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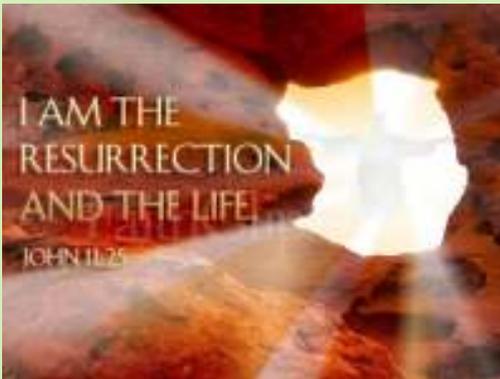
Northgate News

APRIL 2019

EASTER EDITION



See inside for all news, events and services



Be Joyful

Be Prayerful

Be Thankful

**Warwick Methodist Church
Rev Barbara Greenwood**

Telephone 01926 740846

COFFEE MORNINGS EVERY SATURDAY



10:00am TILL 12 NOON - In the Church Hall

Come along and take a break and enjoy fellowship with tea, coffee and hot chocolate - with biscuits!



Don't forget - 1st Saturday Monthly!!

CAKE STALL

Make and bake - come and buy!

The next edition will be for MAY 2019



Deadline date for your news and events will be
WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL



Contact Noelle

by email: noelle_trevor@hotmail.co.uk
or tel. 01789 841722.
Or a written note (!)

Many thanks to our contributors this month, Not mentioning any names in case I miss anyone out! Thank you to all, it is very much appreciated.

***Did you know you can receive the newsletter and the notices, by Email?
Contact Trevor Blades for more details - 01789 841722***

Check out the website

www.warwickmethodistchurch.org.uk

Twitter@WkMethodists



Serenity - another version

God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, which is pretty much everyone, since I'm clearly not you, God. At least not the last time I checked. And while you're at it, God, please give me the courage to change what I need to change about myself, which is frankly a lot since, once again, I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect. It's better for me to focus on changing myself than to worry about changing other people who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying, I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter than anyone else in the room, or that no-one knows what they're talking about except me, or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God, grant me the wisdom to remember that I'm not you.

Amen

Warwick District Foodbank



The foodbank is an outreach and relief project run by 15 of the Churches across Warwick, Kenilworth and Leamington. Our Church is an enthusiastic member of the group of 15 churches



**Want to know what items are needed?
Please see the notice on the notice-board
which lists all that is urgently required
by Foodbank.**



Your generosity is much appreciated - thank you.
For further details please see
Christine Fell or David Witham

Minister's Letter - from me to you



Friends,

You know what they say. There are two types of people in the world: those who like to divide people into categories, and those who don't.

A little under three years ago, the country was asked to vote on whether to leave the EU or remain in it. Slightly more than half of those who voted said they wanted to leave – and ever since, the government has been trying to work out exactly what that means. At the time of writing, Brexit has been delayed until at least April 12th, possibly later. Each day, and at times every hour, brings news that the mood is shifting and the tide turning, and this or that outcome is now more or less likely – but still, there is no clear consensus of opinion about how or when we will leave.

A little under 2,000 years ago, the claim was made that a man who had been put to death and buried had been raised from the dead. No vote was held on that – but ever since, people have been making up their minds about him. Those who did not believe in Jesus' resurrection continued with their own faith and practice, whatever that may have been. Those who did believe became followers of The Way, later known as Christians.

But, do all those who believe understand the resurrection in the same way?

For some, it is evidence of God's power. For others, it is God endorsing Jesus as the Messiah and hence confirming the truth of all that he taught. For some, the physicality of the resurrection is essential, a guarantee of their own eventual resurrection at the day of judgement. For others it is primarily a spiritual event. However you understand the resurrection of Jesus – or perhaps you have never thought about it that closely – it is a watershed moment, just as Brexit is. The world afterwards was, and is, different.

There were some who not only rejected the resurrection, but also believed it to be a pernicious lie which had to be stamped out at all costs. Among them was Saul of Tarsus who went about persecuting Christians, until his dramatic encounter with the risen Christ on the road to Damascus.

