

LICHFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAYS 21st & 28th JULY 2019

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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 KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE 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 be either 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.

NO 6.30pm SERVICE ON 21st JULY AT LICHFIELD - see pages 2 & 3

WHAT'S ON THIS FORTNIGHT...

w/b SUNDAY 21st JULY 2019

"I will thank you forever because of what you have done; in the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good." (Psalm 52)

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 Boys' Brigade, the Brownies and the Methodist Women in Britain, and for the congregation of our Church at Grendon. Finally, pray for fellow Christians in Iran, Pakistan, Ukraine, North Korea and China including Hong Kong.

FOR THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK we thank Lynda and Howard Willis.

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

Psalm 52 (p453); Amos 8:1-12 (p748);

Luke 10:38-42 (p845); Colossians 1:15-28 (p956)

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
6.15pm Circuit Service at Hopwas - see below
6.45-8.15pm Youth Fellowship

Mon-Fri 9.30am-12 noon Live at Home Scheme Office Open.

Mon 22 Jul 1pm 'Open Door of Hope'

Tue 23 Jul **NO** Prayer Meeting
10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
2pm Methodist Women in Britain: Summer Outing to Dr Milley's Hospital

Thu 25 Jul 10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes

Fri 26 Jul 10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
12noon Men's Lunch - see below

Sat 27 Jul 10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes

'PARTICIPATE' PICNIC - 4.30-6.30pm in Beacon Park by Children's play area. All welcome. Includes a sponsored basketball shoot by young people and leaders to raise money for the 3-Generate trip.

CIRCUIT SERVICE AT HOPWAS There will be **NO 6.30pm** service on **21st July** at Lichfield, but a special service to celebrate the ministry of Rev Brian White, (who retires this August), on Sunday 21st July, 6.15 pm at Hopwas. The service will be followed by refreshments and a presentation to Brian. Please join with the congregation at Hopwas to celebrate the contribution Brian has made to this circuit.

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.

w/b SUNDAY 28th JULY 2019

“Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.” (Psalm 85)

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 Wesley Guild, the Trailblazers and the Tuesday Prayer Meeting, and for the congregation of our Church at Hopwas. Finally, pray for fellow Christians in Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Uganda, Northern Nigeria, Tunisia and Djibouti.

FOR THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK we thank Valerie Cartwright, who has given them for family anniversaries.

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

Psalm 85 (p473); Hosea 1:2-10 (p730; Luke 11:1-13 (p845); Colossians 2:6-19 (p957)

	10am	Morning Worship led by Mr Kevin Barry
	6.30pm	Praise Evening led by Rev Jo Thornton
Mon-Fri	9.30am-12 noon Live at Home Scheme Office Open.	
Mon 29 Jul	1pm 'Open Door of Hope'	
Tue 30 Jul	9.30am Prayer Meeting	
	10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes	
	2pm Methodist Women in Britain: Open House	
Thu 1 Aug	10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes	
	10am Lichfield Memory Café	
Fri 2 Aug	10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes	
	12noon 'Tuesday Club Ladies Who Lunch' - see below	
Sat 3 Aug	8.30am Men's Bible Study - see below	
	10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes	
Sun 4 Aug	10am	Communion Service led by Rev Roger Cresswell
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by Rev Jo Thornton

'TUESDAY CLUB LADIES WHO LUNCH': The next meeting will be on **FRIDAY 2nd August**, 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 3rd August** 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: There will be NO Focus Group meeting in August - the next will be on **Saturday 7th September**, details later.

WHAT'S ON LATER...

COFFEE MORNING & BRING & BUY: Please call in for coffee, tea and cake and share fellowship on **Wednesday 7th August** from 10.30am to 12.30pm at 49 Furnivall Crescent for a donation of £3 in aid of church funds. Chris & Roger Hands 262660.

HERITAGE DAY, SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER: Churches Together in Lichfield and Lichfield Mysteries Community Arts will be presenting a production of 'The Shepherds' at 2.30pm in Lichfield Market Square on **Saturday 14th September** as part of Heritage Day. 'The Shepherds' is a short, traditional Lichfield mystery play which has been adapted by Sally Hayter. This is a free event, and all are welcome.

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.

TALENT MAGAZINE - articles for the Harvest edition of Talent to be submitted to the Church Office (churchoffice.tamlich@gmail.com) by **Sunday 15th September**. Thank you.

TALENT COLLATION TEAM - the publication of the next Talent Magazine has been pushed on a few weeks; therefore, the collation date for the Harvest Edition will be on **Saturday 28th September** 9.30 am. Thank you.

OTHER NOTICES...

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 also for the lovely flowers she received following the death of her Dad. They were very much appreciated.

THANKS to all who supported Ann Seaton's birthday celebration. With church, friends, family and work-mate contributions we're up to over £400 for Action Udobo. Many thanks to everyone; also for Action Udobo, there will be an afternoon tea at Alrewas on 11 August - more details to follow. Love and blessings, Ann

THANK YOU: Rita Davies would like to say a very big Thank You for the beautiful flowers she received on the occasion of her 80th birthday which she spent on holiday in the Lake District with her son, Paul.

THANK YOU: Frances and Ben Moore would like to thank the Church for the beautiful flowers they received on the occasion of their 67th Wedding Anniversary. They had a lovely weekend. Thanks be to God, and blessings to all.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported and donated to the Coffee Morning on 10th July. It was a lovely occasion to spend time together on a beautiful sunny day and raised the wonderful total of £200 towards church funds. Bobby Hewitt.

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.

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.

CHURCH STEWARD - we are happy to welcome Rene Lamisere, who is joining our stewards' team.

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.

'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

VISITORS - You are invited to Gift Aid your offering by using an appropriate envelope which is obtainable from one of the Door Stewards: please enter your details on the back of the envelope.

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.

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:
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/>

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