

Nuthall Methodist Church



# **NEWSLETTER**

**February 2019**

## **FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY**

Dear Friends,

Quirky comedian Russ Noble says that “He got thrown out of the scouts for eating a brownie”.

I always wish I could think of clever one liners like these, where a particular word or phrase has a double meaning in a sentence. The funniest ones are where the two particular meanings convey very different meanings!

In a church context, we sometimes encounter crucial words which perhaps do not always have double meanings in themselves, but are definitely understood very differently by different people. I have been to several meetings recently, where there has been an emphasis on evangelism in the Methodist Church. What do you think about when you hear that word?

In my old circuit we once spoke about evangelism at the Circuit Meeting and one lady was overheard to say that her faith was personal and she would not want to talk to anybody about it. I was not the one who overheard her, but if I had been I might have suggested that such a view is not well supported by scripture! But I also wonder if such comments proceed not so much from a genuine belief that it is wrong to talk about our faith in God, but much more from uncertainty about how we might do it and whether or not we would be any good at it.

A few years ago the Methodist Church produced a new course called Talking of God. I led a few of these courses and one of the first questions that people were asked was what was their favourite hymn. Now as Methodists, we all have (at least) one and so everybody in the room soon found themselves explaining why their particular favourite was important to them.

In the conversation that followed, nobody used any big, scary words when they spoke about their favourite hymn. No-one quoted Greek words or spoke about soteriology or ecclesiology, not even me! We all just spoke very straightforwardly about our favourite hymn. But the incredible thing was that in so doing, without even thinking about it, everybody was talking about God.

By the end of the first session, people were also asked to put into 50 words “what difference Jesus has made in their life”. What would you say? The beauty of 50 words is that we don't have to worry about long crafted essays containing lots of nuance, we just have to get down to the most important parts of what God has done in our lives.

Now this is a harder exercise, but on the course people found they had lots of things to say, how God had made a difference in their lives. I have no doubt you would too! Now if you were to take your fifty words and tell them to someone who does not come to church, that would be evangelism. If we could tell someone else in 50 straightforward words why Jesus has made a difference in our lives, that person might just find out that Jesus can also make a difference for them. After all, that's why we call it good news.

Love, peace and joy,

*Andrew*



## **SUNDAY SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY**

Services are held each Sunday at 10.45 am and 6.00 pm.

Junior (ages 7-11) and Primary (ages 3-7) Sunday School meet at 10.45am (except on Family Service Sunday). Late Risers (11+) meet at 6.00pm.

3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.45am	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth – Holy Communion
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Circuit Service at Hucknall Central – NO EVENING SERVICE AT NUTHALL</b>
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Mr. Steve Corah
	6.00pm	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - District Youth Service (see below)
17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Rev. Sue Edwards - Holy Communion
	10.45am	Mrs. Sandra Tantom - Family Service
	6.00pm	Rev. Sue Edwards
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Mr. Don Chambers
	6.00pm	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - Holy Communion

### **DISTRICT YOUTH SERVICE**

Please read the full article on page 4 particularly the last section entitled 'Participationfully'.

## NUTHALL NEWS

### PRAYER STREETS

Please remember the residents of the following streets in your prayers. Our friends at St. Patrick's Church and the churches in Kimberley are joining with us in this activity. The streets in italics are in Kimberley.

February	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carterswood Drive, Whetstone Close & Barn Close <i>Stocks Road &amp; James Street</i>
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Springfield Drive, Arnos Grove & Poplar Crescent <i>Jubilee Street &amp; Little Lane</i>
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Nottingham Road & Scott Close <i>Hanson Close &amp; Soarbank Close</i>
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Coronation Road & Cedar Avenue <i>Branklene Close &amp; Troon Close</i>

### THANK YOU

**Barry and Sandra** would like to thank everyone for their good wishes on their engagement and becoming grandparents to Isabella Evelyn. We are looking forward to our wedding on June 22nd 2019 at Church.

A big thank you **to all who supported the Covenant Lunch** and a special thank you to all who helped in the kitchen, cooked the meat or provided a crumble. We made a profit of £160 which has been donated to Rumbletums along with a £15 donation from the Take Time Together group.

Thank you **to everyone who supported the New Year's Social and Carol Singing**. Thanks to your generosity £500 has been donated to Rumbletums and £60 to Nuthall Lights. A good time was had by all.