The predictions for what will happen after Brexit range from severe disruption and economic disaster, through business much as usual, to a golden future of increasing prosperity. Who is right? As yet we don't know, nor do we even know when we will find out. Maybe there will be a Damascene conversion for some, when their expectations turn out to have been wrong.



And what of Christ? What of the church founded as a consequence of his death and resurrection? He promised “Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.” He said: “Follow me.” It’s up to each of us to work out what that means for us, and how we will respond. And maybe there will be a few surprises along the way!

May you know the blessings of the risen Christ this Easter time, and always.

Barbara

Summer Holiday Club 2019!!



The Holiday Club, which is a combination of Messy Church and Bread Church has been a great success over the last two years. Last year we had on average 50 guests of all ages and 20 helpers each week, with excellent feedback from all who attended. The Church Council have indicated that they would like another holiday club to take place this year during the school holidays on Tuesdays from 23rd July till 27th August. **To do this we need your help please.**

Help will be required on reception/welcome, crafts, parents/toddlers, bread making and lunches.

On Tuesday 7th May at 12noon in the community centre there will be a light lunch and discussion on the planning and format of this year’s holiday club.

If you can help or would like to know more details then please do come and join us for lunch. However if you can’t make lunch but can help, please let myself or Rev Barbara know.

Holiday club was a success over the last 2 years, due to your help, support and prayers, Thank you

Let’s do it again!
Trevor Blades

Please pray for

Our housebound friends,
for those who are bereaved, for those in poor health,
anticipating or recovering from surgery,
sick, troubled in spirit,
moving house
and making life changing decisions.

Our thoughts and prayers go to them and their families -
may they know Christ's peace and love in their lives.

Amen

We remember in our prayers :-

Ron and Dorothy Brisby

Ethel Qualtrough

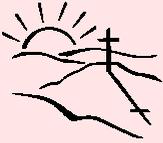
Roy Joyner

A Reflection—seen recently in Chester Cathedral

When as a child I laughed and wept,
Time crept.
When in adolescence I waxed more bold,
Time strolled.
When full grown within life's span,
Time ran.
When older still I daily grew,
Time flew.
Soon I shall find in passing on,
Time gone.

Dear Lord, wilt thou have saved me then.





Into the Light House-group

The group meets for fellowship, bible study and discussion on the first and third Monday of each month, 7.45 for 8pm start.

Do you want to come along? New members will always find a warm welcome; ask one of the stewards to introduce you to one of us for more information.

Anne Oliver



STRETCH AND PRAY

at Northgate Methodist Church

With the Rev Jemima Strain
Tuesdays 7:30pm – 8:30pm

**Free
Taster session**

**9th or 16th
April**

Christian Meditation, Rest,
Healing,
Increased flexibility, Wholeness,
Reduced soreness, Decreased risk of injury,
Improved posture

£3 per session

12 week Course

April 30th

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July 16th

All are welcome - for more information
contact Jemima - telephone 07969345389
jemima.strain@methodist.org.uk

METHODIST CHURCH MID WARWICKSHIRE CIRCUIT



BREAD CHURCH



Bread Church is every 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

**Changing the way you think about your daily bread
At Bread Church we include time for:**

- ◇ All the elements of making bread
- ◇ Conversation and refreshments
- ◇ Shared reflection and prayers, and
- ◇ A simple meal together, prepared by volunteers and those who come to make bread.



**ALL are invited. From 10:30am, followed by lunch at 12:15pm
Why not bring a friend?**

Please note that during Lent,

Bread Church will meet EVERY TUESDAY,

and will include Short Lent Reflections at lunchtime.

If you cannot come in the morning why not just come for lunch?

A warm welcome to everyone.



COMMUNITY TUESDAYS

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL



NORTHGATE FRIENDSHIP CLUB **First Tuesday Monthly**

From 1:30pm till 4.00pm - at Northgate
An afternoon of Fellowship and Fun
with a variety of activities, including table games
and refreshments -
just drop in for tea & chat

Contact Denise 01926 496336

"LETS CREATE" **3rd Tuesday each month - 2pm till 4pm**

Come for a
knit and natter, Sew and natter, make a handmade greeting card
or just for a cuppa and company

Everyone Welcome

For more details contact **Linda Mitchell**
01789 471573



EXTEND - MOVEMENT TO MUSIC CLASSES FOR ALL

Exercise for older adults and people with disabilities
Led by Susanne Soal

At Northgate - Reduced class fee of £2!

