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes as Christmas outreach.

ROTAS - UPDATING FOR 2020

There are opportunities to join Monday and Saturday catering teams, and the various Sunday teams (welcomers, door stewards, tea servers, readers, organists/pianists). If you don't already serve in this way and would like to do so, please speak to Janice or Chris R.

February by Margaret Atwood

Winter. Time to eat fat
and watch football. In the pewter mornings, the cat,
a black fur sausage with yellow
Houdini eyes, jumps up on the bed and tries
to get onto my head.
It's his way of telling whether or not "m dead.
If I'm not, he wants to be scratched; if I am
He'll think of something. He settles
on my chest, breathing his breath
of burped-up meat and musty sofas,
purring like a washboard ...
It's all about sex and territory,
which are what will finish us off
in the long run ...
But it's love that does us in. Over and over
again, He shoots, he scores! and famine
crouches in the bedsheets, ambushing the pulsing
eiderdown, and the windchill factor hits
a freezing low, and pollution pours
out of our chimneys to keep us warm.
February, month of despair,
with a skewered heart in the centre.
I think dire thoughts, and lust for French fries
with a splash of vinegar.
Cat, enough of your greedy whining ...
Off my facet You're the life principle,
more or less, so get going
on a little optimism around here.
Get rid of death. Celebrate increase. Make it be spring.



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