Many thanks **to David Blount** for all the work he has put in to our wonderful new kitchen.

Thank you **to Barry Langford and his team** for the superb Covenant Lunch which was enjoyed by all. A great idea and a great achievement!

### MIDWEEK COMMUNION

Please note that **there will not be a midweek Communion Service in February**. A discussion regarding the future of these services will take place at Church Council. If you are interested in attending the services, but find Tuesday lunchtime is not convenient for you, please speak to Rev. Andrew before February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **DISTRICT YOUTH EVENT**

Three times a year young people aged 8-23 and their leaders are encouraged to gather from across the Nottingham and Derby District for an afternoon of Sports, Games, Crafts, Quizzes and Activities, followed by food, and an hour's youth-led worship and teaching. This event has travelled around the District, and has seen gatherings of up to 100 young people and their leaders (including a number of our own young people), and continues to grow.

On Sunday February 10th, from 3.30-7.00pm, the District Youth Event is coming to Nuthall. If you are aged 8-23 please come along and join in. If you are outside this age range you are still invited to take part in the day in some way:

- **Practically:** While the majority of the event is planned and facilitated by a team from across the District (including Marc), there are opportunities for people of all ages from Nuthall to be involved in helping steward the event, welcoming and registering groups as they arrive, helping set-up and take-down equipment, making and serving hot and cold drinks, being a point of reference for people who don't know the building, helping with games, crafts and activities, washing up, etc.
- **Prayerfully:** These events are exciting opportunities for young people to get to know each other and God better. You could support us by praying that these relationships are built, and that they last as young people from our church and beyond learn and grow together in what it is to be a Christian in their communities. This year the events are particularly focussed on helping young people to think through what it means for them to "Be Courageous", drawing inspiration from the current Youth President's theme for the year.
- **Participationfully(?!):** The youth-led worship and teaching element will be taking place during our normal service time, in place of our monthly youth service. You would be more than welcome to join us as participants in this service, and to share in the excitement of seeing so many young people joining in worship. (The main difference to a "normal" youth service is that we will be giving out name badges on the way in, just so we know who is around and people can be identified).

If you would like to offer your support, or want some more information, please speak to Marc, or send him an email at [NNMCYouth@worker.com](mailto:NNMCYouth@worker.com).

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Morning Sunday School and Late Risers will be meeting as usual throughout the February half-term holiday. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **CHURCH BOOKINGS**

Please ensure that if you are using any rooms at church that you book them beforehand.

Church room bookings and enquiries this month will be handled by Colin Brockway. Please contact Colin on: 0115 9382293

## **JOSEPH - MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup> AT 6.00 PM**

For those taking part in Joseph keep checking rehearsals and try to come as much as possible. All notices will go on the board.

If there is anyone either in the production, or not, who would like to take responsibility for costumes we would be grateful. Rosie has quite a few sorted, but could do with a "co-coordinator " who may have a bit more time. Thank you.

Also scenery- we're having a meeting towards the end of the month. Anybody interested in building/painting/design please let us know or see Ian. Thank you.

You can be involved in many ways even if you're not a singer.

## **RUMBLETUMS**

As part of the "wider" vision of the Church we have undertaken to help Rumbletums in their fundraising to continue their work in the Cafe in Kimberley which trains young adults with learning disabilities. So far we have raised £685 from Carol Singing, a New Year's Eve social, profits from the Covenant meal and a donation. We are hoping to continue to help this cause. If anyone has any ideas of how we can help further please speak to Gail Brockway, Sandra Tantum, Cathy Milne or Jackie Dent. Thank you



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHEILA!**

Mrs Sheila Bowerman will be celebrating her 90th birthday soon and would like to invite family and friends to an Open House between 2.00pm and 5.00pm on Sunday March 3rd. No gifts please, just your good wishes

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

A reminder that Church Council meets on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. Please ensure that your organisation is represented.

## **CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS**

Tom sends his thanks for your generosity. As a result of your donations to 'The Big Christmas Card', instead of sending your own to your church friends, £200 was sent to Crisis at Christmas – enough to support seven Toms!

Tom lost his job, struggled to pay the rent, and was made homeless when his landlord changed the locks. Even though he found a job he couldn't save up enough for a deposit and spent weeks sleeping on the streets. Then he found Crisis at Christmas and safety, good food and company. When he left his life was on the up once more.