EXTEND next meets Tuesday 23rd April - 1:45pm- 2:45pm

Susanne will teach exercises that are great for you,
looking to improve your mobility, strength, flexibility and endurance.
Join in with as much or as little as you like
Play good music to help enjoy the exercises
Help you make friends and have fun



The class will be for an hour with:
A gentle warm - up
A short low impact aerobic section
Muscle & endurance exercise
Flexible stretches



For more details contact Susanne Soal or Trevor Blades



NORTHGATE GUILD

The next meeting of the Guild is on Wednesday 3rd April at 7.30pm when the speaker will be David Shaw and his subject "Good Kings and Bad Kings."

The last meeting of the 2018/19 Guild Year will be the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm. This year there will be at least one vacancy on the Committee which usually only meets once a year in May or June to plan the next year's programme. After the AGM the Guild goes on holiday until October and the start of the 2019/20 Guild Year. New members and visitors are always welcome so why not come along to sample a Guild Meeting on either April 3rd or 17th?

Richard Ratcliffe, Guild Secretary

Did You Know??

I've always thought it was "Hear, Hear!" but now I've seen it written several times as "Here, Here!" in emails and in a book (American, of course). So I looked it up.

The phrase "Hear, Hear!" came into existence as an abbreviation of "Hear him, Hear him!", an established cry in the late 1600s in our own Parliament. Our Parliament is known for its lively debates (rowdy debates?) and shouting "Hear him, Hear him!" was a way to draw attention to what a person was saying, amid all the rowdiness. Sometime during the eighteenth century it got shortened to "Hear, Hear!", the phrase we still use today. When you say "Hear, Hear!" you are saying that you agree with the sentiment expressed and want everybody else to hear it, too.

But "Here, Here!" has gained usage because most people have only heard it, never seen it in print and so don't know which homophone to use.

So now we know!!!



Love Overcame

Love overcame
Emerging from a cold tomb
All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living God
Transforming a broken heart
Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden
The grave stone rolled away, to release redemptive love
Jesus resurrected and restored
Comforts a weeping woman
Speaks with travellers on a journey
Meets with his faithful friends
And they bow down before Christ alive
And acknowledged that the Saviour has arrived
That the word of God has come alive
And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven and earth
Is complete.





Plant Sale
Saturday 25th May
10:00am to 12 noon



The Northgate Plant Sale has always depended heavily on the support of the gardeners of Northgate to supply and to buy from the Plant Sale. This year, more than ever I will be directing operations from a distance and relying on the support of Susan Dodds, who has overwintered the stock from last year.

The hall will be open on Friday evening 24th May, as is customary, from 7.30, to receive early donations and help in the arrangement of the sale. You can also bring plants to sell from 9:00am on the morning of the sale

Volunteers to help as a sales person on the day, will be very welcome. No special knowledge is required, just a willingness to join in the fun!

May the weather be with us!

Margaret Moore

Warwick Methodist Church
Monday 13th May - 5pm -7pm

Space to Remember

Someone You've Lost

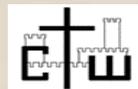


You are invited to come along and
Light a candle, write in our book
A prayer, a poem, a memory



Rest awhile, talk to someone
Refreshments available
Drop in for as long as you like

Organised by Churches Together in Warwick



STOP PRESS!!

Thank You to all who helped at the Quilt Show. The 148 visitors were given an invitation to worship and weekday activities. Our thanks to Jenny and David Shufflebotham without whom it wouldn't have been possible. A splendid £546 was raised for Myton Hospice, and the refreshments raised £306 for the Church. Many thanks from Barbara and Ian.



Did you enjoy singing Diadem?

A few weeks ago, at morning service, one of the hymns was 'All Hail the power of Jesu's name!', Singing the Faith 342.

Did you enjoy singing it to the tune Diadem? Apparently, judging by the joyful volume of sound, many did. We are so lucky to have an up to date hymn book containing such an eclectic mix of words and tunes that truly reflects the Christian tradition of prophetic hymn writing and congregational singing up to the present day.

