

LICHFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY 30th JUNE 2019

Privacy Policy: The Methodist Church Privacy Policy is available to be viewed on the Circuit Website (tamworthandlichfieldmethodist.org.uk) and a paper copy is available from the Church Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR those recently bereaved. Pray for the grandchildren of Ann and Peter Jenkins - Eliza (Daughter of Matthew) and Rohan (son of David) particularly for Rohan, who was born with no oesophagus. Pray for all those known to you who are in need and continue to hold up to God in prayer all those whose names have featured here recently. Pray too for all those in residential homes, for those affected by life-threatening conditions, and for continued healing for everyone in need.

Please also pray for the Live at Home Scheme and the 'Open Door of Hope' meetings, and for the congregation of our Church at Shenstone. Finally, pray for fellow Christians in Eritrea, Somalia, Sudan, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela and Burma.

LARGE PRINT: If anyone finds it difficult to read the words in the song books or on the screen, please ask the stewards for a large print copy.

FOR THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK we thank Jenny and John Yates, who have given them in loving memory of her dear Mum, Kay.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO BE MENTIONED IN THE PRAYER LIST OR WOULD LIKE TO BE MENTIONED YOURSELF, please send an e-mail to LichMCnotices@gmail.com or speak to one of the stewards or door stewards.

NEWCOMERS to our church are invited to complete a Welcome Card, which can be obtained from any of the Door Stewards. Once filled in, the cards can either be given to one of the Door Stewards, or placed in the collection plate.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

Today, Sunday 30th June 2019

Lectionary Readings (Page numbers are for the Church Bibles):

2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14 (p290); Psalm 77:1-2,11-20 (p467);
Luke 9:51-62 (p843); Galatians 5:1,13-25 (p948)

So I run straight towards the goal in order to win the prize which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above.

	9am	Early Morning Worship led by Mrs Dawn Turton
	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Rev Roger Baker
	6.30pm	Praise Evening Worship led by Mr Pete Williams
	6.45-8.15pm	Youth Fellowship
Mon-Fri	9.30am-12 noon	Live at Home Scheme Office Open.
Mon 1 Jul	1pm	'Open Door of Hope'
	7-8pm	Boys' Brigade - Presentation Evening - everyone is welcome to come and support the Boys.
Tue 2 Jul	9.30am	Prayer Meeting
	10am-12noon	Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
	1pm	Bible Class
	2.30pm	Methodist Women in Britain: Wendy Thompson: Isaac Watts
	6.15pm	Brownies
Wed 3 Jul	10am-11.45am	Tiddlers' Toddlers
Thu 4 Jul	10am-12noon	Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
	10am	Lichfield Memory Café
Fri 5 Jul	10am-1.30pm	Coffee Shop - Coffee and Lunches
	12noon	'Tuesday Club Ladies Who Lunch' - see below
	5.45pm	Brownies
Sat 6 Jul	8.30am	Men's Bible Study - see below
	10am-1.30pm	Coffee Shop - Coffee and Lunches
	7pm	Focus Group - see below
Sun 7 Jul	9am	Communion Service led by Rev Roger Baker
	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Dawn Turton
	5.30-6.45pm	'Participate!' - for 8-14 year olds, in the Church Hall
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by Mr Patrick Hughes
	6.45-8.15pm	Youth Fellowship

THIS SUNDAY'S PRAISE EVENING (30th June) will be led by Pete Williams from Market Drayton who will be preaching on the theme "Making God feel at home".

BIBLE MONTH JUNE 2019 - during the month of June we are sharing in Bible Month, studying the book of Colossians rather than following the normal lectionary readings. If you have not already had a leaflet indicating the readings and themes for each week, please take one from the back of the Church. You might like to read the bible reading prior to the Sunday service as preparation. There are questions to ponder each week to help you think more deeply about the theme.

