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# NEWSLETTER

**April 2024**

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

### **Easter Blessings**

Alleluia! Christ has risen!  
He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

The 40 days are over, and we have reached Easter. It has been a journey of reflection as we have followed the 'Unbounded Love' Lent Liturgy from the Methodist Church. And now, as we journey through the glorious season of Eastertide, we are filled with joy and gratitude for the profound significance of Christ's resurrection. This sacred time calls us to reflect deeply on the transformative power of God's love and the promise of redemption that Easter brings into our lives.

Just as the seasons change from winter to spring, bursting forth with new life and vitality, so too do our hearts rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord. The Easter season reminds us that even in the darkest moments, there is always hope, for Christ has conquered death and opened the door to eternal life for all who believe in Him.

During this season of renewal, let us take time to reflect on the message of Easter and its profound implications for our faith journey. Let us draw closer to God, seeking God's guidance and strength as we navigate the challenges of our daily lives. May the joy of Easter inspire us to live with greater compassion, kindness, and humility, reflecting the love of Christ to all those around us.

As a community, let us also come together in worship and fellowship to celebrate the resurrection of our Saviour. Our services that follow in the period of Eastertide offer a wonderful opportunity to lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving, as we proclaim the victory of Christ over sin and death. When we gather, let it be with hearts full of gratitude, rejoicing in the promise of salvation that Easter brings.

In the midst of our Easter celebrations, however, we are ever mindful that there are people who are finding this a difficult time. We think of those who are in need both near and far, as we try and put our faith

into action by extending a hand of love and support to those who are struggling. Through acts of kindness and generosity, may we embody the spirit of Easter, bringing hope and healing to a world in need of God's grace.

As we continue our journey through Eastertide, may we be filled with the peace and joy that come from knowing Christ our Saviour. May His resurrection inspire us to live lives of faith, hope, and love, shining His light brightly in the world.

Wishing you all a blessed Eastertide filled with the abundant grace and blessings of our risen Lord.

Yours in Christ's service,

Jason



## **SERVICES FOR APRIL**

### **AWSWORTH**

Unless otherwise indicated services are held each Sunday at 10.30am in The Youth Wing, The Lane NG16 2RQ

7 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Rev. David Speed
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	United Service Rev. Robert Gollins
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Mr Marc Williamson
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley
31 <sup>st</sup>	10.45am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley – Easter All-age celebration & Holy Communion at Nuthall

## NUTHALL

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 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Local Arrangement
	6.00pm	Mrs Catherine Smith
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley – Baptism
	6.00pm	Mr Marc Williamson – Youth Service
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.45am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley - All Age Worship and Holy Communion
	6:00pm	Rev. Richard Byass – Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Mrs Sandra Langford
	6.00pm	Rev. John Wiseman

## ASPLEY

Unless otherwise indicated services are held each **Tuesday** at 2.30pm in St. Teresa's Catholic Church Hall, Kingsbury Drive NG8 3EP

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fellowship
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Ian Wood
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Marc Williamson
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley – Holy Communion
30 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Peter Powers

## **STEWARDS REPORT**

As always we have enjoyed a real variety of services. On the 17th March we had a great district Youth Event at our church. Various activities, delicious food ( a surprising amount of cucumber was eaten!) and a lovely act of worship was enjoyed by young people from all across the district. Our thanks to Marc for facilitating it all, and to everyone who helped on the day and cooked the meal which was very well received.

Our Lent services involved a different liturgy this year, which used torn fabric, sweet wrappers, dolls furniture, a globe and a packet of seeds amongst other things to encourage us think about the journey that Christ was undertaking. We have had a very full schedule of services – some familiar and some new. It's always good to see things through a different lens.

Following on from the decision to form a catering/hospitality team we have had some volunteers and we are grateful to Sarah Foster who has offered to co-ordinate this important aspect of our church life. If you think this is something that you might be called to help with please have a word with Sarah or one of the stewards.