If you enjoyed Diadem, you'll enjoy the Songs of Praise style service at Northgate on the afternoon of Sunday 19th May at 4:30 p.m. with plenty of opportunities to raise your own voices in old favourites from Singing the Faith, with Immanuel's Ground Quire and our own minister, Rev. Barbara Greenwood.

We may even get to sing Diadem again!

Northgate Methodist Church, Warwick.

Sunday May 19th at 4:30 p.m.

'Survivors from the West Gallery'



A church service in the style of 'Songs of Praise'. Join in singing some of the 18th and 19th century hymn tunes that have survived into modern hymn books and listen to lesser known anthems and psalm tunes of the same period from British and American sources.

With Immanuel's Ground West Gallery Quire.

Collection for Warwick District Foodbank.

**An incredible thought-provoking message
posted on Facebook by a revert Chinese Muslim,
to the Christchurch mosque terrorist.**

“Appreciate that you made the effort to find out the timing of our noon prayer.

Appreciate that you learnt more about our religion to know that Fridays are the days the men go to the Mosques for their congregational prayers.

But I guess there were some things you, rather unfortunately, didn't get to learn. Perhaps you didn't know that what you did made them Martyrs. And how you have single-handedly raised the statuses of our brothers and sisters in the eyes of their beloved Creator with your actions. And how, through your actions, they will be raised as the most righteous and pious of Muslims.

Perhaps you didn't know that doing what you did, at the time and place you chose, it actually meant that the last words that escaped their lips were probably words of remembrance and praise of Allah. Which is a noble end many Muslims could only dream of. And perhaps you didn't know, but what you did would almost guarantee them paradise.

Appreciate that you showed the world how Muslims welcome, with open arms, even people like yourself into our Mosques, which is our second home.

Appreciate you for showing that our mosques have no locks or gates, and are un-guarded because everyone and anyone is welcome to be with us.

Appreciate you for allowing the world to see the powerful image of a man you injured, lying on back on the stretcher with his index finger raised high, as a declaration of his faith and complete trust in Allah.

Appreciate how you brought the Churches and communities together to stand with us Muslims.

Appreciate that you made countless New Zealanders come out of their homes to visit the mosques nearest to them with flowers and beautiful messages of peace and love.

You have broken many, many hearts and you have made the world weep. You have left a huge void.

But what you also have done have brought us closer together. And it has strengthened our faith and resolve.

In the coming weeks, more people will turn up in the Mosques, a place you hate so much, fortified by the strength in their faith, and inspired by their fallen brothers and sisters.

In the coming weeks, more non-Muslims will turn up at the gates of mosques with fresh flowers and beautifully handwritten notes. They may not have known where the mosques in their area was. But now, they do. All because of you.

You may have achieved your aim of intended destruction, but I guess you failed to incite hatred, fear and despair in all of us.

And while I understand that it may have been your objective, I hate to say that after all of that elaborate planning, and the perverse and wretched efforts on your part, you still failed to drive a divide among the Muslims and non-Muslims in the world.

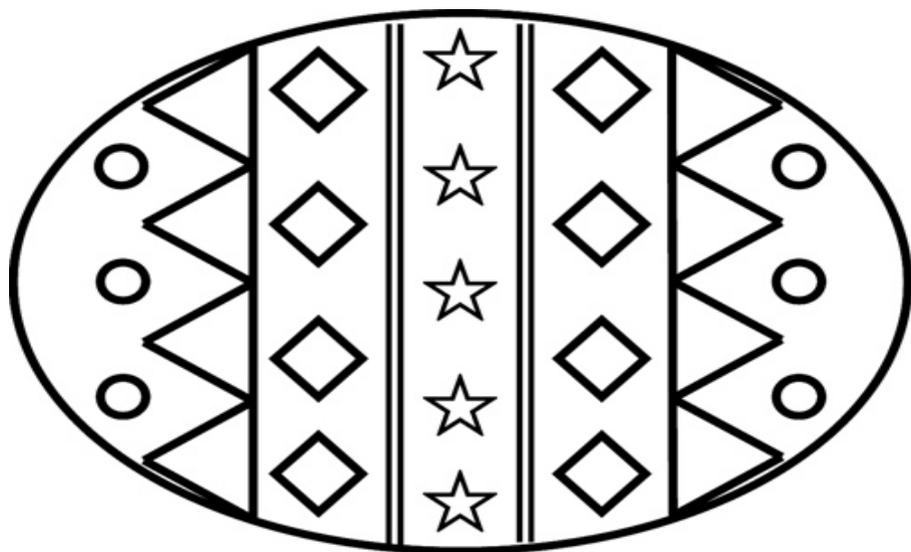
For that, I can't say that I'm sorry."

