

Nuthall Methodist Church



NEWSLETTER

March 2019

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Dear Friends,

Johnny Carson says in one job he truly hated his boss. One day his boss asked him why he was two hours late. He replied "I fell down the stairs", to which his boss noted, "that doesn't take two hours".

With Easter being late this year, Lent will not have started when this article is first published, but it will not be far away. Lent is of course a crucial time in the Christian Calendar. The traditional purpose of Lent is preparation of the believer through prayer, penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement and self-denial.

Such a journey through Lent can be a crucial one that enables us to refocus our lives on Jesus, to consider all that our Saviour faced on our behalf and to be a "time for true repentance and amendment of life" (these words come from the Communion liturgy for Lent and Passiontide). Such a Lenten journey is a crucial one, it can be a time of deep and lasting transformation.

Journey imagery is of course one of the key models for the Christian life and a particularly relevant one during Lent. In this season, we are called to reflect upon and think about where we are going in our lives. We can assess whether or not we are truly heading in the right direction or indeed if we need to change course.

But alongside such a spiritual journey during Lent, the set Bible passages that we consider also provide us with a glimpse onto an actual physical journey that Jesus faced. A journey from the towns of Galilee and Judea, to his final destination in Jerusalem. Events that happen along this journey provide a wonderful window into the events of that first Easter, but I would also want to suggest onto our own lives as Christians today.

For example, the set Gospel reading for the second Sunday in Lent comes from Luke 13 and tells of a group of Pharisees who come to Jesus and warn him that Herod wants to kill him. It tells of the mounting obstacles that Jesus was facing as his arrival in Jerusalem drew ever nearer. It is telling that despite seeing these threats and obstacles coming more clearly into view, Jesus did not turn back from this path.

But in these Lenten readings we are also reminded that what was true of Jesus, should also be the pattern for our lives. As we journey through our lives, how will we handle any scary things that come up or obstacles that get in our way? Will we allow fear or self-protection to change the path that God wants us to follow?

Lent is a time to be honest with ourselves and to surely recognise that there are many areas of our lives where fear or a sense of self-protection can so easily lead us away from where we should be going and what we should be doing for Jesus.

But on our Lenten journey, these readings also remind us that in the example and power of Jesus, we can all know his strength and courage to journey on wherever God takes us. I hope and pray that as we journey through this crucial season in the church calendar, it will indeed become a time of deep and lasting transformation in our lives.

Love, peace and joy,

Andrew



SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MARCH

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 rd	10.45am	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth – Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - Youth Service
10 th	10.45am	Rev. David Wheatley
	6.00pm	Rev. Richard Byass
17 th	9.00am	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - Holy Communion
	10.45am	Mr. David Blount - Family Service
	6.00pm	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - Holy Communion
24 th	10.45am	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth
	6.00pm	Rev. David Monkton
31 st	10.45am	Stewards
	6.00pm	'Joseph' production

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.

March	3 rd	Ash Crescent, Oakley Mews & Swigert Close <i>High Spannia & Lyle Close</i>
	10 th	Laurel Crescent & Lovell Close <i>Digby Street & Coatsby Road</i>
	17 th	Maple Drive & Larkfield Road <i>Bassett Close & Ruislip Close</i>
	24 th	Assarts Road & Little Holland Gardens <i>Almond Close & Tewkesbiry Drive</i>
	31 st	Boden Drive, Atkinson Gardens & Oakash Court Kimberley Close & Spring Hill

THANK YOU

Thank you from Doug & Margaret Waldram to everyone who attended Roy's funeral at Bramcote and the Celebration of Life Service at Church, it is good to know that Roy will be remembered with such affection and esteem by so many people. A special thank you also to Janet for the music, and especially to Rev Andrew for putting together such a lovely tribute to Roy from the numerous 'bits and bobs' of information which were forwarded to him. We are very pleased to say that we were able to give £525 to the staff at Acer Court in Roy's memory.

Thank you also to Doug and Margaret for all that they did for Roy and Joan Lacey in recent years when much help was needed.

