



Northgate News



News and events for Summer

June, July, August 2026

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



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

***Coffee, tea are served
after the service***

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
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The next edition of Northgate News will be for :-
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER



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 23RD AUGUST**

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



*Do you want latest news and information?
please check out the website, it is updated
every Friday
www.warwickmethodistchurch.org.uk*

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*

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

Prayer Circle



There is a quiet corner by the 'Prayer Net',
where there is a box for
confidential requests for prayer.



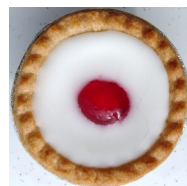
Or you can contact the prayer circle through

Rev Sally 01926 740846 or Ann 01926 774734

Breaking News

Police have discovered a large amount of counterfeit
Mr Kipling Bakewell Tarts.

A spokesman said,
'they were exceedingly good fakes'



Community Tuesdays



Bread Church

Come along to enjoy fellowship and friendship



**Bread Church will be meeting on
9th June, 23rd June and 14th July
There will then be a summer break until 8th September**

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



SUNDAY AUGUST 9TH - CAFE/BREAD CHURCH At 10:30am

On Sunday August 9th, we will be using both the Church and Community Centre for worship, based on what happens at Bread Church. This will be an opportunity to bake bread and scones, looking back on past reflections - plus lunch at 12 noon!

Soup and Bun - but different! Do come and join us.

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?

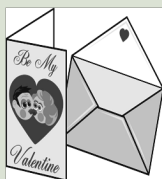
**Come to a Pilates Class on Wednesday mornings
10:00am - 11am in the Community Centre, Barrack St, Warwick**

*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

Lord,

There are moments when I hear your voice, soft, yet insistent.
Your voice, coming, not from some cloudy heaven
above, beyond, but somehow centred in the people I ignore.

And when I take my courage in both hands -
and doing that means putting down my diary first -
and turn to them, I find I've turned to you.

Among the lonely.
You are the neighbour I ignored.
The injured on the Jericho road.

From 'Facing the Storm', meditations and prayers by Eddie Askew

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 .

Next Prayer Breakfasts are on:-

June 6th @ The Redeemed Christian Church of God (The Gap Community Centre)
July 4th @ Chase Meadow Community Centre
Aug 1st @ St Mary Collegiate
Sept 5th @ Castle Hill Baptist Church

All are very welcome .

Thank You

Pauline Parker and all the family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishers for John who remains ill in the Rehabilitation Hospital



“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.” –

James Dent





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.

As part of our aim to improve our communications, we need to improve our on-line presence and have started to put together ideas 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. The new noticeboards will have their headings up in the next few days; please place your notices on the appropriate boards.

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. As our Junior Church members are rapidly growing up, we have decided to rename their session as "Young Church", you will notice the change in the prayer of dismissal. We are very grateful to the three leaders who give their time to work with our lovely young people.

I am writing this at the end of May after our first service back in our own church after five weeks at the Bridgehouse Theatre for "One Church to Pentecost". As someone said this morning, it was rather like coming home after a fantastic holiday. The five weeks of worshipping amongst approximately 180 people, with a band and variety of leaders was an uplifting experience, where we were able to praise God and our worship was enhanced due to the sheer scale of it. We were very pleased to see how many of our Warwick & Whitnash members were there each week. Our Church Anniversary this morning was a smaller affair, just under 50, but it was good to be home and share communion in our own church, presided over by Rev'd Sally.

The reality of the situation which led to this experiment of all the churches worshipping together was highlighted when we received The Plan for June, July & August. There aren't enough preachers to fulfil all the appointments, and each of the four large churches have 4 Local Arrangements in the quarter. Many of our local preachers are reaching an age where they feel less able to travel, and/or commit to as many services each quarter. If you feel that you would like to explore the possibility of becoming more involved in leading worship, maybe as a Worship Leader, then please speak to Sally or myself.

We are very grateful to the members of the leadership team who have offered to take these local arrangement services, there are more details in the list of dates.

I will be away for 4 weeks in June and including the first week of July.

Please contact Julie or Sylvia during my absence, thank you.

Anne Oliver
Senior Steward



Dates for your Summer Diary!



7th June: No 10.30 service; **Faith lunch** from 12 noon followed by the **General Church Meeting**.

21st June: **Holy Communion** Revd. Dr. Iain Ballard

28th June: **Songs of Praise** from your school days; please let Julie have your choices

12th July: **Church Picnic** following the morning service, approx. 12.30 at Hill Close Gardens

19th July: **Holy Communion** Revd. Sally Jones plus a celebration of Golden & Diamond Weddings.

