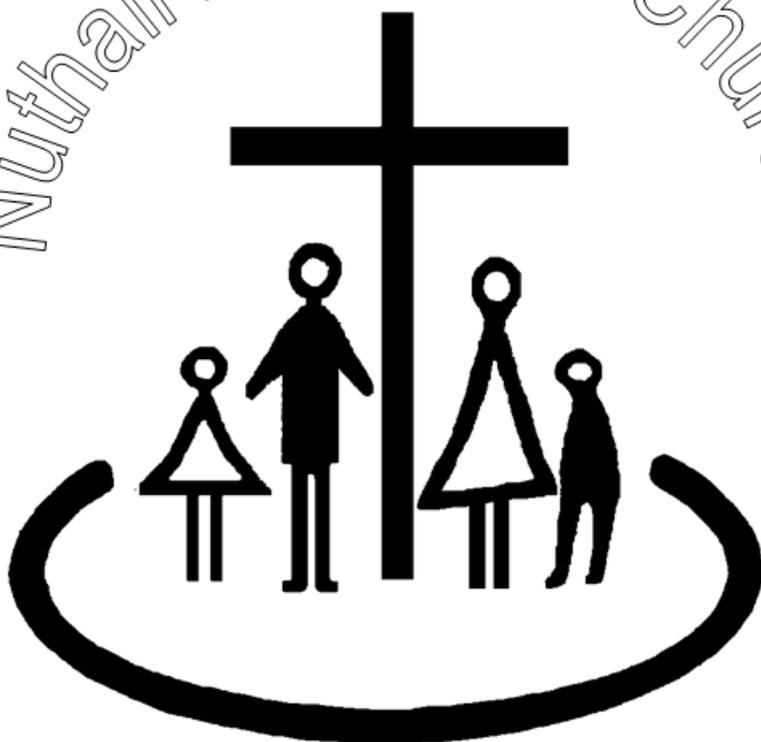


Nuthall Methodist Church



NEWSLETTER

April 2019

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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Dear Friends,

If you have been fasting during Lent, this joke is for you.

The other day I was halfway through eating a horse and I thought to myself "I'm not as hungry as I thought I was?"

In Luke's account of Easter Sunday, after the women had found the empty tomb, we read these words in 24: 10-11:

"It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them."

An idle tale. Tittle tattle. Silly gossip. It is scary to think that the world transforming events of that first Easter Sunday were almost ignored because the men did not listen to the women! (It is also a crucial point about the truth of these stories that in a patriarchal society the gospel writers did not airbrush over this inconvenient fact).

Now this seemingly unimportant phrase reminds us that we write people off and what they say at our peril. No doubt the men felt they were right to ignore the women. But in this instance they were in danger of ignoring the most important piece of news they were ever going to hear.

But luckily for the history of the world, there is another crucial lesson in this passage. We read in verse 12 that:

"Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened".

Peter got lots of things wrong as a disciple, especially when Jesus needed him most. But here he demonstrated a vital characteristic of what true discipleship is, going to see for yourself. He neither believed too quickly nor simply dismissed this "idle tale". He went to have a look so that he could make up his own mind.

In so doing, Peter gives a wonderful window onto true discipleship, listening, thinking, exploring and coming to your own conclusion. The reality of the resurrection became true for Peter when he stepped out of the room where they were staying and showed up.

This might seem like an odd thing for a preacher to say, but this Easter I hope you won't take my word for how utterly amazing and life transforming the events of that first Easter Sunday are. Instead I hope and pray that we will all be open to learn more deeply and experience it for ourselves.

Love, peace and joy, *Andrew*

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL

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.

7 th	10.45am	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth – Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - Youth Service
14 th	10.45am	Mr. Don Chambers
	6.00pm	Mr. Marc Williamson (see 'Columbia Weekend' on page 5)
21 st	TBC	Easter Day Sunrise Service at Kimberley Cemetery ('Chapel on the Hill')
	9.00am	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - Holy Communion
	10.45am	Mrs. Catherine Smith - Easter Day Family Service
	6.00pm	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - Holy Communion
28 th	10.45am	Mrs. Sandra Tantum - Women's Fellowship Service
	6.00pm	Rev. John Wiseman

EASTER DAY

We will be serving an Easter Day Breakfast at our church at 7.30am. Come along and enjoy breakfast with friends prior to attending the 9.00am Communion Service.



As in past years, everyone is invited to bring yellow flowers in memory of a loved one and place these on the lower part of the cross outside the church before the 10.45am service on Easter Day.

HOLY WEEK MEDITATIONS & SERVICES

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Meditations will be held each day from Monday April 15th – Thursday April 18th from 9.30am to 10.30am, starting with refreshments.