John Hardy would like to thank everyone who sent kind wishes, cards and beautiful flowers after his accident in February. He had surgery on his leg and recovering in hospital. Barbara and John were so overwhelmed by everyone's love and kindness to them. It was very much appreciated and so a big thank you again.

INVITATION

Simon and Beth Varcoe would like to invite you to join them for coffee and cake, in the coffee lounge, to celebrate the christening of Sophie Arwen on Sunday, March 24th at the morning service.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION

It was decided at Church Council on February 12th that we will no longer have the midweek communion services.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The women's World Day of Prayer will be held at Nuthall Methodist Church on Friday 1st March 2019 at 2pm.

130 countries around the world are joining together in this service, which will 'begin at dawn and continue to dusk', words provided this year by the women of Slovenia. You are warmly invited to join the Women's Fellowship in this service.



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

PASTORAL MEETING

This will be on Wednesday 13th March, 7.30pm at 45 Philip Avenue.

WORKING DAY

We will be having a Working Day at church on Saturday 9 March from 9 am to 12 noon. There is plenty of work to do to give the church a spring clean. Everyone is welcome; there will be jobs for everyone.



PAINTER NEEDED!

Would anyone like to volunteer to rub down and repaint the handrails to the disabled access at church. If anyone is interested, could they please contact David Blount.

ACER COURT CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

Everyone is welcome to come to Acer Court on **Tuesday March 19th at 10.30am** for a coffee morning with the residents. The aim is to provide an opportunity for the residents to socialise with each other and with people in the local community. Please come along for a chat with free refreshments! Speak to Cathy Milne if you have any questions.

JOSEPH

Just to remind everyone it's on the 30th and 31st March at 6 pm. Everyone invited. No tickets but a donation box will be available. All donations to church funds.

Please support this wonderful cast - age range 3-90! That's very special!

Few notices:

We need somebody with a van or trailer to transport staging from Hempshill school to church on Monday 25th March and return it on Monday 1st April please. If you can help please let Ian know.

We need a volunteer to co-ordinate refreshments after both performances please.

Choir and cast please check notice board regularly for updates.

Thank you. This is a whole church production and any help is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to a fabulous show!

✦ **Look on the noticeboard at photos of the previous Joseph production. How we've grown!**

COACH CRAFT AND COLLECTORS' FAIR SATURDAY MARCH 23rd 11.00 – 4.00



Our annual craft fair will take place on this date, and this year we are hoping to have some new stalls selling collectables.

If you would like to have a stall, please contact Janet Lander 078899 76342 janet_lander@yahoo.co.uk

This is a very enjoyable event and you will have the opportunity to browse a wide range of stalls, before enjoying delicious refreshments in the hall. Please come and support us to raise funds for our coach, Elsie, which is widely used by church and local groups.

We would be very grateful for donations of food and a list will be going up in the foyer for you to sign up. In addition, helpers are required to serve, wash up and clear up afterwards. This is a big job and all support would be appreciated, even if you can only spare a couple of hours.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Instead of giving up something for Lent why not take on the Christian Aid Lent challenge to **Count your Blessings**. Lent is the ideal time to pause, step back and raise our own awareness of things we take for granted.

The challenge begins on Ash Wednesday 6th March. There is a daily reflection and an action for each day throughout Lent and on some days an opportunity to give.

Booklets are available from Val Stone, and Sandra Tantum.

Any money raised through Lent will add to our fund raising in Christian Aid fortnight. Thank-you.

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 18th May 2019 10am to 12 o'clock.

This is our annual event to raise money to support the work of **Christian Aid**. Please support us by coming on Saturday 18th May. **We are supporting Christian Aid to raise money and act for the world's poorest people.**



We will be joining in the **Big Brekkie** by serving bacon butties as well as the usual coffee and cake. We will be very grateful for donations of cakes, tombola and raffle prizes, plus good quality books.

A wide selection of greetings cards will be on sale.

There will also be children's stalls including games and a children's tombola.

If you are able to help on the day please see Ann Pounder or Val Stone.

We will also be pleased to accept donations if you are unable to attend.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support for this event.

