

LICHFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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PLEASE PRAY FOR those recently bereaved, especially for the family of Sheila Thow, and for Dave Franks and family following the death of his daughter, Sharon. Pray for Heather Skidmore, for Nigel and Cathy Gann following Nigel's recent surgery and 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 Glasgote. Finally, pray for fellow Christians in Eritrea, Somalia, Sudan, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela and Burma.

FOR THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK we thank Ida Macnab, who has given them in loving memory of her beloved Andrew.

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.



Sunday 8th September 2019

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

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (p503); Jeremiah 18:1-11 (p629);
Luke 14:25-33 (p850); Philemon:1-21 (p970)

Help us to value and celebrate the differences between us, just as You love and care for each one of Your children as individual people.

9am Early Morning Worship led by Rev Roger Baker
10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev Roger Baker & 'Teams4U'
6.30pm Evening Worship led by Mrs Dawn Turton
6.45-8.15pm Youth Fellowship **AT CHURCH**

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

Mon 9 Sep 1pm 'Open Door of Hope'

Tue 10 Sep 9.30am Prayer Meeting
10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
1pm Bible Class
2.30pm Methodist Women in Britain - Father Michael Ho;
Vietnam to Priesthood

6.15pm Brownies
7.30pm Wesley Guild - Repping it; Charlotte Hambly

Wed 11 Sep 10am-11.45am Tiddlers' Toddlers

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

Fri 13 Sep 10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
5.45pm Brownies

Sat 14 Sep 10am-12noon Coffee Shop - drinks and cakes
Afternoon - Harvest Supper - see below

Sun 15 Sep **9am** Early Morning Worship led by Rev Roger Baker
10.30am 'Café Church' and All-age Worship Harvest led by Rev Roger Baker
6.30pm Evening Worship led by Rev Roger Cresswell
6.45-8.15pm Youth Fellowship

WELCOME SERVICE for Rev Jo Thornton, **Sunday 8th September**, 6.15pm at Hopwas Methodist Church. All welcome.

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 "Toilet Twinning".

NEXT FILM NIGHT: Saturday 14th September, 7pm. The film will be Dr Seuss "The Lorax", which will continue the Eco Harvest theme of the Harvest weekend - all welcome to this free event - snacks available.

INVITATION to HARVEST LUNCH. Our Harvest Lunch will be served on **Sunday 15th September** following the 10.30 service. We look forward to sharing a light lunch and fellowship together. Trust you can join us and for Catering purposes can you please sign the Notice in the Concourse. Many thanks.

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.

WHAT'S ON LATER...

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 8.30-9.45am **Saturday 21st September**. 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.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: The Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held at church again this year on **Thursday 26th September** from 10.00 am to 1.00pm. Please come along, bring friends and family to support this worthwhile cause and help in making it a happy and welcoming event. The Coffee Shop will be running as usual with the addition of a much larger variety of homemade cakes, scones and biscuits on sale to eat with your tea or coffee or to take home and enjoy later, and the opportunity to make donations. Offers of cakes would be much appreciated. Please let Jane Parker, Ruth Carlyle or Jean Barry know if you can help in this way.

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.

CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS - GOD CARES: Following the success of our 'Prayer Inspires' event last year, we are planning a similar (but not the same!) event again this year. On **Saturday 28th September**, 9.30am until 2.30pm we shall have a gazebo in the Three Spires Shopping Centre (at the T junction by Bonmarche) offering shoppers the opportunity to engage in our theme of 'God Cares', by identifying on a map areas of Lichfield where, we as a church could do a litter pick, plant a snowdrop bulb to take home, there will be a prayer tree, where shoppers can add a tag with a name/situation to offer to God in prayer, there will be opportunities to chat to shoppers about how we care for God's creation. The theme of 'God Cares' picks up our growing commitment to be an Eco friendly church community. Please can you help with this? It will be very informal, and we simply want to be a presence in the shopping centre, raising the awareness that God cares for the planet and God cares for each individual. Please add your name to the rota on the notice board if you can help with this outreach event. Further information from Roger Baker, Jon or Gill Woolf, Richard Gass, Nigel Harding, David Gowdy, Mike Newell, Charlotte Hambly or Will Tinsdeall.