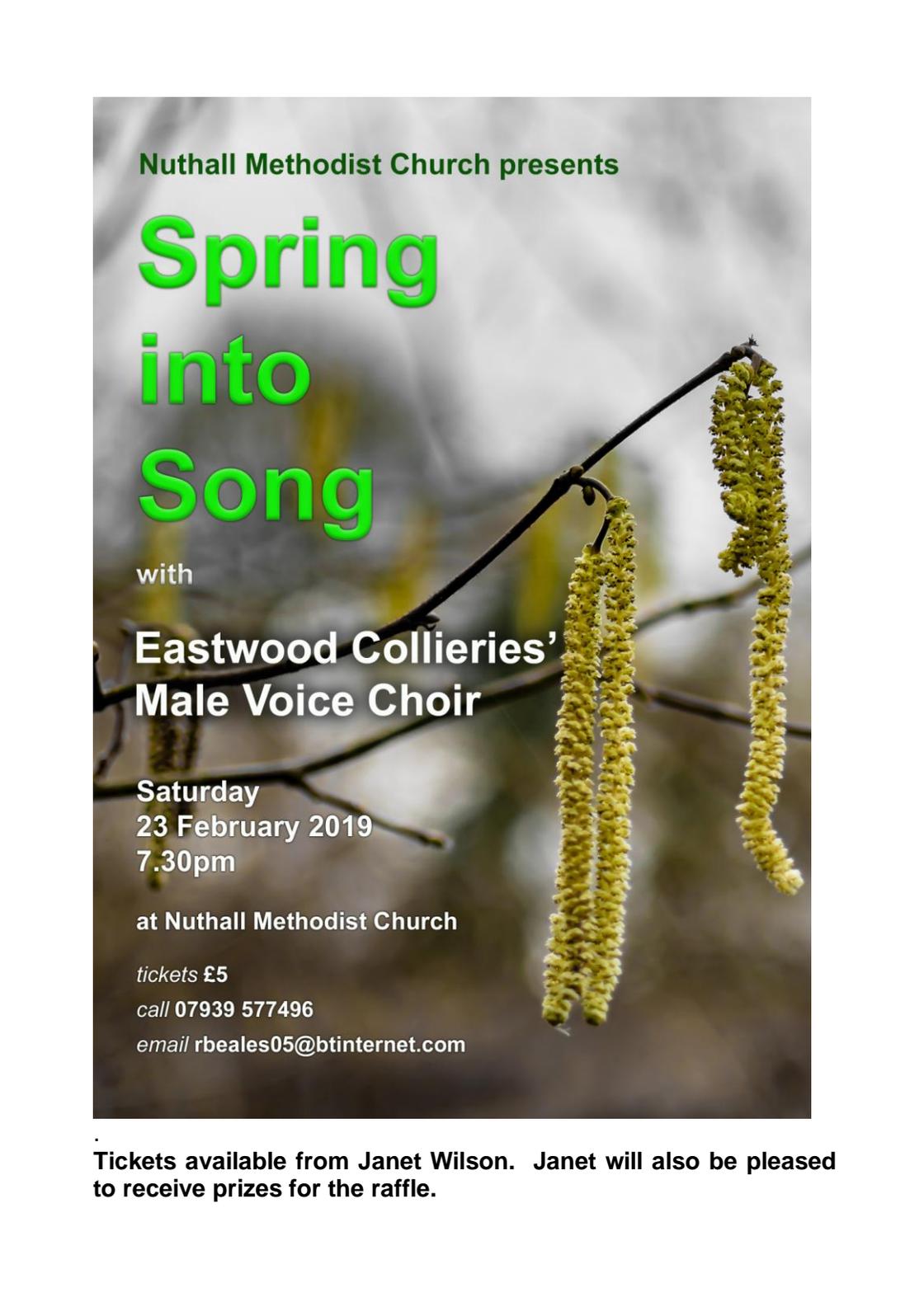
## **NUTHALL METHODIST CHURCH COACH TRIPS 2019**



May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Shrewsbury
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ludlow
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Oxford
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Whitby
November 16 <sup>th</sup> (note change of date)	Harrogate Christmas Market
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Leeds Christmas Shopping