'TUESDAY CLUB LADIES WHO LUNCH': The next meeting will be on **FRIDAY 5th July**, 12noon for 12.30 at 'The Saxon Penny' (near Waitrose) on Darwin Park. All ladies are very welcome if only for a cup of tea/coffee.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The next "First Saturday" Men's Bible Study Group will be on **Saturday 6th July** at "Coffee #1" on Baker's Lane (opposite Argos), starting at 8.30am. All welcome, especially men who find it less convenient to participate in weekday events.

FOCUS GROUP: Saturday 6th July, 7pm. At the home of Anne Carter. New members always welcome to this 'bring-and-share' meal, followed by discussion on current affairs from a Christian perspective. If you hope to come, please ring Anne on 250186.

WHAT'S ON LATER...

HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH' Helen Emery of Wade Street Church is a board member of the Lichfield Festival and she thought this would be of interest to fellow Christians. Handel's 'Messiah' is being performed at Lichfield Cathedral on **Monday 8th July** at 7.15pm. The choir is made up of local singers, so we are really keen to pack in a supportive audience for what will be a high-quality performance. More details at <https://www.lichfieldfestival.org/events-in-lichfield/the-messiah-come-and-sing/> She also feels that it is appropriate to pray for this event - that the participants experience the real Messiah in a personal way. Many thanks.

COFFEE MORNING AND BRING AND BUY: Please call in for coffee, tea and cake on **Wednesday 10th July** from 10.30am to 12.30pm at 17 Longbridge Road for a donation of £3 in aid of church funds. A chance to meet for a chat and with old friends and new. Bobby Hewitt 263419.

HARVEST CAFE CHURCH - On Sunday 15th September as part of the All Age Worship we shall be trying out Cafe style church. There will be different activities, discussion groups and stations for reflection, and a quiet space. If you would like to be involved in the planning of this event, please come along to a meeting on **Thursday 11th July**, 7.30 pm in the church. Thank you.

FILM NIGHT: Saturday 13th July, in the church at 7.00 pm we shall be showing 'The Greatest Showman' singalong. Free entry to the film, snacks available to purchase. Come along for a great evening and bring a friend.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The young people of "Participate" invite everyone to join them for a picnic in Beacon Park on **Sunday afternoon 21st July** - watch out for more information nearer the date.

OTHER NOTICES...

THANK YOU! Dorothy and Richard Coleman would like to thank friends at church for the gift of flowers. A real morale booster at the present time.

THE METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK 2019/20 'Responding to the Gospel' will be available at the end of August. If you would like to order a copy, please sign the sheet on the notice board in the concourse. The cost this year will be £3.50 for A5, £3.95 for a large print edition—please indicate on the sign-up sheet alongside your name which edition you would like. Payment can be cheque (payable to Tamworth and Lichfield Circuit) or cash - please place in an envelope and post into the church office for the attention of Gill Woolf (Please make sure you write your name on the envelope along with the words 'Prayer handbook payment'). Any queries please speak to Gill Woolf

HELP WITH TRAILBLAZERS DURING THE SUMMER. From the 28th July to the 25th August inclusive there will be one morning service at 10am. Whilst the normal Trailblazers staff have a summer break it is hoped that others might be able to help to provide children's activities. There are lots of resources in the Trailblazers cupboard. If you can help out at all please can you sign up on the sheet on the notice board in the concourse. Thank you very much.

SOUND DESK: If you would like to learn how to use the sound desk and run it during services please contact Matt Bates (263742 or mattwbates@talktalk.net). It's not too difficult and you'll get lots of feedback.

LITTLE FISHES TODDLER GROUP AT ALREWAS METHODIST CHURCH is a lively and caring toddler group that meets every Wednesday morning in term time at Alrewas Methodist Church. It is a joint project with All Saints Parish Church. We are desperately in need of some new volunteers to help with setting everything up, serving tea/ toast and other snacks, washing up, and tidying up - and talking to the parents, grandparents and other carers who bring their little ones. If you could help us - or know someone who could - please contact Rev Jo Thornton on revjo@hotmail.co.uk or on 01543 253744.

