



Welcoming, loving and caring for all

NEWSLETTER

July/August 2024

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Dear siblings in Christ,

Summer Reflections – A Refreshing Encounter

As we enter the warm and lazy days of summer, I hope you are all finding time to rest, recharge, and refocus. It's a season of growth, abundance, and freedom, and I pray that you are embracing the beauty and wonder of this sacred time.

As we navigate the ups and downs of life, it's easy to get caught up in the busyness of our daily routines and forget to stop and smell the roses. But summer is a season that invites us to slow down, breathe deeply, and connect with the natural world around us. Whether it's a leisurely walk through our beautiful neighbourhood parks, a trip to the beach or mountains, or simply a quiet moment of contemplation in our own back gardens, may we seize this opportunity to cultivate gratitude, peace, and joy.

As I ponder on the effects of the summer season, I invite you to join me in reflecting on a powerful and refreshing passage from the Gospel of John: Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well from John 4: 1-26.

In this story, Jesus, weary from his journey, comes across a woman who has been marginalized and ostracized by her community. She is a Samaritan, and as such, she is considered an outcast. She has had five husbands and is currently living with a man who is not her husband. You can imagine the shame and guilt she must have felt as she went about her daily life.

But Jesus doesn't see her as an outcast or a sinner. Instead, he sees a beloved child of God, created in His image. He approaches her with kindness and compassion, striking up a conversation that reveals His

understanding of her deepest desires and struggles. As they talk, He offers her living water, which she recognizes as the gift of eternal life.

This story is a beautiful reminder that Jesus is always looking for opportunities to refresh and renew those who are thirsty and weary. He sees beyond our external circumstances and reaches into the depths of our souls, offering us the living water of His love and presence.

As we navigate the challenges of summer – whether it's the heat, the humidity, or the demands of our daily lives – let us remember that Jesus is always near, offering us refreshment and renewal. May we seek Him with open hearts and minds, just as the Samaritan woman did at the well.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to see ourselves as You see us – beloved children of God, worthy of Your love and attention. May we be refreshed by Your presence and renewed in our spirits as we journey through the ups and downs of life. Amen.

As we look to the future, I want to express my gratitude for each and every one of you who have been a part of our church family this year. Your love, support, and generosity have been a source of inspiration and strength to me as your minister. I'm so grateful to serve alongside such an amazing group of people!

May God bless you richly this summer as you seek to grow in your faith and serve others. May our worship be lively and meaningful, may our prayers be bold and sincere, and may our love for one another continue to shine like a beacon of light in the world.

Yours in Christ's service,

Jason



SERVICES FOR JULY

AWSWORTH

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

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| 7 th | 10.45am | Mrs Cath Smith |
| 14 th | 10.30am | United Service at St. Peter's |
| 21 st | 10.30am | Mrs Jane Edwards |
| 28 th | 0.30am | Service at Nuthall |

ASPLEY

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

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| 2 nd | Mr Marc Williamson |
| 9 th | Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley – Holy Communion |
| 16 th | Rev. John Wiseman |
| 23 rd | Rev. Peter Powers |
| 30 th | Fellowship |

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 th	10.45am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley - Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Own arrangement
14 th	10.45am	Mr Marc Williamson
	6.00pm	United Service at Hucknall Central
21 st	9.00am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley - Holy Communion
	10.45am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley All Age Worship, Sunday School Promotion & Cradle Roll Service
	6:00pm	Rev. John Wiseman – Holy Communion
28 th	10.45am	Own arrangement – All Age Worship
	6.00pm	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley – Pride Praise

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

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4 th	10.45am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley Holy Communion
11 th	10.30am	Mr David Blount - United Service
18 th	10.30am	Mrs Sandra Langford
25 th	10.30am	Service at Nuthall

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13 th	Mrs Cath Smith
20 th	Rev. John Wiseman
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4 th	10.45am	Mrs Susan Johnson – All Age Worship
	6.00pm	Rev. John Wiseman
11 th	10.45am	Mr Marc Williamson – All Age Worship
	6.00pm	Deacon Helen Snowball
18 th	10.45am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley
		All Age Worship & Holy Communion
	6:00pm	Rev. Richard Byass
25 th	10.45am	Dr Cathy Milne – All Age Worship
	6.00pm	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley
		Holy Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Following the Sunday School Promotion and Cradle Roll Service on 21st July, Sunday School will not take place until September. All morning services for the rest of July and in August will be All Age Worship

STEWARDS REPORT

It's great that our church is fully open again! The delays were longer than expected because of an unforeseen problem for Severn Trent. Thank you to group organisers for working out plans for their members. A big thank you to Rev Barbara and St Patricks church for their support and allowing us to use their beautiful church when we needed a meeting space.

