



Northgate News



News and events for
APRIL and MAY 2026



**Warwick Methodist Church, Northgate
and
Whitnash Methodist Church**

***Our Sunday services are at
10:30am***

*Coffee, tea are served
after the service*

Further details of

**ONE CHURCH TOGETHER
TO PENTECOST**

Details inside.....

ALL are welcome



***Be Joyful,
Be Prayerful,
Be
Thankful***

*Check out the website for
latest news and
information
[www.warwickmethodist
church.org.uk](http://www.warwickmethodistchurch.org.uk)*

Rev Sally Jones

**Minister of the Warwick,
Wellesbourne and Whitnash
Methodist Churches
01926 740846**

Prayer Circle



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
Rev Sally 01926 740846 or Ann 01926 774734**

PRE LOVED SHOP

In the Church Community Centre

First Saturday each month 10:00 - 1pm

Ladies, men's and children's clothes

Household items, Toys, puzzles, books and plenty more.....



*Why don't you come along and enjoy the refreshments
of tea, coffee and hot chocolate*

and take a welcome break from your shopping

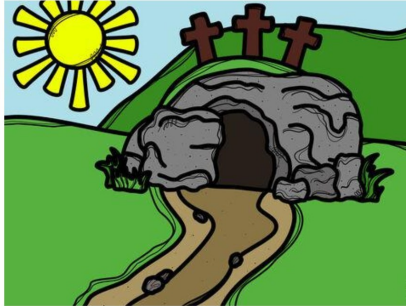


*Offers of help during the morning would be very welcome,
please see Dave Mann*

WARWICK METHODIST CHURCH

Barrack Street, Warwick CV34 4TH

HOLIDAY CLUB HAPPY EASTER!



When: **Tuesday 7th April 2026**

What time: **10.30 am until 12 noon**

Who for: **children aged 0-11 years**

What to bring: **your grown-up to stay with you!**

BIBLE STORY + CRAFT + FUN + FRIENDS

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC LUNCH

Hope to see you there!

There will also be a Holiday Club in Bank Holiday Week ,

Tuesday, 26th May!

See you there, spread the word!!

Community Tuesdays



Bread Church



Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Come along to enjoy fellowship and friendship

We start baking bread from 10:30am until 11am

At 12 noon, after a short reflection and prayer -
a lunch of soup and scones are served, all freshly made!!!

Lunch and Fellowship are free ,
donations welcome - but optional

Please do come, why not invite a friend?



Do join us, to bake bread (10:30-11am),
or just for lunch, or drop in anytime for a coffee and chat.

The choice is yours.

ALL ARE VERY WELCOME

**TLC - Tuesday, Laughter and Chat
Every Tuesday**



from 10.30am - 12:00 noon

*Come along and enjoy refreshments ,
fellowship and chat!*



All are very welcome.

And on Wednesday mornings PILATES

Are you looking to keep fit?

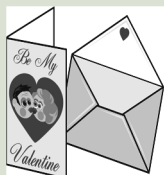
**Come to a Pilates Class on Wednesday mornings
10:00am - 11am in the Community Centre, Barrack St, Warwick**

*Pilates improves and helps to retain our mobility and balance,
(use it or lose it), in a fun and relaxed environment.*

*Men and women of **ALL** ages are welcome.*

Why don't you try it, you won't regret it!

For further information please contact Elaine.



Looking for Hand made cards for all occasions?

Jane Phillipson makes cards for Birthdays,
thank you cards, blank for your own messages,

You will find Jane at

Bread Church and TLC on Tuesdays.

**In our time of Prayer -
please hold in your prayers**



Our housebound friends,
for those alone,
in care homes, for those who are bereaved,
for those in poor health,
anticipating or recovering from surgery,
sick, troubled in spirit,
For those seeking care and strength,
making life changing decisions.

Amen

Speak in the stillness, God, we pray
come to our hearts and meet us here. Bring us your peace for each new day
- the gift of grace to earth from heaven.

When, in the anxious rush of days, we lose our hold on faith and you,
reclaim us with your calm embrace -
the gift of grace to earth from heaven.
So may we be renewed in love, held and sustained by you alone.
Strengthened by you that we may prove
a gift of grace to earth from heaven.

Gareth Hill Singing the Faith 511



**There is sunshine in my soul today,
more glorious and bright
Than glows in any earthy sky;
for Jesus is my light.**

**O, there's sunshine, blessed sunshine,
When the peaceful, happy moments roll;
When Jesus shows his smiling face,
There is sunshine in my soul.**

John 8:12

Forthcoming Services at Warwick Northgate



All services at 10:30am unless stated otherwise
Please join us for tea and coffee after the service

5th April

EASTER SUNDAY ALLELIJAH!

