

LICHFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAYS 4th & 11th AUGUST 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.

WHAT'S ON THIS FORTNIGHT...

w/b SUNDAY 4th AUGUST 2019

*"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"
(Psalm 107: 1)*

PLEASE PRAY FOR those recently bereaved, especially for the family of Irene Fish, for the family of Ruth Baker following the death of her father and for the family of Tina Hayes following the tragic loss of her nephew. Pray for Viv and Peter Wilkes' 7-year old grandson, Zachary, 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 here in Lichfield. Finally, pray for fellow Christians in Eritrea, Somalia, Sudan, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela and Burma.

FOR THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK we thank Lynda and John Lawless, who have given them with thanks for their children and grandchildren.

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

Psalm 107:1-9,43 (p487); Hosea 11:1-11 (p737);
Luke 12:13-21 (p847); Colossians 3:1-11 (p957)

	10am	Communion Service led by Rev Roger Cresswell
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by Rev Jo Thornton
Mon-Fri	9.30am-12 noon	Live at Home Scheme Office Open.
Mon 5 Aug	1pm	'Open Door of Hope'
Tue 6 Aug	9.30am	Prayer Meeting
	10am-12noon	Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
	2pm	Methodist Women in Britain: Open House
Wed 7 Aug		Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy - see below
Thu 8 Aug	10am-12noon	Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
Fri 9 Aug	10am-12noon	Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
Sat 10 Aug	10am-12noon	Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes

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.

AFTERNOON TEA FOR ACTION UDOBO at Alrewas Methodist Church Hall **Sunday 11th August**, 3pm-4pm. Ticket only - £6. Any dietary needs must be disclosed when purchasing ticket - tickets are available to purchase from Ann Seaton until 4th August. if you don't see her at church please ring to reserve 01543 417953. Thanks.

w/b SUNDAY 11th AUGUST 2019

O God, who is to us like a loving, faithful father, we open ourselves this day to your care. May your refreshment, your renewal, your forgiveness, your strength, your hope surround those who are gathered here in Jesus' name.

PLEASE PRAY FOR those recently bereaved, especially for the family of Irene Fish, for that family of Ruth Baker following the death of her father and for the family of Tina Hayes following the tragic loss of her nephew. Pray for Viv and Peter Wilkes' 7-year old grandson, Zachary, 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 Prayer Fellowship, the Youth Fellowship, and for the congregation of the New Life Church at Tamworth. Finally, pray for fellow Christians in Afghanistan, India, Turkmenistan, Indonesia, Laos and Vietnam.

FOR THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK we thank Rita Davies, who has given them for John.

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

Psalms 50:1-8,22-23 (p451); Isaiah 1:1,10-20 (p548);
Luke 12:32-40 (p847); Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 (p977)

10am Morning Worship led by Mrs Dawn Turton
6.30pm Evening Worship led by Mr Albert Wright

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

Mon 12 Aug 1pm 'Open Door of Hope'

Tue 13 Aug 9.30am Prayer Meeting
10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
2pm Methodist Women in Britain: Open House

Thu 15 Aug 10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
10am Lichfield Memory Café

Fri 16 Aug 10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes

Sat 17 Aug 8.30am Men's Breakfast - see below
10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes

Sun 18 Aug **10am** Morning Worship led by Mrs Ann Hazell-Smith
6.30pm Evening Worship led by Mrs Ann Seaton

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 8.30-9.45am **Saturday 17th August.** 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...

FOCUS GROUP: The next meeting will be on **7th September** at the home of Wendy and Howard Thompson, full details later.

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.

NEXT FILM NIGHT: **Saturday 14th September**, 7pm. Film to be confirmed nearer the time.

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.

MEN'S LUNCH - no meeting on **30th August**, the next will be on **27th September**.

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...

ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY COLLECTION. A big THANK YOU to all who filled the envelopes which raised, with Gift Aid, £820 to help Action for Children to further their work with children in difficulty.

JMA BOXHOLDERS: Would you let Gill Silverwood have these boxes by 25th August, please, as this is the end of the Methodist financial year. Thank you very much.

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.

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

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.

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 need tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, sugar, custard and coffee. Thank you for responding at this difficult time for many families.

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.

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:

<u>Issue Date:</u>	<u>Also covers weeks beginning:</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u> date for copy, 10pm on:
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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