

LICHFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY, 14th JULY 2019

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PLEASE PRAY FOR those recently bereaved. Pray for Viv and Peter Wilkes' 7-year old grandson, Zachary, who is undergoing tests at Birmingham Children's hospital, 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 Bible Studies, the Causeway Group and Tiddlers' Toddlers, and for the congregation of our Church at Glascote. Finally, pray for fellow Christians in Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

FOR THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK we thank Dorothy & Richard Coleman, who have given them for their family.

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.

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.

COMMUNION BREAD: For those people who are not able to tolerate ordinary bread that is usually given out at the Communion Services please note that Gluten Free bread is now available on request from those serving the Communion or speak to the Communion Steward in advance of the service.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

Today, Action for Children Sunday, 14th July 2019

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

Psalms 82 (p472); Amos 7:7-17 (p748);

Luke 10:25-37 (p844); Colossians 1:1-14 (p956)

Search me, O God, and know my heart today; try me, O God, and know my thoughts, I pray; cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

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| 9am | Early Morning Worship led by Rev Roger Baker followed by 'Birthday Refreshments' - see below |
| 10.30am | Communion Service led by Rev Roger Baker followed by 'Birthday Refreshments' - see below |
| 6.30pm | Evening Worship led by Mr Brian Whitehouse followed by 'Birthday Refreshments' - see below |
| 6.30pm | Youth at Whitemoor Lakes (7-9pm, meet at Church at 6.30pm for transport) |
| Mon-Fri | 9.30am-12 noon Live at Home Scheme Office Open. |
| Mon 15 Jul | 1pm 'Open Door of Hope' |
| Tue 16 Jul | 9.30am Prayer Meeting
10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
NO Bible Class
2.30pm Methodist Women in Britain: Ann Craddock,
"To God be the Glory" |
| Wed 17 Jul | 10am-11.45am Tiddlers' Toddlers
7.30pm The "Hands House Group" will be at 25 Harrington Walk. |
| Thu 18 Jul | 10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
10am Lichfield Memory Café |
| Fri 19 Jul | 10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
6.30pm 'Causeway' meeting for adults with learning disabilities |
| Sat 20 Jul | 8.30am Men's Breakfast - see below
10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes |
| Sun 21 Jul | 9am Early Morning Worship led by Mr John Wilcox
10.30am All-Age Worship led by Mrs Gill Woolf
All are invited to the 'Participate' picnic - see below
6.30pm Communion Service led by Rev Roger Baker
6.45-8.15pm Youth Fellowship |

BIRTHDAY REFRESHMENTS. There isn't a '4th Sunday' in July for the 9.00 and 10.30 congregations to enjoy refreshments together between services because 28th July will be the first joint 10.00 Summer service. However, Ann Seaton is celebrating one of those 'milestone' birthdays in July. On 14th July there will be cake for everyone at all three services and so there will be refreshments **between the two morning services on that date as well as after 10.30 and 6.30.** As Ann doesn't need anything, she has asked that people give her a donation in lieu of gift/card and the money will then go to charity. Many thanks for your support.

INVITATION TO ALL: The young people of "Participate" invite everyone to join them for a picnic in Beacon Park on **Sunday afternoon 21st July** - 4.30-6.30pm in Beacon Park by the Children's play area. All welcome. Includes sponsored basketball shoot by young people and leaders to raise money for '3Generate' trip.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 8.30-9.45am Saturday 20th July. An opportunity to get to know each other better and to share in some informal discussion around the breakfast table at The Acorn in Tamworth Street. While not in any way intended to be exclusive, those whose working patterns mean that they have less opportunity to participate in weekday activities are particularly invited to come along. For more information please speak to Mark Hambly (07815 152181) or Rev Roger Baker.

WHAT'S ON LATER...

MENS LUNCH: Friday 26th July at The Turnpike, Ryknild St. from 12 noon. We welcome any chaps at this informal get together, no need to book, but if you would like more information ring Don Male 252653. We look to welcome newcomers.

HARVEST SUPPER hosted by young people- the young people of the Church are planning a harvest cook-in on the afternoon of **Saturday 14th September** and invite everyone to come along at 6pm to sample food from around the world and find out how we can help other people by twinning our toilets.

OTHER NOTICES...

ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY - 14th July. 150 years ago today, a Methodist minister in London's East End, Rev Thomas Stephenson took in a group of destitute children. From this beginning grew National Children's Home, which is now Action for Children, one of the largest organisations to help families- while it still has some residential care, its focus is on helping families, children at risk, adoption, and fostering. A close link with the Methodist Church is maintained. On this Sunday could you help them by donating in the envelopes in the seats, and by praying for their work. (we are reusing old street collection envelopes to be environmentally friendly!) Do contact Don Male 252653 if you would like to know more or be a liaison person with Action for Children. Thanks.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Kate Buxton would like to thank the people from Church very much for supporting her sponsored Wing-Walk to raise money for the Bowel and Cancer Charity. She enjoyed the experience very much, which fortunately took place on a warm cloudless day, and has to date raised over £1500 for the Charity from all sources. Thank you very much again.

SHOEBOX APPEAL: We shall be sharing in the Shoebox Appeal again this year, however, the Church Council have approved the decision to use a new charity called Teams4U. Dave Cooke who is the founder of this charity is coming to the 10.30 am service on the 8th September to share with us about the work of the charity. As usual shoe boxes can be filled with gifts for a child; additionally, a Home Box can be filled with useful home items, if you prefer. Filled boxes will be transported to vulnerable children and families living in Eastern Europe. Leaflets are available if you wish to start collecting items for your shoe box early! The boxes will be received and dedicated at the November All Age worship. Further details from Gill Woolf.

STORAGE SPACE: We have a newly retired minister coming to live in Lichfield (Rev Ken Howcroft) at the end of July. He is wondering if anyone has some spare storage space for some boxes of books. He is not going to be able to keep all his books and will need to sort through them, but for now cannot have all of them in his new house as there is simply not enough space. It is just on a temporary basis. Has anyone got some space in a room, garage, or dry shed that they would be prepared to temporarily loan? If you could help, please have a word with me over the next couple of weeks. Thank you. Roger._

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

'THE PLANETS': Anyone who watched this recent series by Professor Brian Cox might wish to read a report, in simpler scientific language. Contact John Wilcox (see Plan) who has produced a summary of Brian's up-to-date discovery, with comments of a `spiritual` nature.

GREENHOUSE: If anybody is interested in an Aluminium Greenhouse, 6 feet long by 8 feet wide, please contact Valerie Cartwright 262695.

SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICES: From the 28th July to the 25th August inclusive there will be just one morning service, at 10am.

HELP WITH TRAILBLAZERS DURING THE SUMMER. 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 sign up on the sheet on the notice board in the concourse. Thank you very much.

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 event will be in early August. If you would be able to provide transport, 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

LICHFIELD FOODBANK: We have recently benefited from a large collection at Tesco, but are still in need of tinned fruit, long-life fruit juice and instant mash. Thank you so much for your on-going support. It is very much appreciated.

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.

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.

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.

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:

<u>Issue Date:</u>	<u>Also covers weeks beginning:</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u> 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 21st/28th July 2019 to LichMCnotices@gmail.com or to Chris Buxton 523607 or via the pigeon-holes **not later than 10pm on Wednesday 17th 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.