@ 9am Easter Breakfast of Hot Cross Buns!

@ 10:30am Rev Sally Jones
Holy Communion



12th April

Dr Denys Hill

19th April

Mrs Anne Oliver

26th April - 24th May @10:30am
ONE CHURCH TO PENTECOST
At the Bridge House Theatre, Warwick

*** Please see over the page for more details*

24th May @ **5:30pm** @ **Warwick Northgate**
Spirit and Sacrament Holy Communion

31st May Rev Sally Jones Holy Communion
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

One Church to Pentecost 2026



Born in Song – God’s people have always been Singing !

Dear Friends,

All the twelve churches across the South Warwickshire Circuit will be meeting together at 10.30am each Sunday morning at the Bridge House Theatre in Warwick for five Sunday mornings, beginning on Sunday 26 April, culminating with Pentecost 2026 on Sunday 24 May.

There is plenty of parking at the theatre and transport arrangements from our current churches are being developed.

A Young Church option will be available for children and young people.

In preparation for our worship together, existing house groups and those who would like to join a One Church to Pentecost group in their locality will have the opportunity to get to know others and to study together. Groups will meet in churches and in homes during the five-week period running up to Pentecost.

We are aware that the initial announcement of this proposal caused anxiety. We want to stress that this is an experiment to explore a different way of working together. As a Circuit we are aware that we will not have the resources in the future to continue to support twelve churches. Over the long term we need to think creatively about our options.

The December Circuit Meeting carefully considered the concerns raised and decided that the need to address the future challenges justified the plan to go ahead with One Church to Pentecost in 2026.

This admittedly radical idea allows us a period to trial an option which may or may not work. If it is successful in 2026, the Circuit Meeting might decide to repeat it in 2027 before making any long-term decisions.

Please be reassured, that this is an experiment and not a decision about our shared future. Can you help? We are looking for volunteers to ensure that we make this experience a good one.

If you can help in any way, or you need further details please speak to Rev Sally or the Stewards

More Details of the Services at the Bridgehouse Theatre

The morning services start at 10:30am

- 26th April Theme: Waiting for the Spirit; called to be witnesses
Reading: Acts 1:4-8, 12-14
Worship Lead - Rev R Wilde , Preacher - Mr R Blackwell , Presider - Rev R Wilde
- 3rd May Theme: The Spirit brings unity
Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12-31
Worship Lead -Rev T Brooker/ Rev S Jones, Preacher - Rev T Brooker/ Rev S Jones
All Age Talk - Rev T Brooker/ Rev S Jones
- 10th May Theme: The gifts of the Spirit
Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Worship Lead - Mrs J Lloyd , Preacher - Mrs S Brown Presider - Rev S Jones
- 17th May Theme: Day by day the Lord added to their number those who were
being saved - Reading: Acts 2:43-47
Worship Lead - Mrs S Brown Preacher - Mr T Pethick All Age Talk - Rev R Wilde
- 24th May Theme: The birth of the Church; the promise is for you and for your children
Reading: Acts 2: 1-21,39
Worship Lead - Mrs J Lloyd Preacher - Rev Dr I Ballard Presider - Rev Dr I Ballard

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Details of the Locations of Early Evening Services

These services start at 5:30pm

- 26th April @ Kenilworth - Spirit & Sacrament
Preacher - Helen Cameron (Ex-President of Conference)
- 3rd May @ Whitnash
Community Hymn Sing
- 10th May @ Stratford - Spirit and Sacrament
- 17th May @ Wellesbourne - Taize
- 24th May @ Warwick Northgate - Spirit and Sacrament

Our Ministers Letter



Dear friends, My warmest greetings to you all.

In this Newsletter I would like to talk about recent developments at Bread Church. We are immensely grateful to all the people that give up their time and energy to make Bread Church happen, and not just happen, but happen in a way that is consistently welcoming, well-organised, fun – and delicious!

Recently, it has been a joy to welcome some friends from a local organisation that supports people with additional needs. They have been coming regularly for a few weeks now, along with their support workers, joining in with everything that happens at Bread Church. Every week we are thanked profusely for giving them this opportunity, but I always say that actually this is what we are here for, and it feels so good and right to be able to offer them this experience. If you haven't been to Bread Church recently, come and see what is going on!