9th August: **Bread Church** comes to Sunday morning worship!

23rd August: **Holy Communion** Revd. Sally Jones.

HOLIDAY CLUB will take place on most, but not all of the Tuesdays during the summer holidays. Please see the poster nearer the time for exact dates.

Poster on back page of this **newsletter!**

There is a simplified copy of The Plan, showing all the services, available for all on the table in the church porch; please take one.



Our Ministers Letter



*Dear friends,
My warmest greetings to you all.*

As I write, we have just returned to Sunday worship in our own church building after five weeks of worshipping in the Bridge House Theatre, for One Church to Pentecost.

Thank you to everyone who attended, and helped in any way. The numbers attending indicated that the project was generally well-received across the Circuit, although this was by no means universal. The staff and Circuit Leadership Team are now in a period of review and discernment as to what might come next, and when, or if, this might take place.

Being one can be a challenge! God has made us unique human beings - we are very different personalities, with different likes and dislikes. Marmite or no Marmite? Red sauce or brown? Jam first or cream first on your *scohne* (or is it a *scon*?!).

And we all like different ways of worshipping. We all have different ways of drawing closer to God; in our worship we set some of those differences aside for the joy of worshipping together as one. This is part of the delight and the challenge of being human, that we can both cherish our similarities, and live well with our differences.

But being one is also a delight. There is a sense of connection when we meet someone new, get talking, and realise we have something in common. There is also a sense of profound wellbeing when we join together with people with similar interests. This is why worshipping together is so important. Our son-in-law has just sent us a video of him and our daughter playing in the Whit Friday brass band march competitions in Saddleworth and Oldham (dressed as Vikings and playing Abba!). The joy of being together, celebrating music and banding, and, let's be quite honest, accompanying all this with a jar or two, comes through – dancing in the street, singing along, with laughter and goodwill.

There is a strong sense of oneness.

Jesus had very clear ideas about oneness. In John 17 we read these words:

²⁰ 'I ask not only on behalf of these, [the disciples] but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.



These verses capture the heart of Jesus' prayer for all future believers: a longing for unity, glory, and intimacy with God. At its core, the passage reveals that Christian unity is not merely organisational, but rooted in sharing the very life of God.

Jesus prays "that all of them may be one," a unity formed from the relationship between the Father and the Son—which is profound, and transformative. This unity becomes the Church's witness to the world, showing that the Father truly sent the Son.

Jesus also speaks of giving believers the glory the Father gave him. This is not earthly fame or prestige, but the radiant life of God shared with humanity. It is the restoration of what was lost and the anticipation of what will be fully revealed. The prayer reaches its climax in Jesus' desire that his followers "be with me where I am," revealing his longing for eternal communion. Salvation is not simply rescue; it is an invitation into divine fellowship, divine oneness.

Jesus' words reveal a God who desires closeness, who draws people into divine love, and who forms a community shaped by that love. It challenges believers to live out this unity and glory in the present world.

Oneness is precious. The briefest of glances at the news headlines confirm what we already know, that we live in an increasingly fractured and divided world. The setting aside of difference for the common good is a noble aim, but humanity on its own cannot achieve it. Only the unifying power of God the Creator, Christ the Saviour and the energising Holy Spirit can bring this about. The power of repentance, of turning to God and away from all that causes sin, is a unifying power, and we pray for this to be more and more apparent in our daily lives, our church life, and in the world beyond our church walls.

This prayer is by Peter Sheasby, and it may help us in our desire for oneness:

We pray for the world,
torn apart by hatred, rent in two by conflict,
broken by dishonesty, disfigured by cruelty,
full of suspicion, intolerance and loathing.

Teach us how truly to love, that the world may be one.

We pray for the world,
starving because of selfishness, thirsty for clean water,
cold for want of a roof, dying for lack of medicine,
full of complacency, greed and ignorance.

Teach us how truly to love, that the world may be one.

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We pray for the world,
wanting to help and not hinder, willing to give and not receive,
open to share and not to withhold, loving as well as is known,
full of goodwill, ideals and sympathy.

Teach us how truly to love, that the world may be one.

God, who loves fully, truly, deeply,
help us to show our love by actions and words,
so that the world may be united as one,
and all may live in harmony with equality.
In the name of Jesus, who gave himself in love for all. **Amen.**

Oneness, as well as connection, and joy, also brings hope, a precious commodity, which we all need more of. Hope is possible, because God loves us, and Jesus, the earthly demonstration of that love, has come and shared our life, and continues to pray for us now.