CIRCUIT WALK: Saturday 28th September starting at 10.30am from Glascote Methodist Church, Neville Street, Glascote. Please gather at the church by 10.15. The walking route is a fairly simple one with options for shortening/lengthening if people wish. Refreshments will be available after the walk—if you intend to stay for refreshments please can you let the Gill at the Circuit Office know (email churchoffice.tamlich@gmail.com or phone 01543 256333). Thank you. Further details can be obtained from Colin Grantham or Albert Wright.

A NOTE FROM WARREN: Earlier this year I celebrated my 80th birthday, which is not unusual these days! I intended to have a 'do' at the time but was overtaken by events. However, this autumn sees the launch of my book 'Passage of Play', which is partly autobiographical. It occurred to me that an event combining the two, might be an idea and - in view of England's achievements this summer - make it a fun evening and a celebration of cricket. So, the invitation is to a buffet supper on **Saturday 12th October** in the lower hall from 6.30 to 8.30pm. PLEASE - no presents but donations divided between Medical Aid for Palestinians and the Young Peoples' project on toilet twinning will be gratefully accepted. So that we can have some idea of numbers, if you are intending to be there, please sign up on the sheet in the concourse **no later than September 29th**. Many thanks.

GOD IN LOVE UNITES US: This is the name of the report that is coming to The Methodist Conference this year which will examine whether as a church we need to change the definition of marriage in the doctrine of our church or not. During the Autumn House groups/study groups will be asked to look at the study guide that has been produced by the Methodist Church, and then in the spring we shall come together as a circuit for prayerful discussion. In the Talent Magazine a couple of provisional dates were suggested for the circuit discussions, however, these dates are now cancelled, and two alternative dates are planned. **Saturday 18th January**, 10 am at Thackeray Drive, and **Tuesday 4th February**, 7.30 pm at Lichfield. For further information please speak to any of the ministers.

ADVANCE NOTICE:- CHURCH FAMILY WEEKEND 8th-9th MAY 2020. Advance notice - The **second weekend in May 2020** has been booked for another Church Family weekend at The Christian Guild Hotel at Willersley Castle. Previous weekends have been a great success. Note your calendar with the dates so you don't book another holiday to clash. Formal bookings and a deposit will be notified in February 2020.

THE NATIONAL METHODIST YOUTH BRASS BAND are coming back! They are returning to spend the weekend in our church for the **19th-21st June 2020**. They will give a concert on 20th June and lead worship on 21st - so please put the date in your diary and come along to support them. Some of our young people are now members of the band, and some others may be joining in at that weekend.

A PILGRIMAGE TO IONA is being planned for 2020. The date (to be confirmed) will be a week in July. Because of interest already shown, there are only five or six places left. If you are interested in going please get in touch with Warren Bardsley as soon as possible.

OTHER NOTICES...

THANK YOU: John and Lynda Wild wish to express their sincere thanks for all the messages of support and concern following John's eye operation. Your thoughts and prayers are much appreciated.

'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

PRINTING PAPER: As part of the Church's move to being more ecological the printing paper used in the office and for the notices is re-cycled paper. If anybody would like to support our effort by using recycled paper for printing at home please have a word with Gill Woolf in the Church Office. Gill will supply recycled paper sold by the ream (500 sheets of paper per pack), the same quantity as you would buy printing paper from Ryman or W H Smiths, but at a lower price of £4.00 per ream. Every little helps!

CONGRATULATIONS to Kathie Peat, who is being awarded an 'A Award' by the national Arthritis Care charity in recognition for all the dedicated years she has given it as a volunteer, and still does. We are honoured that Kathie worships with us and has supported this fellowship with the same dedication.

URGENTLY NEEDED - VOLUNTEER DRIVERS: Lichfield 'Live at Home' Friendship Group. Could you spare 1hour a week/month driving our elderly members to and from our Lunch Club. Expenses are refunded. We also need jigsaw puzzles, DVDs, and books that you no longer need. Please contact Marie - Lichfield 'Live at Home' Scheme 01543 415020 or pop into our office in the Church. Many Thanks.

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.

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.

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

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<https://www.tamworthandlichfieldmethodist.org.uk/churches/lichfield/weekly-notices/>

NOTICES:- Please send items for inclusion in the notices for **15th September 2019** to LichMCnotices@gmail.com or to Chris Buxton 523607 or via the pigeon-holes not later than 10pm on Wednesday 11th September.

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