During Lent, Bread Church met every week, rather than fortnightly, and in our times of worship before lunch we used a series of reflections written by **Graeme Russell**, our Church and Community Missioner, titled 'Bread Church - A Lenten Journey in Five Sessions'. I think they are beautiful, and perfect not just for Lent, and not just for Bread Church, but for any time of year and any situation. So here, with Graeme's permission, is an outline of them.

As Lent began, we focussed on **Hunger**: not just the hunger we feel in our bodies before bread is broken, but the deeper hunger we carry quietly through our days. This hunger can reveal itself in many ways: a hunger for rest, a hunger for healing, a hunger for meaning, a hunger for more of the presence of God. The season of Lent does not ask us to pretend we are satisfied, but invites us to notice what is empty. In the time of temptation in the wilderness, Jesus does not deny his hunger, or pretend it is not there. But neither does he let it define him. In the wilderness, he chooses trust over quick relief. Jesus chooses dependence over self-sufficiency. Are we willing to choose trust in God, and dependency on God?

Breaking: Every loaf begins with breaking - grain crushed, dough pressed, heat applied. What nourishes us has passed through pressure. We do not naturally welcome breaking - we resist it, or hide it, or try to fix it quickly. And yet, at the centre of our faith is broken bread. At the Last Supper, Jesus gathers with his closest friends. They are confused, anxious, yet unaware of what is about to unfold. In the middle of that uncertainty, Jesus takes bread, breaks it, and share it amongst his disciples, with the words "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Jesus shows us that love is willing to be broken so that others may be fed. And Jesus does not hide his vulnerability, but transforms it into gift. Compassion can grow in the very places we have been hurt. What feels fragile or broken in us right now? Can we imagine placing it gently into God's hands?



Waiting: We live in a world that rushes – always needing fast answers, or instant results, or immediate delivery. But bread refuses to hurry. Yeast works in silence. Rising cannot be forced. The psalms give voice to those who are waiting - waiting for rescue, waiting for clarity, waiting for morning to break. They remind us that waiting has always been part of faithful living. In Psalm 130 we read these words:

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

Waiting on God is not passive—it is an act of deep hope, even in the dark. Waiting is not giving up.

It is staying open, and refusing to let despair have the final word. Some of the most important transformations in us are happening where we cannot see them. Where in our lives are we being asked to wait – without forcing the outcome?

Sharing: Bread tastes different when shared. A table changes when others are welcomed. God created us to be relational beings - we were not made to live, or believe, alone. After the resurrection, the early believers had to learn how to live this new life of Jesus together. They did not have buildings, or committees, or the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church! But they had tables, and bread, and one another. We have spent more than one Sunday service looking at Acts 2: 42-47, which describes life in this new, fledgling community, and considering the book 'Holy Habits' which is based on this passage. From the very beginning, following Jesus meant sharing life at the table. Note the simplicity: they gathered, prayed, broke bread and were generous. Community is not built on perfection, but rather on presence. At Bread Church we do not merely share bread, delightful though that is. We inhabit a space that enables us to share our stories and our burdens, and, in so doing, discover grace. Who might God be inviting us to make room for at this time?

Giving: As the season of Lent draws us closer to the cross, we remember that love is not cautious. Love gives. As Jesus speaks about what lies ahead, he uses a simple image from the earth: a grain of wheat. Small and ordinary, easily overlooked, yet full of hidden possibility. Jesus said: "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit... Whoever serves me must follow me." In giving ourselves to Jesus, we find a doorway to fruitfulness.

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A grain must fall into the earth, and it disappears before it multiplies. This is the pattern of Christ's life – and the pattern he invites us into. Not self-erasure, but loving surrender: the kind that trusts God with the outcome. What we release in love is never wasted; what we offer to God is never lost. What might we need to release so that new life can grow?

Holy God,

You long to be part of every aspect of our lives:

Our hunger, our breaking,
our waiting and sharing,
our giving.

May we learn what it is to be nourished by you,
and, in being fed by you, feed others.

In the name of Jesus we pray,
the beautiful breaker of bread,
and our hope.

Amen

**May God bless you, those who you love, and those for whom you pray,
With my love and prayers,**

Sally



**The following two prayers were written and placed
in the Prayer Box at Bread Church recently**

A thank you to God for this day,
the friends we make
and time to play.
The songs we sing, the work we do.
The love we have.
All came from you

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I'm not asking for prayers, but would like to give thanks. Thanks for my daughters recent scan showing no signs of the tumour. And thanks for my own recovery and the incidents that led to the discovery of the Bread Church and all the wonderful, kind people that I have been blessed to meet and make bread and enjoy a meal with.