On Monday the 15th July we will have a Christmas tree festival meeting starting at church at 6.30. It would be great to see a representative of all of our church organisations/ groups:- BB, GB, Wives Group, Art group, Creative Corner, Take Time Together, Tea Toast & Talk, Sunday school, Late risers, Templars, Property & Finance, Vision, Communication, Walking Group. Toddlers, BPFA, Ladies keep fit. Please note that if you are a member of a group that is not listed I apologise and you are obviously very welcome to attend!

We look forward to summer now (always an optimist!!) and there are a couple of services to highlight. On the 21st July we will resume holding a 9am communion before the Family service, for those who like a more reflective worship time. We also look forward to our first 'Pride' service in July. Rev Jason says "Join us for a special celebration of love, equality, and inclusion! Our 'Pride Praise' service follows on from Notts Pride on Sat. the 27th July and aims to be an inclusive service of worship and fellowship for all. It will be a wonderful opportunity to embrace diversity and celebrate the beautiful tapestry of God's creation, and focus on how the church has for too long marginalised LGBTQ+ people, their lives and their families. Join us for a meaningful and inclusive worship experience that honours every life. All are welcome! All of the summer services will be all age worship.

Prior notice of two dates for you diary. Our Harvest Festival will be celebrated on 15th September. On the 12th October we hope to have a church Vision day when we review and plan for our church and its mission.

As always, thank you all for your support for the stewarding team. We are delighted to welcome Gail Brockway and Jo Furlong as our new stewards starting in September. We know that they will be a great addition to the team. Rachel and Jackie finish their year as senior stewards and thank everyone for the support and kindness that has been shown to them..

Children and Families Update

We will be running a Teddy Bear's picnic on Wednesday 14th August from 12 till 2. Bring a bear, blanket and a picnic for your family and join in the conversation, fun and games. We will have hot drinks available and have booked the hall incase of rain. Please let us know you are coming via this link <https://form.jotform.com/241642747710052> as we want to make sure we have enough space and keep everyone safe. Volunteers welcome - please let me know if you're around to help out.

Keep an eye on social media to find out about further events happening over the summer holidays for children and their families.



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Thank you to all who came to the Dementia UK 'Time for a cuppa' coffee morning on Saturday 22nd June. We raised £295.95 and all the money goes to help families dealing with dementia.

HYMN A THON

The church choir are holding their Hymn A Thon on 3rd August 2024 from 9.00 am to 12.00. There will be bacon butties as well as the usual coffee corner goodies!

Please come along and support this and enjoy singing or listening to your favourite hymns.

There will be a notice on the board in the coffee lounge for you to pick your favourite hymn.

MORE DATES AVAILABLE FOR EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP RELEASED BY REV'D JASON!

Would you like to be a member of Nuthall Methodist Church?

Wednesdays in July: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th at 10:30-11:30am in church.

There are many ways of belonging to the church including by attending worship and other activities in the building. Wonderfully, the Methodist Church also offers you the chance to show another step of commitment by being 'confirmed' and 'received into membership'. This means that there is a service in which you make promises - these are the same promises that are made when someone is baptised. If you have already been confirmed in another denomination, you can be received as a Methodist member by a simple act of welcome.