	Meditations: Surprises!
Monday April 15 th	Jackie Dent
Tuesday April 16 th	Gail Brockway
Wednesday April 17 th	Val Stone
Thursday April 18 th	Margaret Sendall

All are welcome to join these sessions and it is not necessary to be at every one.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The last week of Jesus's life is one of extraordinary importance for Christians. With its climax on Good Friday and Easter, it is "Holy Week", the most sacred time of the Christian year.

This year, during Holy Week, we will be holding a series of services at Nuthall Methodist Church based around Luke's Gospel to journey with Jesus through this tumultuous 7 days.

Day	Time	Event
Wed. April 17 th	7.00pm	Tenebrae (Service of Shadows)
Thurs. April 18 th	7.00pm	Love Feast with a simple shared meal
Fri. April 19 th	10.00am	Family Craft & Service *
	3.00pm	A Time of Silence
	7.00pm	Reflections on the Cross

* Come and share in refreshments, family craft activities, finishing with a short all-age service.

If you have a question about any of these events please contact Rev Andrew ☎8757414 or email ach2804@yahoo.co.uk.

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.

April	7 th	Phillip Avenue, Oak Drive & Young Close <i>Norman Street & Dorchester Road</i>
	14 th	Cedarland Crescent & Aldrin Close <i>Stirling Grove & Haydock Close</i>
	21 st	Blackfriars Close, Bean Close & Harcourt Crescent <i>Flixton Road & Moray Court</i>
	28 th	Hatton Gardens, Bishopdale Drive & Temple Crescent <i>Kempton Close & Aintree Close</i>

THANK YOU

Gill Maloney, sisters Georgia and Jackie and families would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and messages of support after the death of their beautiful mum, Doris. Special thanks to Sandra Tantum who was truly amazing. God bless you all.

Peter Jordan, who is making good progress after suffering a stroke, would like to thank everyone for their support, kindness and good wishes.

Many thanks to **Rob and Jean Beales** for their organization of the Eastwood Collieries Male Voice Choir concert which raised a magnificent £835 for church funds.

Thank you to **everyone who came to the coffee morning at Acer Court**. We had a lovely time talking with some of the residents and I hope that we will be able to repeat this event regularly. Cathy Milne.

CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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 which must be pre-ordered. **Sorry, no orders taken on the night.**

All are welcome to hear about church life and plans for the future.

CRAFT AND CONVERSATION

Come and join us on April 11th from 1.30pm till 3.00pm in the coffee lounge at church. Each month we will try a new craft led by Gail's friend, Lyn.

For more details contact Gail ☎07759 315411



COLUMBIA WEEKEND - APRIL 13TH AND 14TH PLEASE JOIN US!

This summer (July 2019), Marc is leading a group of young people (and some older young people) from Nuthall Methodist Church on a Mission Trip to Bogota, Columbia to work alongside Children's Vision International (CVii).

CVii is a Christian charity who seek to help at risk children from babies through to late teens. The charity has three homes which currently house around 100 children and young people who would otherwise be living on the streets, providing them with clothing, food, a bed, medical care and a family. These children are also given an education through the charity's purpose-built school, from pre-school right through to the end of high-school and into vocational training. This school also provides places for further children who are not able to access education elsewhere. Not only does CVii work with their own children and young people, it also provides humanitarian aid, hunger relief and medical support for other at-risk groups in and around Bogota and beyond.

All their work is done alongside a vision to share the Gospel and the love of God with all those they serve.

We will be spending two weeks serving the charity, working in a number of ways to bless the organisation and the people it works with. It is likely that this work will include meal prep, painting and decorating, building work, teaching in the school, leading bible studies and devotions with children and young people and the staff within the home, and serving in any way in which the charity need on the day. We will also have the opportunity to spend time with the children and young people in the homes, taking them to church, on day trips, outings to the park, shopping, and for meals. There is also the potential that we will be able to visit some of the poorer regions around the city, and support those on the edges of society.

Whilst we are each committed to funding our way as far as possible, we are also looking for support to help towards both the cost of the trip and to help CVii. We are kicking off our fundraising activities on the weekend of the April 13th and 14th at Church.

Saturday April 13th 7.30pm – 9.30pm Worship songs old and new. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for an informal evening singing your favourite hymns and songs, old and new, led by various members of the church. Hymn/song suggestions welcome – see the notice board.

Sunday April 14th 6.00pm Evening service with Richard Sanderson visiting from CVii Colombia. Come and find out all about the work that goes on and what our group will be doing when we are there!

Donation plates will be available at both events. In addition, we have a bank account if anyone would prefer to donate directly. Please speak to Marc or any of the team for the bank details.