So, in the words of Romans 15:13, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. And may God bless you, those whom you love, and those you are called to love in God's name,

*With my love and prayers,
Sally*

Friends of Homewood Summer Fair
Saturday July 4th at Homewood, Leamington Spa
2pm - 4pm



Various stalls, Cakes, Refreshments
Do come along to support and enjoy hopefully a sunny afternoon!!

**Please note that this will be the last Summer Fair organised by the Friends of Homewood, as the committee is disbanding. This is mainly because other MHA homes don't have Friends who organise fundraising and MHA headquarters like MHA fundraising to go through them, so the money can be used where it is most needed.*

**You are invited to come and enjoy a Summer's Afternoon Worship
in the lovely Warwickshire countryside.
Sunday, 19th July at 4pm**



Immanuel's Ground West Gallery Quire is leading the music for a Book of Common Prayer Evensong at the church of St James, Walton d'Eivile, Wellesbourne at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday 19th July. St James is a lovely chapel that used to serve the village of Walton and the former estate of Walton Hall, now a hotel. As part of the Wellesbourne group of Anglican churches it still has regular services and due to its lovely setting is in demand for weddings. The small but loyal congregation always give a friendly welcome to all visitors, and Immanuel's Ground has for many years been on their invitation list of visiting musicians for services and concerts. If you need a peaceful summer afternoon in the countryside with music and worship, they will undoubtedly give you a warm welcome, as will the quire.

St James is quite a way off the main road but couldn't be easier to find, as it's just in front of the hotel. The address is Walton Hall Hotel & Spa, Jubilee Drive, Wellesbourne, CV35 9HU. Take B4086 going out of Wellesbourne in the direction of Kineton and close to where the 30 mph limit finishes, at the Hotel sign, turn right into Jubilee Drive. Stay on this very long single-track road, with lots of passing places, which merges into the hotel drive – don't be tempted to turn off where the public road bends right, always straight on until you can't go any further, then turn right in front of some modern low rise apartments with parking on the right hand side which you may use or proceed a little further and turn left into the main hotel car park which is also available. The church is set back among some trees between the apartments and the hotel and has toilets in a separate wooden chalet but in times of high demand you can head for hotel reception and use theirs – the hotel staff are very kind to visiting church goers! I hope to see some of you there.



Ian Meddoms



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

In July and August

3 couples in our church are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversaries!

July 2nd **Frank and Gill Collier**. They were married at St Matthews Church, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

Also on the same date, **Ian and Barbara Meddoms**, married here at Northgate.

And on August 13th, **Roger and Janice Thompson** will be celebrating their special day.

Rev Sally has arranged that these celebrations will be acknowledged on Sunday 19th July, when she will be leading our communion service.

Our Love and Congratulations to you all!



Congratulations

John and Pauline Parker are very proud of their son Jonathan (Chaplain to Bishop Dorrien Davis) On 26th March Jonathan was licenced by the Bishop of St Davids Cathedral, Pembrokeshire, as the Rev Canon Jonathan Parker (Stall of Caerfarchell) He now has his own chair and coat of arms in the Cathedral.

They wanted to share this with you all.

Thank you for sharing Pauline!

Many congratulations

Forthcoming Services at Warwick Northgate

All services at 10:30am unless otherwise stated

- June 7th** There will be **NO SERVICE at 10:30am**
Do join us at **12:30** when there will be a **FAITH LUNCH**
followed by the **GENERAL CHURCH MEETING**
- June 14th** Mrs Jill Lloyd
- June 21st** Rev Iain Ballard - Holy Communion
- June 28th** Local Arrangement - led by Julie Barr
' Songs of Praise from your Youth'
- July 5th** Dr Denys Hill
- July 12th** Local Arrangement - led by David Witham
Followed by the Church Picnic!
Look out for further details in the weekly notices!
- July 19th** Rev Sally Jones - Holy Communion
- July 26th** Rev Richard Wilde
- August 2nd** Mrs Vanessa Caley
- August 9th** Local Arrangement - led by Trevor Blades
CAFÉ/BREAD CHURCH - with lunch at 12 noon
See page 4 - look out for further details
- August 16th** Mrs Anne Oliver
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- August 23rd** Rev Sally Jones - Holy Communion
- August 30th** Rev Sally Jones



**Please join us for tea and coffee after the service,
ALL are welcome**



WARWICK METHODIST CHURCH

Barrack Street, Warwick CV34 4TH

HOLIDAY CLUB

“God of Everything!”



Where: Warwick Methodist Church

When: Tuesdays 21st, 28th July; 11th, 18th & 25th August

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!

CRAFT + FUN + FOOD + FRIENDS

Bring your own picnic lunch if you'd like to stay on at 12

See you there!