It's become obvious that a lot of our services are getting busier. Whilst we thank God for this, it sometimes causes logistical problems. This has led to a revised Health and Safety audit of our communion services and the outcome is that when we are having one of these acts of worship the front row of chairs will be taken out of use to make it safe for us all to move around. The stewards will put 'reserved' notices on the chairs.

We will also be reviewing the place for the children during family service to ensure safety for all of our church family, young and not so young!

Finally – we will soon be feeling the impact of the Severn Trent Water improvement construction works. ( see elsewhere in the newsletter for details). If these are causing you any difficulty with your access to church please let one of the stewards know .

Thank you all for your support.



## Aspley News

On Tuesday 12th March Aspley celebrated their daffodil service led by Deacon Helen based on creation. We had a lovely afternoon followed by a time of fellowship with tea and cake



## Bible Study - Come and join us!



For anyone interested in joining a Bible Study group we are holding a drop-in session on **Saturday 13th April** , 10.00 - 12.00, at Nuthall Methodist Church. Please come along to find out more; group leaders will be there to provide information. If you are already a member of a study group then you can also come along and find out more about our next study.

Everyone welcome!

Details of all groups can be found on the noticeboard in the foyer.  
June Gorton

## Seven Trent Water Update

Over the last few months members of the Property Committee have been in consultation with STW regarding the works and how it will affect church use. We have endeavoured to ensure that we are affected as little as possible and that we are being treated fairly and consulted in all matters.

Obviously we will be affected by the one-way system that will be in operation during June, but we will be more directly affected from Monday 03rd June to Friday 07th June this year. During these five days they will be installing the pipe across the bottom of our driveway, and therefore there will be no vehicular access to church. We will be okay to use the driveway for worship on Sunday 02nd June and it is anticipated, but not 100% guaranteed that we will be okay to use the driveway again on Sunday 09th June, and hopefully for coffee morning on Saturday 08th June. STW will keep us informed of progress during the week and notify us if they don't anticipate the work to be finished as planned, and if this is the case we will try to spread the word as far we can using social media and email.

Groups can continue to use the building during the week, but must understand there is no vehicular access for any vehicle including blue badge holders, and anyone wishing to attend will have to walk to their meeting. We would recommend that you consider suspending your meeting during this period, or arrange to meet elsewhere for this week. We can confirm that we will be compensated for any loss of outside rental the church suffers during this time.

We are also negotiating with STW to allow the residents of Spring Terrace to park on our front grassed area whilst work takes place along their road. This is anticipated to be from the end of June for a two or three weeks. Again we are being compensated for this, but as there will be a formal licence in place (to legally protect everybody and meet Methodist Charity Law) we will not be permitted to use the grass during this time. Signage will be in place for this time.

All of the above dates are anticipated to be correct after meeting STW and their contractor Above on the 18th March, but may be subject to change, although we believe this is unlikely. Again, if there are any changes we will provide further information as soon as possible

Please ensure that no-one else contacts STW or their contractor, Above, on behalf of Nuthall Methodist Church, as this may lead to confusion and undo the good relationships we have developed

We hope this is all self-explanatory, but should you require clarification then please don't hesitate to speak to David Blount.

Many Thanks - The Property Committee

## Children and Families Update

Easter sessions in our local Primary schools are going really well and the fruits of their labour will soon be on display outside of church over the Easter period. I am looking forward to sharing with you what they've been doing during the Cross and Craft service on Good Friday.

### **NMC Youth Choir**

After two fun, although quiet, trial sessions for NMC Youth Choir I have decided to book in a full half term of rehearsals.

We will be meeting **weekly on Mondays between 4 and 5pm from 15<sup>th</sup> April** (excluding Bank holidays and school holidays).