It has become the highlight of my week.
Thanks and bless you all.
A very happy Easter



Churches Together in Warwick

Prayer Breakfasts - are open to all and take place on the first **Saturday** of each month at **8am**, for 30 minutes of reflection and prayer, followed by a simple breakfast.



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

All are very welcome .

Next Prayer Breakfasts are on:-

April **11th** (Please note change of date) @ St Nicholas Church

May 2nd @ **Warwick Methodist Church**

June 6th @ Redeemed Christian Church of God (at The Gap Community Centre)

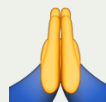
Friday 3rd April @11:45am - Good Friday Procession of Witness

Please gather by 11:45 at either - Castle Hill Baptist, New Life, St Mary Immaculate, St Pauls or Warwick Methodist Church to walk in procession to Market Place for a United Service at 12:15

Thank You

Ken and Beatrice would like to thank everyone who sent messages of love and prayers following the deaths of Kens brother, Emmanuel, and Beatrice's brother, Yace, while they were away in Ghana.

It was deeply appreciated.....



Flower Ministry

Would you like to contribute to the beautiful fresh flower decorations that grace our sanctuary each week?



You may like to donate towards the cost, perhaps for a special date in your calendar, help arrange the flowers, or even do your own arrangement one week.

Did you know there is a calendar of dates on the Church Noticeboard in the foyer for any special date particular to you.?

See Sylvia for more details

From the Leadership Team



The leadership team continues to meet every 5 or 6 weeks to discuss all aspects of church life, and we also meet quarterly to review the Five-Year Plan. We are on target to achieve the immediate priorities we identified in the plan. Please remember us in your prayers. This time last year we were still fund raising for our refurbishment project, and now we have achieved our objective of making our community centre premises more desirable, both for our own use and to prospective hirers and other community groups. Since Christmas the lower ground floor toilets have been upgraded, and other decorating, by church volunteers, is in the pipeline. Thanks to everyone for their generosity in giving both time and money.

As part of our aim to improve our communications, we have purchased some new noticeboards, so that we can have some solely for church purposes and others for community notices. We aim to improve our signage soon. The biggest challenge is to improve our on-line presence, and we may well have to create a new website. Do let us know what you like about our existing website, and what you think could be improved. If you see a good feature on another church's website, please share a link so that we can look at it. If you know anyone with web skills, please let us know!

If you have any matters that you wish to discuss, please do speak to one of the stewards, and share any ideas that will help us move forward as a church, we don't claim to have all the answers!

We launched our new pastoral support system at the Covenant service, with the aim of improving the support we offer to our members and adherents. We hope that everyone is making contact with the members of their pastoral group; remember to pass on any concerns to your pastoral link and then on to Janice, the pastoral secretary, or Rev Sally. Bread Church (2nd & 4th Tuesdays) continues to be well supported, and we regularly have new faces joining us. Over the last couple of months, we have welcomed some young adults with learning disabilities who go to the Avon Support day-centre on Lower Cape, and their support workers. We are going to support Trevor and Ian by building a team of regular volunteers on a Tuesday morning, so please consider putting your name down for once a month.

We hope to see yet more people at TLC on a Tuesday morning, with people dropping in for fellowship with their church friends, just as they used to on a Saturday morning.

Remember that you can still do that on the first Saturday of each month as the Pre-Loved shop is open then and continues to meet a community need for low-cost clothing and household goods; refreshments are served from 10am-1pm.



As we approach Easter, please help us boost attendance at regular and special events by inviting your friends and neighbours; there is a small leaflet that you can take and share. The dates can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

From the end of April, we are looking forward to the new experience of regular worship with our Methodist friends from around the circuit, as we come together on five Sundays for “One Church to Pentecost” (1C2P) worship at the Bridgehouse Theatre on the Warwick School site. Our “Into the Light” house group will meet weekly on Thursday evenings during this period, so if you’ve considered joining us this would be a good time to start.

Anne Oliver
Senior Steward

Dates for the Spring!



29th March: Palm Sunday

2nd April: Maundy Thursday service @7pm

3rd April: Good Friday service @ 11am followed by the Walk of Witness

4th April: Pre-Loved Shop + Refreshments

5th April: Easter Sunday 9am breakfast; 10.30 am Communion.

Coffee after the service in Church.