CHURCH AGM – ADVANCE NOTICE

The Church AGM will be held on Thursday April 4th 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!

RUMBLETUMS

A Safari Meal will take place on Saturday April 27th at 7pm. Starters will be at church, main courses in homes and desserts at Rumbletums. All proceeds are for Rumbletums, £15 per person, Everyone welcome!

NUTHALL METHODIST CHURCH COACH TRIPS 2019



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

Adults £16.50 Concessions £14.50 Children £10.50

Contact Norma ☎(0115) 9278429

CIRCUIT NEWS

CIRCUIT QUIZ

The Nottingham North Circuit Trivia Quiz Challenge is arranged for Wednesday 20th March 2019 at Central Methodist Church, Hucknall. First question at 7.30pm. Teams can be formed on the night (maximum 6 people). Free refreshments served (coffee & cake etc). No entry fee but there will be a retiring collections for the National Autistic Society. This quiz is always keenly contested. Could this be your church's year to win or will last year's champions retain their title? Further information from Chris Curtis ☎ 0115 9634306 or 07914 527009.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

1 st	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer at church (see Nuthall News)
3 rd	2.00pm	Sheila's 'Open House' (see Nuthall News)
4 th	7.30pm	Joseph Rehearsal
6 th	11.00am	Pause for Prayer
7 th	7.30pm	Joseph Rehearsal
9 th	9.00am	Working Day at church
9 th	2.00pm	BPFA Jumble Sale
11 th	7.30pm	Joseph Rehearsal
12 th	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship – Mr. Hayes – Lost Houses of Nottingham
12 th	7.30pm	Joseph Rehearsal
13 th	7.30pm	Pastoral Meeting at 45 Philip Avenue
19 th	10.30am	Acer Court Church Coffee Morning at Acer Court (see Nuthall News)
20 th	7.30pm	Circuit Quiz at Hucknall Central
23 rd	11.00am	Craft Fair (see Nuthall News)
28 th	10.30am	Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning at church hosted by Mrs Barbara Hardy
30 th &31 st	6.00pm	Performance of Joseph (whole church musical)

APRIL

3 rd	11.00am	Pause for Prayer
4 th	7.00pm	Church AGM at church (see Nuthall News)
27 th	7.00pm	Safari Meal (see Nuthall News)

**Please pass all items for the March newsletter
to Margaret Sendall, post in the box in the Coffee Lounge
or e-mail to mesendall@hotmail.com
by March 24th, please**

DUTIES AND ROTAS FOR MARCH

CHURCH FLOWERS

March	3 rd	Sandra Tantum	10 th	Stephanie Moore
	17 th	Beryl Tantum	24 th	Liz Wilson
	31 st	Joyce Housley		

TODDLERS' DRINKS ROTA

March	6 th	Ann Knight, Sue & Ken Shepherd
	13 th	Joan Buttery and Sue Perrett
	20 th	Gail and Margaret to arrange
	27 th	Marjorie Silverton, Margaret and Mick Sendall

COFFEE CORNER

February	2 nd	Heather & Fiona	9 th	Liz & Carl
	16 th	Norma & Janet	23 rd	Craft Fair
	30 th	Jane & Howard		



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REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	9.00am	Holy Communion (3 rd Sunday of the month)	
	10.45am	Morning Worship (crèche for ages 0 to 3) Sunday School (ages 3 to 11) Family Service (3 rd Sunday of the month)	
	6.00pm	Evening Worship Youth Service (2 nd 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 st Tues. of the month)	
	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship (2 nd Tues. of the month)	
	7.45pm	Badminton & Table Tennis Club	
	8.00pm	Wives Group (1 st & 3 rd Tues. of month, in homes)	
Wednesday	10.00am	Nuthall Methodist Church Walking Group (3 rd Wednesday of the month - contact M. Sendall ☎ 9279500 for meeting point details)	
	11.00am	Pause for Prayer (1 st 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 nd & 4 th Thurs. of the month)	
Friday	9.00am	Prayer Meeting	
	11.00am	Pause for Prayer (3 rd 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**