



Northgate News

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Be Joyful

Be Prayerful

Be Thankful

Warwick Methodist Church
Rev Barbara Greenwood

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**Please take note that the next edition of Northgate News
will be for AUGUST 2019**



Deadline date for your news and events will be
MONDAY, 22nd JULY



PLEASE NOTE

**The August newsletter will be edited by
Sue Dawson.**

Any articles and news for August please give to Sue.
Or email her:- smgooch@gmail.com

Please keep your news and articles coming!



**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 new rota for July until October is now on the noticeboard in the vestibule.
Please sign up for a slot and please do not worry if you need to change it at
some stage. Thank you to everyone who supports these Saturday mornings
when we welcome everyone - members of the public and those from our Church.*



For any help please contact Denise 01926 496336

Summer Holiday Club 2019!!



**Tuesdays 23rd & 30th July,
6th, 13th, 20th 27th August.**



We need your help please!

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.

**Help is required on reception/welcome, crafts, parents/toddlers,
bread making and lunches.**

We are organising the rota of helpers **NOW** to ensure that we are able to offer all the planned activities.

Please contact Trevor Blades as soon as possible if you can help in any way, on any Tuesday.

***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 - 01789841722 - noelle_trevor@hotmail.co.uk

Thank You!

The collection at the Songs of Praise 'Survivors from the West Gallery' raised £164.25 for Warwick District Foodbank. On behalf of Immanuel's Ground Quire my thanks to Rev Barbara Greenwood and the door stewards: Jenny Beaglehole, Cynthia Webb and Richard Ratcliffe for looking after visitors in the congregation who came from as far away as Evesham and Walsall. Also to Mike Jakeman for manning the sound desk.

We did rattle the tiles on our roof with the volume of our praise!

Ian Meddoms



Minister's Letter - from me to you

“Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.”
1 Corinthians 12:27

They say that every human being is in some respects like all other human beings, in some respects like some other human beings, and in some respects like no other human being. We are all alike – we all need air, food, water and shelter, or we die. We all experience joy and sorrow at different points in our lives. We are all like some people, but different from others. Whether it is language, eye colour or your perspective on marmite, all of us have things in common with some people but not with others. And all of us are completely unique, no-one else had your parents, your upbringing, your career, your life partner, your exact combination of likes and dislikes and your experiences.

What is true of individuals is also true of churches. All Christian churches proclaim and worship one God, Father Son and Holy Spirit; as part of the Methodist Church we share doctrinal standards and governance with other Methodist churches; but in many ways, Northgate is like no other church in the world.

One way in which we are like most other mainstream churches in this country is that our membership is generally ageing and shrinking. We are increasingly seeing the effects of this in various ways, most notably the continued difficulty in finding people to do the vital work of Church Stewards and the challenge of maintaining regular pastoral care without anyone falling through the gaps.

In response to these challenges, we are making a number of changes. You may have picked this copy of Northgate News up yourself rather than having it brought by your pastoral visitor. If it is brought to you, it may be accompanied by the request that you confirm how you would like to receive it in future, and also whether you would like regular visits at home, or phone calls, or whether you are content to request a visit only when you ask for it. This is a different way of working from what the Methodist Church has traditionally tried to offer, and it may take some getting used to. If you were expecting someone to call and feel you are being neglected, please don't consider that to be a sign that nobody cares. Please do contact either your pastoral visitor, our pastoral secretary Margaret Moorse, or myself and we will do what we can to support you.

The other area of change concerns our church stewards. As no-one was willing to take on the role of senior steward, we are now dividing those responsibilities between the other stewards. Trevor Blades is re-joining the stewards' team primarily in an admin role, with Christine Fell, Denise Godfrey and Cynthia Webb continuing as stewards. In order to support them, we are formalising the role of Worship Steward – people who do the stewards' duties for Sunday services, but do not attend stewards' meetings or get involved in the leadership. Five people offered for this at the General Church Meeting, but if we were able to recruit a few more, that would enable the church stewards to focus more on the leadership aspects while ensuring that none of the Worship Stewards become overburdened.