7th April: Holiday Club 10.30-12

14th April: Bread Church resumes every 2nd & 4th Tuesday

26th April – 24th May: 10.30 am each Sunday One Church to Pentecost worship at the Bridgehouse Theatre, Warwick School, Myton Road. More details on pages 7,8 and 9

2nd May: Pre-Loved Shop + Refreshments

24th May: Spirit & Sacrament service at 5.30pm @ Northgate

26th May: Holiday Club

31st May: Church Anniversary with Holy Communion

Keep a look out for future events, this is not an inexhaustive list!!

Date for your Diary!



Monday May 4th - (Bank Holiday Monday)

Join us at Peck Wood
for a walk amongst the Bluebells!

Where?

Peck Wood Centre, Alvechurch
B48 7QE

What time?

Meet at Peckwood @ 2pm

Have a chat to your friends and arrange lifts,
And see you there!

A number of Northgate folk had a lovely afternoon last year, see picture below!



Two 90-year-old men, Mike and Joe, have been friends all of their lives.

When it's clear that Joe is dying, Mike visits him every day. One day, Mike says, "Joe, we both loved football all our lives, and we played football on Saturdays together for so many years. Please do me one favour, when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's football there."

Joe looks up at Mike from his deathbed, "Mike, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you."

Shortly after that, Joe passes on.

At midnight a couple of nights later, Mike is awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, "Mike--Mike."

"Who is it? asks Mike, sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?"

"Mike--it's me, Joe."

"You're not Joe. Joe just died."

"I'm telling you, it's me, Joe," insists the voice.

"Joe! Where are you?"

"In heaven", replies Joe. "I have some really good news and a little bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," says Mike.

"The good news," Joe says, "is that there's football in heaven. Better yet, all of our old friends who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always springtime, and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play football all we want, and we never get tired."

That's fantastic," says Mike. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?"

"You're in the team for Saturday's game."

Here is an update of what is happening at Whitnash Methodist Church.....

Nourish Whitnash

Nourish Whitnash is a South Warwickshire Methodist Circuit Community Project, rooted in faith, compassion, and a deep commitment to serving our local community. Our vision is to create a welcoming hub that nourishes people in body, mind, and soul, ensuring that everyone in Whitnash has access to practical support, meaningful connection, and spaces that promote wellbeing.

At the heart of the project is our new Community Fridge, offering accessible food support to individuals and families who may be facing financial pressure or food insecurity. By redistributing surplus food and encouraging community sharing, the fridge reduces waste while ensuring that good food is available to all — without stigma.

Alongside this, we are developing a vibrant community garden space designed to be both productive and restorative. The garden will include:

- A Grow Your Own space, where residents can learn to cultivate fresh produce, build skills, and gain confidence through hands-on experience.
- A Quiet Corner, providing a peaceful area for reflection, prayer, conversation, and rest — supporting mental and emotional wellbeing.

These outdoor spaces will encourage connection with nature, foster intergenerational relationships, and create opportunities for volunteering and learning.

Indoors, our established Weekly Warm Space continues to provide a safe and welcoming environment where people can gather, share hot meals and drinks, and experience friendship and support — particularly during colder months when isolation and financial pressures can intensify.

Through practical care, shared meals, green space, and community connection, Nourish Whitnash seeks to reflect Christian values in action — offering hospitality, dignity, and hope to all.

Nourish Whitnash is neighbours supporting neighbours, growing a stronger and more compassionate community together.

***Graeme Russell - Church Community Missioner for
Warwick, Wellesbourne and Whitnash Methodist Churches***

Foodbank Report

The need continues in our area. Thank you for your continued support.

Donations of food can continue to be made via the box in our church entrance hall and at participating local supermarkets.

You can always check what the current “most needed” items are via the Warwick District Foodbank website and its Facebook page which are kept updated.

Currently those items are:

- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned rice pudding
- Squash (small)
- Shaving foam/gel
- Razors
- Oat milk
- Multipack crisps/snacks
- Easter eggs
- Deodorant
- Cooking oil
- Chocolate
- Bags for life



David Witham



Do you want latest news and information?

please check out the website, it is updated every Friday

www.warwickmethodistchurch.org.uk

The next edition of Northgate News will be for :-
JUNE/JULY 2026



Don't forget you can advertise and share your news for dates and months **beyond** those in this newsletter -

Please send any articles/contributions by the
Deadline date of Sunday May 24th

To: noelle_trevor@hotmail.co.uk
Have a chat to me at Church, or contact me on 07962232158

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the gentle night to you.

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.

*Deep peace of Christ,
the light of the world to you.*



John Rutter