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Be Joyful

Be Prayerful

Be Thankful

**Warwick Methodist Church
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Summer Holiday Club 2019!!

**BREAD
CHURCH**

**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.

**More help will be very welcome on reception/welcome,
crafts, parents/toddlers,
bread making and lunches.**

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

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

**Deadline date for your news and events will be
THURSDAY, 22nd AUGUST**



Contact Noelle:

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

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!**



For any offers of help please contact Denise 01926 496336

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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Minister's Letter - from me to you

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

I love to read, so an important feature of our recent holiday in Tenerife was the days spent by the pool, working my way through several novels.

You can't spend a whole fortnight doing nothing, however, so we did go on several trips out, including to the island of La Gomera. Wandering into a tourist information office on one of our stops, I found a box of books in various languages, with a sign inviting you to help yourself. A magnet to a bookworm!! Each book had a sticker inside the front cover, with the request that once you had read the book, you should fill in your name and the place where you had left the book. Because, yes, the idea is that when you have finished this book, you pass it on to someone else. They then pass it on in turn, and the last person is asked to ensure the book finds its way back to La Gomera. The idea intrigued me, so I took a book, read and enjoyed it and I intend to leave it in the book stall in the church hall.

This encounter reminded me of an initiative I had heard of some years ago, called Book Crossing. You take one of your books and register it on the Book Crossing website, which gives it a unique number. You write the number inside the book and pass it on. This can be by giving it to someone to read, or you can just leave it lying around somewhere for people to find. Whoever reads the book after you is asked to record on the website where they found it, and then pass it on to someone else. As the book travels, its journey is recorded on the website, so anyone can see how the book has travelled around.

It immediately struck me that this was a much more interesting and fulfilling way of handing on books which you love because you can see what's happened to them afterwards. Of course I will honour the commitment I made when I took the book in La Gomera – but I will never know what happens to it. I am much more excited about sending books out with Book Crossing numbers inside them.

This week I went to take the service at Homewood in Leamington Spa. Afterwards one of the residents came over to me and told me that, not long after my previous visit, some very difficult circumstances had arisen which left her feeling very low and frightened. She needed something to hang onto, and one of the hymns I had chosen was just right for her situation – so she sang it to herself over and over again, until the difficult time was over.

What for me was just one more hymn in one more service was for her exactly what she needed. I would not have known that, unless she had chosen to tell me. I choose literally hundreds of hymns in a year and preach scores of sermons to probably over a thousand people – who can guess how many of them land just right for somebody?

I'm sure that we have all had moments in our lives when somebody has said something or done something for us which has turned out to be incredibly important. How often do we take the trouble to tell them? It's not that we show kindness in order to receive thanks or praise – we do it because it's right, we do it because the love of Christ compels us to support and care for one another. We seldom know the impact these actions may have had – so isn't it lovely to hear occasionally that the seed you planted, perhaps a long time ago, has grown?

We are all followers of Christ because somebody told us and the Holy Spirit breathed on those words to make them take root and grow and bear fruit.

The idea of Book Crossing is that if you love books, you pass them on so that others can enjoy them too. The idea of evangelism is that if you love Christ, you pass on the message, so that others can find him too. It doesn't have to be big or difficult – standing on the street corner, or going door to door. It can be small and gentle – being warm and welcoming, and showing an interest in someone. This is how the Kingdom of God grows – step by step, little by little, soul by soul.

May you know God's blessing this holiday season, whether you travel on holiday or not. And if you find a good book – pass it on!!

Every blessing,
Barbara



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

"May the roof above never fall in,
May we below never fall out."
(a Celtic grace)

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

Please remember especially in your prayers:

Norma Richards as she awaits treatment for her knee

Ethel Qualtrough and Mollie Flint, both in care homes.

Please also continue to pray for :-

Ron and Dorothy Brisby

Hazel Gibbs

John and the rest of the Baskerville family



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

Wedding Anniversaries

TWO COUPLES FROM NORTHGATE HAVE
CELEBRATED SPECIAL WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES RECENTLY:

BRIAN & PAULINE GODDARD CELEBRATED THEIR
DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON 13TH
JUNE.

AND TREVOR & NOELLE BLADES
CELEBRATED THEIR RUBY WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY ON 21ST JULY.

WE WISH THEM CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY
MORE HAPPY YEARS TOGETHER!



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



"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

Congratulations!



to Gael and Steve's son, Thomas Conway, on graduating from the University of Brighton with a 2:1 BA Hons degree in 3D Design & Craft.

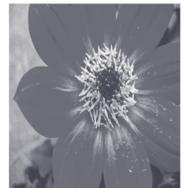
to Gordon Hemming's grandson, William Shuttleworth, on graduating from the Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester with a 2:1 BSc Hons degree in Agriculture.

And also to James Ellison, son of Linda & Ian and grandson of Brian and Pauline Goddard. At a ceremony held at the Senate House, Cambridge on Wednesday 26th June, James received both a BA and an MSc in Natural Sciences. James is continuing his studies with a project on batteries for electric cars, at Peter House, to gain a PhD.