I hear that some people are put off the Sunday morning responsibilities by the requirement to stand at the front, welcome the congregation and do the announcements. If that is the only thing holding you back, there are plenty of people who would happily do that part if you would do the rest. With a large enough team, you may only be called on a few times a year. An outline of what is involved in being a Worship Steward will soon be pinned up on the noticeboard – do please have a look and see if this is something that you could offer. I would expect you to shadow an experienced steward before being plunged in the deep end. Similarly, if you feel that being part of the leadership is something you could offer so long as you were not required to do Sunday duties often (or at all), please consider whether you might be able to become a church steward. Two of our existing team plan to step down next year – we will need to replace them.

What part of the body are you? We all have a different part to play, and what is right for you now may be different from what was right in the past. In June, I will be leading three sessions covering broadly three topics: what it means to be a Christian, the Methodist way, and the significance of church membership. If you are interested in discussing this, please get in touch with me – the sessions will be on Mondays 10th, 17th and 24th June at 7.30pm. They are currently planned to be held in a home, but if numbers increase we may need to move back to the church.

Look at the people around you, think about the ones you meet in the course of the day. In what ways are you like them, or unlike them? One way in which you are like all of them is that you are loved by God and precious to him.

Every blessing,
Barbara



STRETCH AND PRAY at Northgate Methodist Church

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

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



£3 per session, all are welcome -
Stretch and Pray continues until July 16th.

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

Gwyneth Baskerville

It is with great sadness that we record the death of
Gwyneth Baskerville on Wednesday 22nd May following a fall at home.
Funeral arrangements to be confirmed.

We send our love and prayers to John, the family and friends at this time.

Betty Breakwell

It is with sadness that we also record the death of Betty Breakwell on
Thursday 9th May.

Known to many in our church, Betty was a member of Snitterfield
Methodist Church until its closure, her membership was then transferred
to Northgate.

We send our love and prayers to Jean Moody, her sister, and family and
friends at this time.

A tribute to Betty is enclosed with this newsletter.

Let us Pray:

Bring comfort to those
coming to terms
with the unexpected
loss of a loved one.
Bring healing to those
alive but broken
by serious injuries
and related trauma.

Bring unity to those
working for peace
and understanding
between communities.
Bring your warmth
to those whose hearts
are cold and empty,
and bring your blessing
on all who in such times
are there to share your love.

Amen

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

*John Baskerville, family and friends of Gwyneth, who died on
Wednesday 22nd May.*

*Jean Moody, family and friends of Betty Breakwell,
who died on Thursday 9th May.*

COMMUNITY TUESDAYS - ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

NORTHGATE FRIENDSHIP CLUB First Tuesday Monthly

From 1:30pm till 3:45pm - 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

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?

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

A warm welcome to everyone.

"LETS CREATE"
3rd Tuesday each month - 2pm till 3:45pm



Come for a



Knit and natter, sew, make a handmade greeting card,
fellowship and chat,
or just for a cuppa and company

Everyone Welcome



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



**EXTEND - MOVEMENT TO MUSIC CLASSES
FOR ALL**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Susanne has regretfully cancelled her classes until at least July.

She looks forward to resuming these classes then.
In the meantime - keep up the exercises!!!!!!

Details will be in the fortnightly notices.



As I was enjoying a morning coffee at a popular café recently, with cake,
(I know, I know, I know I shouldn't!!) I noticed the following poem :-

Napkins are made from precious trees
Which house our birds and feed our bees
Help save our trunks, branches and seeds
Take only the amount you really need!

.... Coffee #1



Dates for your Diary!!



Saturday 13th July 2019 at Northgate Methodist Church

MUSIC FOR EVERYONE
A Concert by

The Newport (Shropshire) & District Male Voice Choir
including items by our own Northgate Choir



Whilst continuing in the best traditions of Male Voice Choir singing, their music covers a wide repertoire of classics, folk, songs from the shows and pop.

Tickets, priced at only £8, will be available in June from Brenda Armstrong, David Shaw and other choir members.

Refreshments available and there will be a raffle.
All proceeds will be for Homewood and Church funds.

Make a date in your diary now and make this a memorable evening!

Homewood Garden Party!
Saturday 29th June

At Homewood, 40 Kenilworth Road, Leamington Spa

Refreshments, various stalls.
All welcome



"Homewood" is a Methodist Residential Care Home in Leamington Spa, and is funded through charitable support.

Does this sound familiar?!!

