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COFFEE MORNINGS EVERY SATURDAY



10:00 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 March 2019

**Deadline date for your news and events will be
Friday 22nd February**



Do contact Noelle

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



It is YOUR magazine — lets have YOUR news!!



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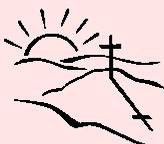
If you would like to receive the newsletter, weekly notices
and latest news by email -

please contact Trevor Blades 01789 841722

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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

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!

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday - 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



Minister's Letter - from me to you

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1

That's the Covenant Service over for another year, then. We've sung the hymn, made our commitment, shared in communion – and then it's back to life as normal... Whatever that means for each of us.

In this year's Covenant sermon, I referred to marriage as one of the other events in our lives in which we make an open-ended commitment, without knowing exactly what it might entail. One church member spoke to me afterwards about the renewal of marriage vows. In one sense, they said, that should never be needed, because the promise has been made, and it still stands. But for some people, it can be a powerful and important step to take. And, as this person commented, "We need to be reminded, because we forget."

The Covenant Service, that most Methodist of traditions, has always been about commitment to following Christ, never to the Methodist Church. The fact remains, however, that most people attending such services are Methodist members, or regularly involved in the life of the Methodist Church. How long is it since you made the commitment to become a member? Do you remember why you did so – and do those reasons still stand? If you regularly worship with us but are not a member, is that a conscious decision you have made (and do those reasons still stand), or is membership something that you have never been invited to consider?

I am contemplating running a short series of meetings in the spring/early summer, perhaps three sessions, to talk about what it means to be a follower of Jesus, to belong to a church, and to be a Methodist member. These would be open to everyone – longstanding members, adherents who are not members, people who are new to faith, those with longstanding faith who like to explore more deeply, those who feel they are in a rut. The meetings would most likely be on a Thursday evening (nice and warm, and light until 9pm).

For those who are not members, it would give you a clearer idea of what membership means and enable you to make a decision about whether it is for you, or not. It also conveniently fulfils the obligation of the Church Council to arrange preparation classes for candidates for membership, so that they are aware of the obligations they are taking on. By the way – did you know that new members have to be approved by the Church Council?

For those who are members, it is a way of fulfilling the promises you made, however long ago. The wording has changed over the years, but the general thrust is the same. The 1998 Methodist Worship Book service asks you to “commit yourself to the Christian life of worship and service and be open to the renewing power of God.” The 1975 book asks, “Will you obey Christ and serve him in the Church and in the world?” As for those of you who became members before 1975 – I don’t have a copy of the book that was in use then. Can you remember what you were asked to promise? “We need to be reminded, because we forget.”

In the contemporary Covenant Service, we have said “I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you, as and where you choose.” Would you like to join together with others to explore what that means? Do let me know if you are interested, so I can tailor the plans accordingly. Meanwhile – if Thursday evenings are not convenient, or if you are not comfortable with the idea of talking about faith in front of others – I am always available to talk with you, pray with you, and listen to you about your beliefs, and doubts, and challenges. Give me a call, I will be delighted to speak with you about the things of God.

Every blessing,
Barbara

Date for your Diary!

Saturday 6th April 2019, 7:30pm - 10:15pm at St Nicholas Church

BARN DANCE for Christian Aid
with Keeping Thyme



*Tickets - £10 including supper -
will be available in March from Ian Meddoms 01926 492945*

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.

We hold in our prayers:-

Roy Joyner - in hospital following a fall

Rod Collerton - Recovering at home after a recent operation

David Shaw - Recuperating after an operation at Warwick Hospital.

Ethel Qualtrough - Ethel is now at home after being in Warwick Hospital at Christmas

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

Amen

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.

No need to ask!

Greetings and thanks from Ruth Woodroffe - she writes



“Thank you to all who have sent me New Home good wishes – they must be doing some good as I have had a friendly welcome all round. Most boxes are unpacked, others never will be (!) but I am running out of spaces to put those. The Methodist Church in Totnes has a smaller congregation than Warwick, I have enjoyed good services there, and been offered a Pastoral visitor. I have attended the service for Christian Unity at my local C of E where I met other Methodists. There was meditation, discussion and prayer - and tea and cake of course!
I am finding my way by ‘Bob the Bus’ and by car, Totnes is on a steep hill and parking is worse than Warwick! I miss Warwick but think I shall eventually start to feel more at home here and it is good to see more of my daughter Victoria and the family.”

Love from Ruth

**This is an edited version of Ruth’s letter – if you would like to read it in full, you will find it on the notice-board. Ed



Northgate Choir

2018 was not an easy year for the Choir for various reasons. However it ended on a high note with our contribution to the Carol Service which, despite losing 3 valued members at the last minute to illness, was very favourably received. We were well schooled by Trevor Barr, and I am personally so grateful to him for his expertise and the noticeable difference he has made. Another thank you is to the ladies of our Choir who sang so well at a Carol Service for the W.I. held in our Church in early December. Cynthia and I organised the service and our grateful thanks go to Julie and Trevor for their help and of course to the ladies for giving up their time, making it such a success. We sang an Introit at each of the special services with a visiting preacher during this Celebration Year, and now look forward to more challenges this year! It goes without saying that we always welcome anyone wishing to join the Choir.