We at Northgate wish them all good wishes in reaching these milestones in their paths in life.

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!

Dates for your Diary!!



Jane Goes Sky-Diving!

On **Saturday 14th September**, Jane Edmundson will be doing a tandem sky-dive in aid of South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust, Warwick Hospital Geriatric Unit.

Please support her by donating on her JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jane-edmundson>

For those unable to access the website, Gael and Steve will be happy to accept your donations and add them on your behalf.

Good luck and a happy landing Jane from all at Northgate.

We hope you raise lots of money!



West Midlands Methodist History Society Autumn Meeting

Advance notice is given of the above meeting which will take place on **Saturday 5th October 2019** at Solihull Methodist Church at 2.30pm.

The speaker will be Rev Donald H Ryan and the subject "The Warwickshire Annesley and Wesley Family Links."

All are welcome. The venue is easy to find as it is next to the Railway Station and Bus Station and has a large car park.

For further information please contact Richard Ratcliffe.

Gwyneth Baskerville

21st June 1934 – 22nd May 2019

Born in 1934, in Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, Gwyneth was the only child of Fanny & Harry Robinson. Fanny or Frances Elizabeth Jones was from Barmouth in North Wales and Harry was a Mancunian who worked proudly as a salesman for Baxendale's.

In 1941, Gwyneth was evacuated to Barmouth to live with her aunt & uncle enjoying the wonderful mountain scenery. She attended grammar school in Manchester, and subsequently The Leicester Training College of Domestic Science, to train as a teacher.

It took just one magical day for all this to change – 'urban chic meets country sportsman'. John Baskerville was playing in a tennis tournament and Gwyn was a spectator. Two years later they were wed. In the meantime, Gwyn taught domestic science in a tough school in Manchester. John remembers seeing things being hurled out of the school windows, by the edgy teddy boys.

Following a honeymoon on the Isle of Man, they arrived at Firs Farm with the barns suitably adorned 'just married'. This was to be their family home for the next 43 years where Gwyn settled into the business of making the farmhouse a home.

Initially there was no electricity and only a hand water pump! Her preference for modernist and urban style did not always sit comfortably with a house dated 1864. It wasn't long before Christina came along, soon to share the family nest with brothers Michael & David. They have fond memories of life at Firs Farm, privileged to enjoy a happy combination of farm life, fed by a mother who was an excellent cook, with lots of freedom and fresh air.

David relates the time when aged 13, he broke his leg playing football with his cousins. This was particularly galling as it was the start of the summer holidays and he wouldn't be able to help with the baling. Coming back from hospital with leg in plaster, he got on his motorbike, managed to skid in the yard on sheep manure, spraying himself in the bargain, as the brake pedal sank right into the new plaster. To David's amazement his mum smiled at what had happened and promptly took him back to hospital.

Christina remembers spotting a good deal, and deciding her mum needed a break in Paris. It transpired she'd booked them into a dubious hostelry in the red-light district!

The children were blessed with an extended family and caring grandparents. Both John and Gwyn were brought up in the Methodist Church, having been members of Northgate Church for 50 years, and this was also a part of their family's upbringing.

Prior to that they regularly attended Meriden Chapel with many of their farming cousins. The immediate family has grown with the addition of grandchildren. Luke leading the way, now just turned 21 and studying at Newcastle University. Oliver and Oscar, aged 10 and 7, keep David & Kay busy.

Gwyneth had many practical interests: Courses on lacemaking, lampshade making, and upholstery led to many consequences for the family such as unfinished chairs that could make you jump on encountering stray pins!

Always willing to contribute she was an active member of Young Wives at Northgate and of Guild, with years of fundraising for the re-modelled church which included lots of cheese sales. She was Chairman of The Farm Women's' Club at Moreton Morrell, a member of the Shrewley Garden Society and, also of NADFAS (National Association of Fine Arts Societies). This meant lots of interesting trips out, which John teased as '...always gadding about'. Her enthusiasm for gardening started at Firs Farm where they developed a wonderful garden with interesting plants and trees. Then came the opportunity to start again with a new garden at Long Meadow.

John is an adventurous traveler. They spent Christmas with Christina in rural Bolivia, travelling overland to Peru, enjoyed a round-the-world trip that included New Zealand, Australia and Canada with another notable trip to China. John notes they have visited 80 countries which is quite something when you bear in mind that there is a total of 195 in the world.

The family have been very touched by the warmth and support of Northgate friends at this difficult time and thank everyone for the thoughtful messages and cards.

We are indebted to Christina Baskerville for permission to edit this obituary from her eulogy of her mother.

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!



<i>August 4th</i>	<i>Denise Godfrey & Anne Oliver</i>
<i>August 11th</i>	<i>Mr Norman Prophett</i>
<i>August 18th</i>	<i>Dr Denys Hill</i>
<i>August 25th</i>	<i>Rev Barbara Greenwood Communion</i>



**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.**

The service will be led by Rev Ian Howarth.



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 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 3rd August at Castle Hill
Saturday 7th September at New Life
Saturday 5th October at St Michael's

Anyone wishing to attend will find a warm welcome!



Psalm 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

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