I have had some really useful comments from people about timings etc and I've decided that in order to encourage as many children along as possible I will structure the sessions to help with this. I plan to have roughly 15 minutes of warm ups and games at the beginning (maybe even time for some squash and a biscuit) to allow everyone time to get there (please turn up late if you need to). This will be followed by roughly 30 minutes of learning and singing together and then for those needing to leave to get to other sessions and avoid traffic the last 10-15 minutes will be a bit of a sing along, to some of our favourite tracks. Please tell anyone you know who might like to give it a try and encourage them to pop along.

I have a couple of volunteers who have very kindly agreed to help assist with this session when they are available. If you'd like to be involved, and spread the load, on an ad hoc basis, please let me know. It would allow parents and carers the space to leave their children for the hour if needed.

### **Easter holiday stay and play sessions.**

We will be opening the hall to families on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 1.30 - 3pm**. Similar to toddlers, whose usual slot this is in term time, there will be a range of toys, games and crafts available with some of the provision changed to suit older children. Drink and a biscuit will be provided for both children and adults. Suggested £1 contribution.

Volunteers welcome.

Rachel  
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## **Church Family Meal**

Please join us for a church family meal after the service on Sunday 2nd June. Come and enjoy a home cooked Sunday lunch or vegetarian option and enjoy food and fellowship with our church family.

For more details see or contact Sarah Foster: Or Wendy Green. 60 tickets will be available on a first come first served basis at a cost of £5.00 per head.

## **CREATIVE CORNER**

We have had a great time this last month putting together the Easter Pompom flower display which went up late on Easter Saturday.



The idea was to have a display of colourful flowers to celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this - for some it may have been the first time you

made a pom-pom, whilst for others it could have taken you back to your childhood / younger days when you were adding pom-poms to knitted hats!

Contributions were received from all three churches - Aspley, Awsworth and Nuthall.

We are now planning our next project - more information to follow.

### **Advance Notice**

The next Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Further information to follow in the next newsletter

## **TEA, TOAST AND TALK**

Thank you to all who have supported and helped with Tea, toast and talk. We would love to see more people on a Wednesday morning. Please come and join us. We meet every Wednesday 10 til 12

### **Thank You**

Marjorie Silverton wishes to thank her friends for all the cards, gifts and good wishes she received whilst in hospital and on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Thank you especially to everyone who called to see Marjorie on her birthday and helped to make it such a special day.

### **Coach Trip-11<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

BPFA are running a coach trip to Gloucester Quays on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost is £25. Pick up from Woodland Drive at 7:50am, Church at 8am returning around 6pm, traffic dependent. Contact Norma Ellis (07879455591)



### **Church Spring Clean**

Join us on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024**, 9:30am – 12pm for the internal church cleaning day. All cleaning products will be provided. All volunteers welcome.

### **Wedding Invitation**



Christy Brockway and Joe Baumber invite you to join them for their wedding ceremony at church on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm with ice-cream and drinks served afterwards. We'd love the church family to share in our celebrations!



Please email any items for the May newsletter  
to [cathym.milne@gmail.com](mailto:cathym.milne@gmail.com)  
or deliver to Church **by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

## **Christian Aid fundraiser, May 18th.**

Please sort out unwanted gifts, raffle prizes, bric-a-brac and books for our coffee morning in May. In the next newsletter there will be details of who to give them to nearer the time and a request for cakes to sell on the day. Thank you.



# **Christian Aid Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10.00 – 12.00**

## **NUTHALL METHODIST CHURCH**

Nottingham Rd, Nuthall, Nottingham NG16 1DP

Lots of stalls:

Tombola	Cakes	Toys
Books	Bric-a-brac	Cards
Bacon cobs	Tea & Coffee	Raffle

## **ECO-CHURCH NEWS**

Thank you to those who joined us for our litter pick in March. A small group of us gathered around 10 bags of litter from Common Lane, New Farm Lane, Low Wood Road and along the multi-user path all the way from Low Wood Road to Newdigate Street. This was a good addition to the litter picking done by our regular groups around the area, and we were seen (and thanked) by several people who could easily see this was activity led by our church thanks to our Hi-vis vests. Thanks to the Communications team for publicising and celebrating this on our social media channels. We will aim to do further litter-picking events in the future but a reminder that this equipment is available for all church groups to use, just follow the risk assessment provided and please return equipment after use.