A hospital was told there was the possibility they would have enough money in the following year's budget to build a new wing. They decided to consult the various medical specialists and their reactions were as follows:

The allergists voted to scratch it.
The dermatologists preferred no rash moves.
The gastroenterologists had a gut feeling about it.
The neurologists thought the administration had a lot of nerve.
The obstetricians stated they were labouring under a misconception.
The ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted.
The orthopaedists issued a joint resolution.
The pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!"
The paediatricians said, "Grow up."
The psychiatrists thought it was madness.
The surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing.
The radiologists could see right through it.
The plastic surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter."
The podiatrists thought it was a big step forward.
The urologists felt the scheme wouldn't hold water.
The cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.
.....and the committee couldn't reach a decision!

Did you Know??

Did you know unless food is mixed with saliva you can't taste it
Did you know lemons contain more sugar than strawberries
Did you know 8% of people have an extra rib
Did you know 85% of plant life is found in the ocean
Did you know rabbits like liquorice
Did you know the Hawaiian alphabet has 13 letters
Did you know 'Topolino' is the name for Mickey Mouse in Italy
Did you know a lobster's blood is colourless but when exposed to oxygen it turns blue.





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.**



Thank You!

On behalf of Warwick District Foodbank, I would like to thank everyone who took part in our Lent 40p for 40 Days fundraising. At the time of writing I have been given proceeds totalling £473. This is on top of the Lent Lunch proceeds that have already been donated to the Foodbank.

David Witham



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

Saturday 1st June at St Nicholas
Saturday 6th July at St Mary Collegiate
Saturday 3rd August at Castle Hill

Anyone wishing to attend will find a warm welcome!

Care Home Team Volunteers Needed!!



We are looking to develop a team of volunteers to bless and support our local care homes and reach them with the love of Jesus. As yet we do not have a fixed idea of how this might look but would like to get a group of people together who have a heart to love and support care homes and see what God inspires us to do. If you have a heart to reach local care homes, their residents, and staff please get in touch and I will coordinate responses and organise a suitable meeting time for all interested parties. If you know of any work going on in local care homes led by your church or any other Christian organisations please let me know as it would be very helpful to know what provision already exists and where. **Are you:-**

Passionate about loving and serving our local care homes?

Flexible, Friendly, Committed and Compassionate?

Able to commit to coming to a meeting with a view to volunteering some of your time?

Willing to fill in an application form, provide references and undergo a DBS check if necessary?

If you answered Yes to those questions please contact Stacey Bains on 07507 722537 or email stacey.bains@covcofe.org for more information.

Stacey Bains is the Transforming Communities Together Development Officer for Churches Together in Warwick

Time for a Smile!



A young curate was in his first appointment and the rector soon became concerned because it became clear the young man had a problem with going to bed very late and oversleeping in the mornings.

The rector was cross when he missed early morning prayers and some staff meetings. The rector suggested he discussed the problem with his doctor. He was prescribed some tablets which the doctor said would help him to sleep. They certainly had an impact, because the young curate slept well the first night and even woke before the alarm went off. He had a leisurely breakfast, enjoyed the walk to the church and told the rector the tablets the doctor gave him seemed to be solving the problem. "That's fine," said the rector, "but where were you yesterday?"

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!



June 2nd	Rev Chris Clewlow	
June 9th	Mr Trevor Pethick	
June 16th	Rev Iain Rennie	Communion
June 23rd	Rev David Greenwood	
June 30th	Rev Barbara Greenwood	
July 7th	Ms Gail Bullivant	
July 14th	Rev Bill Anderson	
also at 3pm	CIRCUIT CLOSING SERVICE	here at Northgate
	Led by Rev Bill Anderson	
July 21st	Rev Alan Wright	Communion
July 28th	Rev Barbara Greenwood	

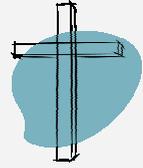


All are very welcome - please make yourself known to us.
Please join us for Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in the Hall
after our Sunday Services

****Please note that the Circuit Opening service will be on
Sunday September 8th, 3pm, at Stratford Methodist Church.
Rev Ian Howarth to preach.**

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



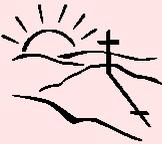
Don't go empty handed!

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!

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



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Psalm 96:11-12

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

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



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