

WELSHPOOL METHODIST CHURCH

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"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love"

"The MESSENGER"

November 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.



It's nearly that time again! A few diary dates so that you don't miss out on anything:

Saturday 2nd December, "CHRISTMAS FAIR"

Tuesday 5th December, "SERVICE OF LIGHT"

Sunday 17th December, "CAROL SERVICE"

Monday, 18th December, "COFFEE AND CAROLS" in aid of "Action for Children".

All these events will be in the Church.

WEDNESDAY 1st November - "All Saints Day" -

Church open for private prayer, 10-12.00

Craft Group 2-4.00pm.

Film screening - 2.00pm - "Blithe Spirit" - a comedy based on Noel Coward's original play.

Sunday 5th November

Lectionary: Josh3:7-17; Ps 107:1; 1 Thess 2:9-13; Matt21:23-32

Morning Worship at 10.45 led by "Jubilate" -
"Celebrating Singing the Faith"

This week:

Mon.6th Coffee Morning 9.30 -12; Jubilate 10.00am.

Wed.8th Church open for private prayer 10-12.00

Craft Group 2-4pm

Sat.11th Coffee Morning 9.30-12.00

Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Sunday

Lectionary: Josh 24.1-3a, 14-25;Ps 78.1-7; 1 Thess 4.13-18; Matt 25. 1-13.

Morning Worship - United service at **St. Mary's**

Evening Worship led by **Reverend Marian Jones** at **4.00pm.**

This will be a Communion Service.

This week:

Mon.13th Coffee Morning 9.30-12; Jubilate 10.00am.

Wed.14th.Church open for private prayer 10-12.00

Craft Group 2.00 -4.00pm.

Fri.17th Friday Fellowship. 2.30.

Speaker - Rob Field from the Trussell Trust
(Welshpool Food Bank)

Sat.18th Coffee and Lunches 10.00 am. - 1.30pm.

Sunday 19th November

Lectionary: Judges 4.1-7; Ps 123;. 1 Thess 5. 1-11; Matt 25. 14-30.

Morning Worship led by Rev. Keith Edwards at **10.45**

Afternoon Tea Service led by Rev. Bill Rowell at **4.00pm**

This week:

Mon.20th Coffee Morning 9.30-12.00; Jubilate 10.00am.

Wed. 22nd Church open for private prayer 10.00 - 12.00

Craft Group 2.00 - 4.00pm.

Sunday 26th November

Lectionary: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Ps 95.1-7a or Ps 100; Eph 1. 15-23; Matt 25. 31-46

Morning Worship led by Rev. Tim Hawkins at **10.45**

This week:

Mon. 27th Coffee Morning 9.30 - 12.00; Jubilate 10.00

Tues. 28th Visually Impaired Group 2.00 - 4.00pm

(with Jubilate offering something musical for everyone!)

Wed. 29th Church open for private prayer 10.00 - 12.00

Craft Group 2.00 - 4.00pm.



Saturday 2nd December 9.30



Christmas Fair



Tuesday 5th December 7.00pm



SERVICE OF LIGHT

ROTA FOR SUNDAY DUTIES

NOVEMBER

Nov 5th

Stewards Chris R and Chris P.
Music Jubilate
Welcome Eric
Teas Pat P. Pam B. Trish

Nov 12th - 4pm

Stewards Anne and Chris R.
Music
Welcome Fiona
Teas

Nov 19th

(both services)

Stewards Trish and Anne
Music
Welcome Tony Harvey
Teas Joan, Margaret and Dorothy

Nov 26th

Stewards Bert and Eric
Music Bet
Welcome Terry Postings
Teas Pat J. Chris P. Trish

Friday Fellowship - November 17th.

Everyone is welcome. Our next speaker will be Rob Field from the Trussell Trust. He will bring information and background to their work at the Welshpool Food Bank. Rob and the team distribute food on Tuesdays and Fridays but Rob has arranged to pop down the road to join us.

Have you any questions for Rob, he will be expecting some so don't be shy!

I'm sure like the rest of us he'll be glad of the refreshments following his talk.

Looking forward to sharing the afternoon with you all.

(Julia and Peter Francis)

A letter from Reverend Marian:

Dear friends,

November is a month of remembrance, beginning with All Saints Day, followed by All Souls then, a little later, Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday.

It's only October but I've been remembering; remembering my visit to Welshpool when I met with a small group of people to discuss the possibility of working a few hours each week for a year with the church and in the town. It seem a long time ago!

Now is my opportunity to thank you for your support and your friendship. For a relatively small congregation, the work you do and the impact you make is impressive.

From a distance I watched the impact of Covid and saw the way "the church" continued to reach out to the community, maintaining links with people who, so easily, could have become isolated.

Age and decrepitude (mobility, really!) mean that my final service in Welshpool - for the time being and unless I'm invited back on some occasion - will be on Remembrance Sunday. It's a decision that's taken some thought and prayer but the time is right.

There have been times when I've been challenged about something I've said in a sermon - I've enjoyed that; times when you've allowed me to share something of your lives - that's been a privilege; times when I've struggled to prepare for worship and it's been less than I would have hoped for - you've been encouraging, patient and tolerant.

This is my "Thank you" to you for all you have been, all that you are and will continue to be. You will remain in my prayers.

I've been looking at the way Paul ends his letters but I've been drawn to the end of The Letter to the Ephesians (probably not written by St Paul) - "Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ".

Marian

On behalf of everyone associated with Welshpool Church and Town, THANK YOU, Reverend Marian, for all you have done, always there for everyone, in every way.

**Your "year" has extended more than we could ever have hoped for! We wish you well, as you address your mobility concerns, and we cannot wait to invite you back again. Until then,
" God bless you and keep you."**

Vio has sent us some quotes about "Life", two of which are included here:

"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood." (Emerson)

"Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact." (Unknown)

Rev. Marian and Margaret Owen submitted this poem so appropriate for this time.

**Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?
Selling poppies in town today.
The poppies, child, are flowers of love
For the men who marched away.**

**But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppies grow.**

**But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?
Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child.
The blood that our soldiers shed.**

The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy
Why does it have to be black?
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief
For the men who never came back.

But why, Mummy are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain.
My tears are my fears for you, my child.
For the world is forgetting again.

(Author unknown)

Congratulations!

**Belated good wishes to Bert Proctor who managed to
sneak past last month when he celebrated the big
EIGHT ZERO!**

We have already congratulated our own Emma Edwards on her
marriage to Martin but now we extend more congratulations to
Emma on her floristry expertise.

"Emma Jane Floral Design"

**is one of the finalists for UK 'FLORIST of the YEAR' at
the Nation's Wedding Awards 2023.**

Emma scooped the 'FLORIST of the YEAR' award at the
WELSH Wedding Awards earlier this year.

**We wish her every success in Manchester
this month.**

Thank you for your contributions to this edition of YOUR
newsletter. Please, send any December, articles, news
bulletins, poems, laugh-lines etc to Andrea Davies, by hand
or email (granni1975@yahoo.co.uk) by November 14th.

Whatever YOU want to share -

for this Christmas edition

I shall do my best to include it!