Becoming a 'member' is a way of saying that you belong to and support Nuthall Methodist Church and that you want to do this. Being a member of the Methodist Church means that you can hold certain responsibilities within the life of the church (e.g., steward, pastoral visitor, local preacher, member of the church council). If you are interested in exploring a little more of what membership means, then you are invited to a series of 4 sessions that Rev Jason will be leading during the regular Tea, Toast and Talk slot on a Wednesday morning. These sessions will be informal and will be held in the church. These sessions will be informal and will be held in the church. There is no obligation to become a member if you attend these sessions, but you are welcome to come and explore membership in the Methodist Church. The four sessions are as follows:

THEME	CONTENT
A STEP ON THE JOURNEY	Exploring our understanding of God and some of the landmarks on our spiritual journey.
THE CHURCH: LOCAL AND WORLDWIDE METHODISM: LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD	Looking at what the church is and how the church exists on different levels and the roots of Methodism.
A METHODIST WAY OF LIFE, OUR CALLING – WORSHIP, BAPTISM, BREAD, AND WINE	Finding out about the distinctiveness of Methodism and what we are called to alongside why we worship and some of the special occasions we celebrate in worship.
CALLED TO BE A MEMBER?	What does it really mean to be a member? What does the membership service involve? Is it for me?

CREATIVE CORNER

Operation Orphan



Four of us went to take the six completed patchwork blankets to the premises of Operation Orphan in Attenborough. We were made very welcome and had a good look around to find out what they are doing. In the warehouses, we were shown areas where beds are being renovated and stored, along with packs of bedding, which are then ready for when local families need them. In addition, there are facilities for re-cycling old mattresses and bedding, so that they can be re-purposed. Beds, mattresses and sofas can be collected via their website www.wastenottwantnott.co.uk

The charity regular sends out shipments to various countries, in response to specific crises, and also to centres, such as those in Moldova and Zimbabwe. We were very impressed by what they are doing, and really moved by all the photographs displayed of the children and adults who have received a blanket. So far, over 6,000 blankets have been distributed. They aim to provide and comfort and warm bedding / blankets to as many people as they can. From time to time, they hold Packing Days, when volunteers assemble the packs to be sent out. To find out more, email info@operation-orphan.org.uk or telephone 0115 8969942. Whole blankets should be 6 foot by 4 foot, so that they could cover a single bed, and also so that each receiving child feels equally valued.

If you would like to support our work, then please contact Linda Cook 078899 061012, or turn up on the first Tuesday morning of the month at 10.30am. Individual squares of 4 inches are best

Please note: There will be no Creative Corner sessions in July or August

COACH TRIP – 31ST AUGUST

BPFA are running a coach trip to Whitby on Saturday 31st August.

The cost is £25.

Pick up from Woodland Drive at 7.50am, church at 8am then returning 6.30-7.00pm, depending on the traffic.

Payment to be made by the end of July to Norma Ellis, Cash or cheque (payable to BPFA). To book contact Norma Ellis on 07879455591.



SOCIAL MEDIA

If there is anything you'd like putting on our Facebook/X page regarding events or groups please let the communications team know on:

communicationsnuthallmeth@gmail.com

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Facebook - @NuthallMethodistChurch



Twitter/X - @NuthallMChurch



Instagram: NuthallMethodistChurch

ECO-CHURCH NEWS

Thank you to those who came on Saturday 15th June to do our annual church grounds walk-around and nature survey. We hadn't been able to publicise this as much as we would have liked with the uncertainty over the Severn Trent Water works and it was a very wet morning so we were small in number but it was still very useful and enjoyable to see what progress we have made against our land management plan and what species live alongside us in the church grounds. There is a report available if anyone would like to read it, but we observed 50 different native plant species within the church grounds!

The EcoChurch group have developed a set of "spotter sheets" for plants, birds and butterflies which have been at church and they are shown on the EcoChurch noticeboard in the coffee lounge (thank you to Paul, Sarah and Christy who worked on these). We are planning to share these with children within church and the Brigades as a Summer Holiday Challenge, please ask if anyone else would be interested in taking part in this.

We have previously done lots of work in church to reduce our single-use plastics. Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution. As a starting point why not think about avoiding single-use plastics when out and about or on holiday over the summer? Carry reusable shopping bags and a refillable water bottle and/or coffee cup, say no to plastic straws in drinks and try to pack a plastic-free picnic using containers to avoid cling film. You can get more ideas and sign up to the challenge at <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org>

Finally, please save the date of Saturday 21st September when we will have our EcoChurch Fairtrade Coffee Morning to coincide with Fairtrade Fortnight which this year celebrates 30 years of the Fairtrade mark. There will be opportunities to learn about EcoChurch and Fairtrade as well as coffee and cake!