Now that it properly feels like spring, people's thoughts often turn to cleaning, and indeed we have our own church internal cleaning morning on April 13th. We thought this was a good opportunity to remind everyone that we try to use environmentally-friendly cleaning and

household products at church and you might want to think about at home too.

1. Reduce the products we use as every different bottle is more resources – can the same products be used for more than one type of cleaning? Are there some we don't need at all?
2. Packaging – can we reduce plastic? (e.g. buying toilet roll wrapped in paper, using cloths and sponges made from biodegradable alternatives), can we use products packaged in recycled plastic? Can we reduce the number of plastic bottles we buy? (e.g. we refill the bottles of hand soap, washing up liquid and toilet cleaner used at church)
3. Products – how sustainable are the actual products we use? Choosing more environmentally friendly brands means they are less damaging to the waterways and wildlife.

Happy spring cleaning!

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **APRIL**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	<b>Creative Corner</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm	<b>Women's Fellowship – Deaconess Helen Snowball</b>
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<b>Pause for Prayer</b>
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<b>Church Cleaning morning</b>
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<b>Bible Study drop-in session</b>
15 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	<b>Children's Choir</b>
18 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	<b>Take Time Together</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	4.00pm	<b>Children's Choir</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	<b>Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning</b>
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<b>Pause for Prayer</b>
29 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	<b>Children's Choir</b>

## **DUTIES AND ROTAS FOR APRIL**

### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

<b>April</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>		14 <sup>th</sup>	Ann
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Christy Brockway	28 <sup>th</sup>	Diana Nicholls

### **COFFEE CORNER**

<b>April</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Janet & John	13 <sup>th</sup>	Jane
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Carl & Liz	27 <sup>th</sup>	Ann & Michael

### **TODDLERS DRINKS ROTA**

<b>April</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wendy Green & Gill Maloney
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Lander & Janice Matthews
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Beryl Harris & Sue Perrett
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Mick & Margaret Sendall



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**SUNDAY SERVICE DUTIES FOR APRIL**

Date		Duty Steward	Readers	Pianist
<b>7th</b>	10.45am	J Dent	Linda Phillips Esther Horsley	John Wakefield
	6.00pm	S Chambrelan	John Wilson	Janet Wilson
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	10:45am	G Heffernan	Mary Laughton John Randell	Janet Wilson
	6.00pm	A Reeves		Youth Band
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	10.45am	I Lishman	Paul Kirk Andrew Wilcock	Janet Wilson
	6:00pm	P Corah	Josie Wilcock	Lorna Page
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	10.45am	S Langford	Philip Owen Barbara Hardy	Janet Wilson
	6.00pm	R Jackson	Val Stone	Janet Wilson

## **REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

<b>Sunday</b>	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30am	Creative Corner (1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. of the month)
	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month)
	7.45pm	Table Tennis Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am	Nuthall Methodist Church Walking Group (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month - contact M. Sendall for meeting point details)
	10.00am	Tea, Toast and Talk
	10.00am	Pause for Prayer (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month)
	1.30pm	Toddlers' Group
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Explorers – age 5 to 8)
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Juniors – age 8 to 11)
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Seniors & Brigaders – age 11+)
<b>Thursday</b>	1.30pm	Art Group
	2.00pm	Take Time Together (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of the month)
<b>Friday</b>	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys – age 5 to 8)
	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Junior Section – age 8 to 11)
	7.10pm	Boys' Brigade (Company Section – age 11+)
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00am	Coffee Corner - Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, homemade cakes & a chat with friends



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## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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