Don't go empty handed!



Flower arrangements for sick and housebound friends are left on the windowsill in the foyer each Sunday. Please feel free to take one to someone you know, who may be housebound, unwell, or just appreciative of your visit.

CHILDRENS CORNER
Pictures to Colour!!





CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK - Prayer Breakfasts

Are open to all and take place on the first Saturday of each month for 30 minutes of reflection and prayer, followed by a simple breakfast.

They are led and hosted by each church in turn making them different each month.

All start at 7:30am

6th April at Chase Meadow - led by members of All Saints
4th May at All Saints

Anyone wishing to attend will find a warm welcome!

The prayers are led by the different churches so the style and content varies, and the breakfast after the prayers is provided by the host church, offering a chance to get to know folks from the other Warwick Churches.

If anyone wants to know more
please speak to Liz Reid, Cynthia or Denise.

Coffee, Fairtrade and a Party!

As many of you know we have had a mini coffee tasting to choose a Fairtrade coffee to use at church. This was part of our commitment to register as a Fairtrade church, that we use only Fairtrade tea and coffee. We also have to run a fundraising event to support the movement.

This year is the 40th anniversary of Traidcraft, and we are planning a 'Big Brew' party event in the spring/ summer to launch our Fairtrade status. Watch this space!

The new Spring catalogue will be out soon, I look forward to your support for all that Traidcraft does and will continue to do in the coming years to bring justice to those who need it most.

Susan Dodds, your Fairtrader

Time for a Smile!

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

He answered, "Yes, sweetheart, God made me a long time ago." She paused, then said, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" Grandpa told her that God made her just a little while ago. The little girl looked up and said, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



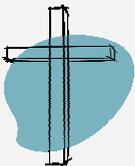
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Annual Church Meeting – Sunday, April 28th after morning worship.

The annual church business meeting will take place in the church after morning worship on Sunday 28th April with Rev Barbara Greenwood in the chair.

As has been the practice for some years it is the intention to circulate reports before the meeting in order to speed up proceedings and get you home for lunch in good time! Please pray for the spiritual guidance of the meeting and support your minister and church officers by coming prepared to make contributions to the life of your church with your ideas and, if you are able, offers of service.

Ian Meddoms
Secretary to Church Council.



Pray without Ceasing

There is a quiet corner by the 'Prayer Net', where there is a box for confidential requests for prayer.
Or you can contact the prayer circle through
Sheila 491516 or Norma 493630

Forthcoming Sunday Services at Northgate

All services begin at **10:30am** unless otherwise stated



There is an activity table in the Church,
and Junior Church for our young people.
Lots to do to keep them busy!

April 7th Rev Peter Powers

April 14th Mr Graham Howe PALM SUNDAY

April 18th at 7:30pm MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
Refreshments from 7pm.
Led by Rev Barbara Greenwood and Kevin Johnson



April 19th **GOOD FRIDAY** - Service at 11:00am
Followed by The Walk of Witness

April 21st **EASTER SUNDAY**

9:00am Communion Service - led by Rev Barbara Greenwood
Followed by Hot Cross buns, Tea, Coffee

10:30am Family Service led by Miss Carol Cave



April 28th Rev Barbara Greenwood - Communion
Followed by ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

May 5th Mr Paul Tennyson

All are very welcome - please make yourself known to us

*Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in the Hall
after our Sunday Services*





#40for40



40 PENCE FOR 40 DAYS

***Can you take part in our
40 for 40 challenge this Lent?***

By giving up 40 pence a day for the 40 days of Lent
you can raise enough to help support
a local family in crisis this Easter.

www.warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk



*All you have to do is
find an old jam jar, or
similar container and
start collecting!*



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