**Adults £16.50      Concessions £14.50      Children £10.50**

**Contact Norma ☎(0115) 9278429**



Nuthall Methodist Church presents

# Spring into Song

with

**Eastwood Collieries'  
Male Voice Choir**

**Saturday  
23 February 2019  
7.30pm**

**at Nuthall Methodist Church**

*tickets* **£5**

*call* **07939 577496**

*email* **[rbeales05@btinternet.com](mailto:rbeales05@btinternet.com)**

**Tickets available from Janet Wilson. Janet will also be pleased to receive prizes for the raffle.**

## FOOD HYGIENE CERTIFICATE

If you hold a Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate please give a copy of it to Janet Wilson for church records.

## CHURCH AGM – ADVANCE NOTICE

The Church AGM will be held on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. As last year the meeting will commence with a FREE fish and chip supper. All are welcome to hear about church life and plans for the future. Watch out for the food ordering list on the church noticeboard sometime soon!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FEBRUARY

4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Joseph Rehearsal</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Pause for Prayer</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Joseph Rehearsal</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	<b>Women's Fellowship</b> – Mrs. Sue Perrett 'Call the Midwife'
12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	<b>Church Council</b>
15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Pause for Prayer</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>Eastwood Collieries Male Voice Choir Concert</b> at church (see Nuthall News)
25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Joseph Rehearsal</b>
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<b>Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning</b> at church hosted by Mrs Nan Mills

### MARCH

3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm	<b>Sheila's 'Open House'</b> (see Nuthall News)
4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Joseph Rehearsal</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Pause for Prayer</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Joseph Rehearsal</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	<b>BPFA Jumble Sale</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Joseph Rehearsal</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Joseph Rehearsal</b>
30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	<b>Performance of Joseph</b> (whole church musical)
&31 <sup>st</sup>		

## DUTIES AND ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY

### CHURCH FLOWERS

<b>February</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beryl Tantum	10 <sup>th</sup>	Gill Stokes
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Perrett	24 <sup>th</sup>	Gill Maloney

### TODDLERS' DRINKS ROTA

<b>February</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Knight, Sue & Ken Shepherd		
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Buttery and Sue Perrett		
	20 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM – NO TODDLERS		
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Marjorie Silverton, Margaret and Mick Sendall		

### COFFEE CORNER

<b>February</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Camp Group	9 <sup>th</sup>	Val & Ray
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sylvia & David	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter & Gill



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### CHURCH / HALL BOOKING CLERK

Mr. Colin Brockway

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### CHURCH COACH BOOKING CLERK

Mrs. Norma Ellis

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## **REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Sunday	9.00am	Holy Communion (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)	
	10.45am	Morning Worship (crèche for ages 0 to 3) Sunday School (ages 3 to 11) Family Service (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)	
	6.00pm	Evening Worship Youth Service (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month) 'Late Risers' (ages 11+)	
	7.00pm	Templars Youth Fellowship	
Monday	7.00pm	Ladies' Keep Fit	
Tuesday	12.00noon	Midweek Communion (1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. of the month)	
	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month)	
	7.45pm	Badminton & Table Tennis Club	
	8.00pm	Wives Group (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month, in homes)	
Wednesday	10.00am	Nuthall Methodist Church Walking Group (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month - contact M. Sendall ☎ 9279500 for meeting point details)	
	11.00am	Pause for Prayer (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month)	
	1.30pm	Toddlers' Group	
	6.00pm	Girls' Brigade (Explorers – age 5 to 8)	
	6.30pm	Girls' Brigade (Juniors – age 8 to 11)	
	6.30pm	Girls' Brigade (Seniors & Brigaders – age 11+)	
Thursday	1.30pm	Art Group	
	6.15pm	Dance Yourself Fit (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs. of the month)	
Friday	9.00am	Prayer Meeting	
	11.00am	Pause for Prayer (3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri. of the month)	
	5.55pm	Boys' Brigade (Junior Section – age 8 to 11)	
	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys – age 5 to 8)	
	6.50pm	Boys' Brigade (Company Section – age 11+)	
Saturday	10.00am	Coffee Corner - Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, homemade cakes & a chat with friends	

**A list of House Fellowship and Bible Study groups is available  
on the noticeboard in the Coffee Lounge**