Finally, look out for other events in the next few months:

Columbian quiz night (Date and location to be confirmed)

Columbian coffee, cake and car wash morning Saturday June 29th from 10.00am – 1.00pm.

For more information on the CVii see www.childrensvision.org

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.

Count your Blessings

Please continue to Count your Blessings throughout Lent. Any money raised through Lent will add to our fund raising in Christian Aid fortnight. At the end of Lent Count your Blessings donations can be handed to Val Stone, Sandra Tantum or Ann Pounder. Thank you.

RUMBLETUMS SAFARI MEAL

There are still some places available for the Safari Meal on April 27th - £15 each. Help us to make it a huge success for our lovely Rumbletums cafe. Gail, Sandra and Janet

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



BESTWOOD & BULWELL FOODBANK

Once again very many thanks for your continued support of our Foodbank. Doug and Margaret have taken the following gifts:

January 8 th	280 items including 81 from Acer Court
January 22 nd	149 items
February 5 th	216 items
February 19 th	176 items
March 5 th	179 items
March 19 th	213 items

Please could you put an Easter Egg in your gifts **on April 7th**? Please keep up the good work!

Doug, Margaret and John

CIRCUIT NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM SUE AND JOHN HILL

Sue and John wish to thank all who have supported their Open Garden at Rainbows End over many years. Unfortunately, due to circumstances, they WILL NOT be open on May 6th this year. Much love and thanks again.

CIRCUIT CHALLENGE

Thank you to all who supported the recent trivia Quiz Challenge which raised an amazing £342 for the National Autistic Society. Many congratulations to the team from Nuthall who were worthy winners of a keenly contested event. Who'd have guessed what colour Italians traditionally wear on New Year's Eve?



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

3 rd	11.00am	Pause for Prayer
4 th	7.00pm	Church AGM (see Nuthall News)
9 th	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship – Ms. L. Reynolds 'Work of the Samaritans'
11 th	1.30pm	Craft and Conversation (see Nuthall News)
13 th	7.30pm	Colombian Weekend Event (see Nuthall News)
15 th - 18 th	9.30am	Holy Week Meditations (see page 3)
23 rd	10.30am	Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning at church hosted by Mrs Diana Nichols
27 th	7.00pm	Safari Meal (see Nuthall News)

MAY

18 th		Coach Trip to Shrewsbury (see Nuthall News)
18 th	10.00am	Christian Aid Coffee Morning (see Nuthall News)
19 th	7.15pm	Property and Finance Meeting at church
20 th	7.00pm	BPFA Committee Meeting at church

DUTIES AND ROTAS FOR APRIL

CHURCH FLOWERS

April	7 th	Sue & Ken Shepherd	14 th	Di Nichols
	21 st	Margaret Sendall	28 th	Gill Stokes

TODDLERS' DRINKS ROTA

April	3 rd	Ann Knight, Sue & Ken Shepherd
	10 th	Easter Holidays – No Toddlers
	17 th	Easter Holidays – No Toddlers
	24 th	Marjorie Silverton, Margaret and Mick Sendall

COFFEE CORNER

April	6 th	Margaret N. & Margaret S.	13 th	Ann & Michael
	20 th	Peter & Gill	27 th	Sylvia & David



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SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK SERVICE DUTIES FOR APRIL

		<u>Duty</u> <u>Steward</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Door</u> <u>Stewards</u>	<u>Pianist</u>
7 th	10.45	D. Coleman	P. Kirk J. Gray	M. Laughton H. Whittle	J.Wakefield
	6.00	K. Dane		S. Chambrelan J. Sendall	Youth
14 th	10.45	J. Dent	E. Horsley S. Tantum	S. & A. Nowab	J.Wakefield
	6.00	C. Lovatt	M. Silverton J. Lievesley	I. & R.Lishman	J. Wilson
17 th	7.00	K. Blount			J. Wilson
18 th	7.00	B. Langford			J. Wilson
19 th	10.00	J. Dent			J. Wilson
	3.00	K. Dane			J. Wilson
	7.00	J. Wilson			J. Wilson
21 st	9.00	S. Moore			L. Page
	10.45	D. Coleman	B. Hardy C. Page	Beckworth family	J. Wilson
	6.00	J. Wilson	R. & V.Stone	M. Farrington C. Milne	J. Wilson
28 th	10.45	B. Langford	P.& G.Stokes	J. Housley D. Unwin	P. Hindle
	6.00	K. Blount	A. Wilcock Janet Wilson	B. Tantum S. Tantum	L. Page



**Please pass all items for the May newsletter
to Margaret Sendall, post in the box in the Coffee Lounge
or e-mail to mesendall@hotmail.com
by April 21st, please**

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**