CHURCH STEWARDS - There has been a change of personnel in the Stewards team as follows Barbara Barker (Senior Steward), Ann Newell, Annette Phillips, Howard Thompson, Cathy Ackroyd, Jon Woolf, Tina Hayes. We are still one steward short, so if you feel you would like to join our team, or have any concerns, you are welcome to speak to us any time. Many thanks to our retiring Stewards, Jane Parker and Anne Brown for their hard work and support.

TRANSPORT APPEAL: The next fundraising events, all within the city, will be on 29th June, 10th July and early August. If you would be able to provide transport to and from any of these events it would be greatly appreciated by those wishing to attend, but who do not have the means of getting there. Please would you let David or Jane Parker tel 418193 or Don Male tel 252653 know if you are able to help. If anyone is still considering holding an event, however small, dates are still available for late August and early September.

'3Generate' (METHODIST YOUTH WEEKEND IN SOUTHPORT) - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There are awesome volunteering opportunities at 3Generate! Why not take a look and see which role might be right for you? 22-24 November www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/3generate/volunteering

I'VE DONE IT! Katy's Wing-Walk for Bowel & Cancer Research: On Thursday 27th June Katy Buxton successfully completed her sponsored "wing walk". Many thanks to all those who have already sponsored her. If anyone else would like to contribute please see Chris Buxton, sign the form on the notice board or go to: <https://www.bowelcancerresearch.org/fundraisers/kates-flight-fundraising-page>
Thank you very much indeed.

LICHFIELD FOODBANK: We need pasta sauce jars, coffee, tinned custard and long-life milk, please. Thank you for your continuing support.

GROUP MEETINGS OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAY PERIOD: Would leaders of groups please advise Chris Buxton, LichMCnotices@gmail.com, as soon as possible of the dates of their final meeting BEFORE the break **and** of the first meeting AFTER the break. Thank you.

RECORDINGS OF SERVICES - A number of our services are recorded as a matter of course and CDs of the most recent ones can be found in the rack by the office for you to borrow and return. You can also have your own copy in MP3 format sent to you by email. If you would like this, please email paul.mcdermott@btinternet.com
Recordings of circuit and other special services can also be downloaded from the circuit website.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE: Any items relating to the maintenance of the Church buildings should be referred, please, to Chris Buxton, (523607) or by e-mail to LichMCnotices@gmail.com Thank you.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE NOTICES: There will be just **three** sets of notices to cover the period from 21st July to 31st August, as follows:

Issue Date:	Also covers weeks beginning:	DEADLINE date for copy, 10pm on:
21 st July	28 th July	Wednesday 17 th July
4 th August	11 th August	Wednesday 31 st July
18 th August	25 th August	Wednesday 15 th August

Weekly notices will resume on 1st September (Deadline **Wednesday 29th August.**) Please send items for inclusion in these notices for to LichMCnotices@gmail.com or to Chris Buxton via the pigeon-holes **not later than the above deadlines.** Thank you.

SCREEN NOTICES:- Please send notices for the screen on Tamworth Street to LMC.screens@gmail.com

KEEP UP TO DATE!:- To receive the notices regularly by email, please email request to LichMCnotices@gmail.com. The weekly notices can be found on the LMC section of the front page of the Circuit website: <https://www.tamworthandlichfieldmethodist.org.uk/churches/lichfield/weekly-notices/>

NOTICES:- Please send items for inclusion in the notices for 7th July 2019 to LichMCnotices@gmail.com or to Chris Buxton 523607 or via the pigeon-holes **not later than 10pm on Wednesday 3rd July.**

WHEN YOU ASK TO HAVE SOMETHING PUT IN THE NOTICES, which includes any of your personal details, eg. Email, address, phone number etc, such details will be made publicly available and you are giving your consent so to publish.