Brenda Armstrong, Choir Leader

BREAD CHURCH



Bread Church is every 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

Dates for February :- 12th and 26th February.

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 Lent Reflections at lunchtime.**

Look out in the notices for further details



It's a cracker!!



- Q. What is Andy Murray's favourite dish?
A. Bangers and Smash
- Q. How do ducks like to round off a meal?
A. Cheese and Quackers.
- Q. What did the coral do on January 1st?
A. Turned over a new reef.



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**



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

2nd March at All Saints - Led by members of Northgate
6th April at Chase Meadow - led by members of 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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS AND NEWS



We had an inspiring United Service on Sunday 20th January at All Saints. Afterwards a collection was taken that amounted to £187.66 for the Christian Aid appeal for those affected by the Tsunami in Indonesia.

This was chosen as the service was prepared by Christians in Indonesia before the recent disaster. They based it on Deuteronomy 16: 18-20. "Justice and only Justice you shall pursue."

All Saints will send it directly to our local Christian Aid agent, Mike Porter.

God Bless, Claire Harris
Secretary, Churches Together in Warwick



Bereavement Support Group

Last Tuesday
of the month

1pm - 2-30pm

Chase Meadow
Community Centre
Narrow Hall Meadow
Warwick
CV346BT



**TRANSFORMING
COMMUNITIES
TOGETHER
WARWICK**

1st Monday
Of the month

7pm - 8:30pm

New Life Church
Friars Street
Warwick
CV346HD

*To reserve a place or for more information please contact
Stacey Bains on 07507722537 or email stacey.bains@covcofe.org*



In our weakness, O Lord,
be to us a never-failing strength;
in our sinfulness, pardoning love;
in our need, all-sufficient grace;
and in our anxiety, both stillness and rest.
Amen.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)



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.

With 7 distribution sites across the 3 towns and a further 3 warehouse sites it has grown into a significant enterprise distributing over 42 tonnes of food a year. To run this mission project we have an army of volunteers led by some part time paid staff. Finding the money to pay the staff and cover other expenditure is a continuing struggle so we are looking to develop our regular income stream.

Now I would like to make an appeal for people to help us develop this by entering into a monthly financial donation to support Gods work amongst the local poor. A standing order form can be printed from the foodbank website www.warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk or you can ask David Witham for one.



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

NORTHGATE GUILD - Guild News

Guild meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, October to April, in the Church Hall/Community Centre, starting at 7:30pm, All are welcome.



Coming this month :-

February 6th - Susan Tall - School Log Books and World War 1

February 20th - Trevor Barr - A Musical Evening

March 6th - Barbara Meddoms - *'Tis a foolish thing*

Richard Ratcliffe, Guild Secretary

Q-Day 29th March!

What's special about Friday 29th March? Nothing to do with B***it or Article 50. You'll be able to take a break from all that and come to Northgate church where you can feast your eyes on lots of original hand-crafted quilts by quilting and singing friends Jenny Shufflebotham and Barbara Meddoms. If you came to the Quilt Show at Northgate in 2013 you will have an idea what to expect, most of those are keeping people cosy on both sides of the Atlantic now, this is a completely new show. It's amazing how many quilts two people can make in five years. Proceeds after staging expenses to Myton Hospice.

If you must stay at home glued to the telly for news of last-minute deals don't despair, they have stitched up a fully implemented backstop! The period of the exhibition is extended into Saturday 30th March.

Open both days 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the exhibition is staged in the church and tea and coffee will be available in the hall. Jenny and Barbara will be on hand to answer questions on all things quilt related and Barbara is giving an illustrated talk on the craft and social history of quilting, at the Guild meeting on Wednesday 6th March at 7:30 p.m., with the intriguing title *'tis a Foolish Thing*.

Everyone is welcome whether regular or occasional one-off attenders at Guild.



Saturday Morning Coffee



I have taken over the rota from Ruth Woodroffe and eventually it will be the same format as the Sunday coffee rota.

But to start with, please fill in the rota which is displayed on the notice board in the church foyer with your name and contact number and a *star if you are a key holder.....

Or contact me Denise telephone 01926 496336

denise.godfrey49@gmail.com

If you have not been on the rota before please do consider filling in a few dates. I can help with any enquiries.



Thank you !!



10 Texting codes for Seniors!!



ATD: At The Doctor's

BTW: Bring the Wheelchair

CGU: Can't Get Up

FWIW: Forgot Where I Was

GGPBL: Got To Go, Pacemaker Battery Low

IMHO: Is My Hearing-Aid On?

LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out

ROFL CGU: Rolling On The Floor Laughing, and Can't Get Up

WIWYA: When I Was Your Age

WWNO: Walker Wheels Need Oil

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!

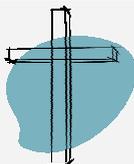


February 3rd	Mrs Alison Fletcher	
February 10th	Dr Denys Hill	
February 17th	Rev Mike Grimsley	Communion
February 24th	Rev Barbara Greenwood	
March 3rd	Dr Denys Hill	

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



All are very welcome -please make yourself known to us



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

Prayer Corner

Lord, we ask you to open our eyes
that we may value and appreciate
all people,
recognising what we have in common
rather than focusing
on what our differences might be.
Inspire us to distinguish
between what is important
and what is not,
and open our minds and hearts
that we may always be people
of good will
who bring life and joy to others.
Amen.



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