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Another recycling opportunity

Don't forget to recycle your birthday cards by giving them to Janet Wilson to make into cards to sell for Christian Aid

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

6 th	2.00pm	BPFA Jumble Sale
9 th	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship – Tea and chat
10 th	10.00am	Pause for Prayer
18 th	2.00pm	Take Time Together
24 th	10.00am	Pause for Prayer
23 rd	10.30am	Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning
24 th	10.00am	Pause for Prayer
27 th	1.00pm	BPFA Table Top Sale

August

3 rd	9.00am – 12.00	Hymn a Thon
14 th	10.00am	Pause for Prayer
18 th	2.00pm	Take Time Together
28 th	10.00am	Pause for Prayer
31 st		Coach Trip to Whitby

Please note: Tea, toast and talk will continue on Wednesdays, 10.00-12.00 throughout July and August.

Advance notice:

September	10.00am	EcoChurch Fairtrade Coffee Morning
21 st	– 12.00	

Please email any items for the September newsletter
to kirstie.dane@hotmail.co.uk
or deliver to Church **by Sunday 18th August 2024**

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DUTIES AND ROTAS FOR JULY/AUGUST**CHURCH FLOWERS**

July	7 th		14 th	Anne Speed
	21 st		28 th	
August	4 th	Beverley & David	11 th	
	18 th		25 th	

COFFEE CORNER

July	6 th	Sylvia & David	13 th	Ann & Michael
	20 th	Liz & Carl	22 nd	Ann & Michael
August	3 rd	Hymn a Thon	10 th	Jane & Norma
	17 th	Blount family	24 th	
	31 st			

Please sign up to fill the gaps above**TODDLERS DRINKS ROTA**

July	3 rd	Wendy Green & Gill Maloney
	10 th	Janet Lander & Janice Matthews
	17 th	Beryl Harris & Sue Perrett
	24 th	Mick & Margaret Sendall

SUNDAY SERVICE DUTIES FOR JULY/AUGUST

Date		Duty Steward	Readers	Pianist
JULY				
7th	10.45am	G. Heffernan	John Randall John Wilson	Janet Wilson
	6.00pm	A. Reeves	Fiona Wright	Lorna Page
14th	10:45am	J. Dent	June Gorton David Gorton	Janet Wilson
	6.00pm	No service	Circuit Service at Hucknall	
21st	9.00am			Janet Lander
	10.45am	I. Lishman	Janet Lander Sarah Foster	Hannah Chamberlain
	6:00pm	R. Jackson	Wendy Green	Pauline Priest
28th	10.45am	S. Langford	Ben Jackson Philip Owen	Janet Wilson
	6.00pm	S Chambrelan	Richard Harvey	Janet Wilson
AUGUST				
4th	10.45am	J. Dent	Josie Wilcock Andy Wilcock	John Wakefield
	6.00pm	A. Reeves	Barry Langford	Lorna Page
11th	10.45am	S Chambrelan	Sue Perrett Caroline Lovatt	Janet Wilson
	6.00pm	S. Langford		Janet Wilson
18th	10.45am	I Lishman	Russel Foley Gail Brockway	Lorna Page
	6.00pm	P. Corah	John Wilson	Pauline Priest
25th	10.45am	J. Dent	June Gorton David Gorton	Janet Wilson
	6.00pm	R. Jackson	Val Stone	Janet Wilson

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	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
Tuesday	10:30am	Creative Corner (1 st Tues. of the month)
	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship (2 nd Tues. of the month)
	7.45pm	Table Tennis Club
Wednesday	10.00am	Nuthall Methodist Church Walking Group (3 rd Wednesday of the month - contact M. Sendall for meeting point details)
	10.00am	Tea, Toast and Talk
	10.00am	Pause for Prayer (2 nd & 4 th 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+)
Thursday	1.30pm	Art Group
	2.00pm	Take Time Together (3 rd Thurs. of the month)
Friday	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+)
Saturday	10.00am	Coffee Corner - Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, homemade cakes & a chat with friends



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