

WELSHPOOL METHODIST CHURCH

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"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love"

"THE MESSENGER"

JUNE 2023

We extend a Warm Welcome to ALL - to visitors or anyone worshipping with us for the first time. Please make yourselves known to us. If you are with us on a Sunday morning, do join us after the service in the Meeting Room for a cup of tea/coffee.

The Beauty of the World

When Springtime comes and all the world is new,
I walk in my garden, where, dear God, I think of you.

I smell a tiny rosebud, I hear a blackbird sing,
And see a butterfly float by - it's such a pretty thing.

When meadows turn to green, and cloudless skies are blue,
I lift my face to heaven to say: "Dear God, thank you".

Thank you for the life you gave me,
and for all the world with me you share,
The flowers, the birds, the sea - there is nothing to compare.

When I look around me I sometimes stand and pray,
To thank you God, for everything,
and for the memory of each day.

*One of the many poems written by the late Celia Hoare,
whom we remember with much affection.*

Sunday 28th May Pentecost

Lectionary

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-35b; 1 Corin. 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Julia Francis

This week:

Monday 29th Coffee Morning, 9.30am; No Jubilate today

Wednes. 31st Church open for Private Prayer, 10-12

Craft Group, 2-4pm

Saturday 3rd Coffee Morning, 9.30am - 12

Sunday 4th June Trinity Sunday

Lectionary

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corin. 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Revd Jacquie, followed
at 12 by the Annual Church Meeting

This week:

Monday 5th Coffee Morning, 9.30am; Jubilate at 10am

Wednes. 7th Church open for Private Prayer, 10-12

Film: "West Side Story", 2pm; Craft Group, 2pm,

Church Council, 7.15pm

Thursday 8th Circuit Meeting, 7pm, at Trefeglwys

Sunday 11th June Methodist Homes Sunday

Lectionary

Gen. 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matt.9:9-13,18-26

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Revd Marian (Communion)

Evening Worship (WCT) at 6pm at the Baptist Church

This week:

Monday 12th Coffee Morning, 9.30am; Jubilate at 10am

Wednes. 14th Church open for Private Prayer, 10-12

Craft Group, 2-4pm; Stewards' Meeting, 7.15pm

Friday 16th Fellowship, 2.30pm - a short AGM followed by illustrated memories of the last 10 years of Fellowship, finishing with a Strawberry Tea.

Saturday 17th Coffee, Lunches, Craft Stall, and Screening of Trooping the Colour

Sunday 18th June

Lectionary

Gen.18:1-15 (21:1-7); Ps.116:1-2,12-19; Rom. 5:1-8; Matt.9:35-10:8

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Bet Holmes

This week:

Monday 19th Coffee Morning, 9.30am; Jubilate at 10am

Wednes. 21st Church open for Private Prayer, 10-12
Craft Group, 2-4pm

Saturday 24th Supper Concert with Vocalease, 7.30pm

Sunday 25th June Sanctuary Sunday

Lectionary

Gen.21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10,16-17; Rom. 6:1b-11; Matt.10:24-39

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Revd Bill Jones

This week:

Monday 26th Coffee Morning, 9.30am; Jubilate at 10am

Wednes. 28th Church open for Private Prayer, 10-12
Craft Group, 2-4pm

Saturday 1st Coffee Morning, 9.30am - 12

Sunday 2nd July

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Revd Marian (Communion)

News and Updates

1. **Birthdays** - we extend good wishes to Jennifer Platt, who will be 93 on 24th June, and to Edith Thomas who will be 97 on 25th.

2. **Concerns for Prayer** - we continue to remember Terry Jobling, Derek Painter, Edith Thomas and Eirys Windsor. May they know we are thinking of them.

3. **June's mid-week movie** is the acclaimed Bernstein and Sondheim musical "West Side Story", which won 10 Academy awards, and remains "one of the most popular film musicals in history." Free admission and interval refreshments.

4. **"Music for Midsummer's Day"** - Supper Concert to be held on Saturday 24th June at 7.30pm, featuring local group "Vocalease" directed by Gill Owen, with supporting artistes. Tickets, £8, available from Chris Richards and Anne Smith. Book early to avoid disappointment.

5. **The Farewell Service** for Revd Jacquie is at Newtown on Sunday 9th July at 10.30am, and will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. There is no service at High Street, but at 6pm the Churches Together service is at the Welsh Chapel.

6. **The Welcome Service** for Revd Keith Edwards will be held at Welshpool on Thursday 31st August. Book the date now!

7. **Holy Land Pilgrimage** There are posters on the church noticeboards giving information about the 2024 Holy Land Pilgrimage being led by Revd Marian next April.

Further details are available on the website:

<https://toursforchristians.com/tour/in-the-footsteps-of-Jesus/>

There you will find the itinerary, hotels, costs and booking form. All are welcome to share the journey.

If you would like further information that isn't on the website, contact Marian: marian.jones@methodist.org.uk

Rota for Sunday Duties in June

4th

Stewards	Eric and Chris P
Music	Vio at 10.45am
Welcome	Gordon
Teas	Pat P, Pam B and Liz

11th

Stewards	Anne and Bert
Music	Gill
Welcome	Fiona
Teas	Eric, Jean and Fiona

18th

Stewards	Chris P and Chris R
Music	Gill
Welcome	Tony H
Teas	Joan, Janice and Dorothy

25th

Stewards	Chris R and Eric
Music	Vio
Welcome	Terry P
Teas	Pat J, Chris P and Trish

2nd July

Stewards	Bert and Anne
Music	Vio
Welcome	Eric
Teas	Pat P, Pam B and Liz

NB. Additional volunteer needed for tea teams from July.
Please let us know if you can help. Thank you.

Annual Church Meeting, 4th June: Agenda

1. Apologies for absence

2. The Ministry and Witness of the Church

An opportunity for us to look back on the last 12 months, identifying what has been done well, but also where we have fallen short - to plan how to remedy any failings, and to set goals for what we hope to achieve next year.

3. Finance

A brief outline of the current financial situation.

4. Appointment of Church Stewards for 2023-24

Each steward is elected for a period of 12 months at this Meeting.

Nominations to serve from 01/09/23 to 31/08/24:

Current stewards Eric Pacey, Christine Preece, Bert Proctor, Chris Richards, Anne Smith and Terry Jobling.

New nomination: Trish Proctor

5. Election of Representatives to Church Council

A minimum of 6 is required, but ideally 8. Each is elected for a period of 12 months at this meeting,

Nominations to serve from 01/09/23 to 31/08/24:

Current representatives: Andrea Davies, Jean Pacey, Tony Harvey, John Kneale, Peter Thompson and Pat Summers.

Two vacancies - nominations accepted by Secretary up to the time of the meeting. Reps must be church members and have given their consent to be nominated.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Re: Communion - whether or not to use communion rails.

Please notify the Secretary of any other items prior to the meeting.

Janice Rhodes, Secretary

Are You Indispensable?

(from "Wise Words" - an anthology, edited by Bowdler and Raine)

Sometime when you feel that your going
Would leave an unfillable hole
Just follow this simple instruction
And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water
Put your hand in it - up to the wrist
Pull it out - and the hole that's remaining
Is a measure of how much you're missed.

You may splash all you please as you enter
You may store up the water galore
But stop - and you'll find in a minute
That it looks just the same as before.

The moral of this quaint example
Is to do just the best that you can
Be proud of yourself - but remember
There is no indispensable man! (or woman!!)

And to make you smile..... Children in church

"How many women can a man marry?" the children were asked.
"Sixteen," a boy responded. His teacher was amazed that he had answered so quickly. "How do you know that?" she asked.
"All you have to do is add it up, like the minister said, four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer."

The children were asked to draw a picture of a favourite Bible story. One lad drew four people on a plane to represent "The Flight to Egypt". His teacher recognised Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus, but asked him who the 4th person was.
"Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!" he replied.

Answers to May's Puzzles

Coronation

1. 1948
2. 21
3. Role never defined
4. Highgrove, Glos.
5. 1976
6. 1971
7. Community
8. 2005
9. Guildhall, Windsor
10. Edward

Films, Books, Songs - Colours

1. Red Feathers
2. Black Hills
3. Blue Suede Shoes
4. Yellow Submarine
5. White Fang
6. Yellow Brick Road
7. Pink and Blue Toothbrushes
8. Yellow Ribbon
9. The Lilac Bus
10. Blue Jeans

June's Puzzles - all to do with the Railway

1. Cue to begin fisticuffs (6, 3)
2. A piece removed from a newspaper, or a hurtful remark (7)
3. Farm plot provides place to stand and wait (7)
4. Wait and give the cold shoulder sounds like a stopping place (7)
5. Kits etc will allow travel (7)
6. Airborne guy from north of the border (6, 8)
7. Rude to do this, they say (more than once) (6)
8. OK Erin trawl here for maintenance (7, 4)
9. As clean as - or one for a penny? (7)
10. Environmentally friendly banner (5, 4)
11. Dark inside nut Len re-arranged (6)
12. Sari Grace combines travelling accommodation (9)
13. Goes away and causes delays on the track (6)
14. Mates provide power for old movers (5)
15. Was once newspaper business (7)
16. Soft material for stuffing and what a weight! (10)
17. Not awake (7)
18. Generally useful at regulating departure initially (5)
19. Bring forward a motion for discussion about a herb (9)
20. They keep them in or put them out (7)

Please submit any items for the Summer Messenger to Janice (rhodes4144@gmail.com) **As Soon As Possible!** Thank you!