

Welcome!

Are you new to our church or just visiting?
Please make yourself known to a Steward.

After Morning Worship please stay for refreshments
in Century Hall, through the door behind the pulpit

We do not take collections during services.
If you wish to make a gift, please use the collecting
boxes which are at various points around the church.

Large print Hymnbooks & Notices are
available; there is also a hearing loop.

Prayer after Worship

If you would like someone to pray with you or for you
after the service, please see the steward on duty.
Please do ask them.

Sunday 23 April 2017

10.30am Worship led by Diana Whitmill

6.30pm Worship led by Tom Parkinson

6.30pm Mustard – meet in Cornerstone
(planning for leading Praise)

The week ahead...

Sunday 30 April 2017

Monday 24 April

10am Housegroup at 12 Spencer Close
1 pm Open the Book team at Hilltop School
(Story- A tale of two houses)
2-4pm Craft & Chat in The Cornerstone
No Monday evening housegroup
7.30pm Circuit meeting – Hullan Millenium Hall

Tuesday 25 April

9 - 11am kids@cornerstone in The Cornerstone
12.30pm Church Lunch in Century Hall
No Minister's Vestry Hour this week

Wednesday 26 April

9.30am Walk & Talk - meet at 34 St Oswald's Cres
9.30am Amble & ramble – meet at 81 Derby Rd
7.30pm Housegroup at 5 Haddon Court

Thursday 27 April

9.30am Time for Prayer in the Vestry
10am-3pm The Cornerstone Coffee Shop
7.30pm Housegroup at 29 Peak View Drive
7.30pm Church Council meeting

Friday 28 April

10am - 3pm The Cornerstone Coffee Shop

Saturday 29 April

10am- 4pm The Cornerstone Coffee Shop

10.30am Worship led by Stuart Mustow

6.30pm Worship including Holy Communion
led by Rev Tim Morris

6.30m Mustard

Prayer topic for the week

Jesus said to the disciples "Peace be with You".
May the Living Lord walk beside us as we journey on in
His Love, His Light and His Peace.

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Family News We send our love and prayers to Betty Hadley as she celebrates her 80th birthday on April 26th and to Jane Bowley as she had a special birthday on April 21st. Joyce Warren, a former member of our church, has died. Her funeral will be held at our Church on Thursday, 27th April at 1.30pm

Thanks Thank you so much for the lovely flowers and greeting cards for my birthday. I feel truly loved and supported. Bless you all. *Jane*
Thank you for prayer for Richard - really valued for the meetings where many rural pastors have received the teaching materials and for safe travel on very mountainous roads in Nepal. He returns early Wednesday. *Joyce*
Thank you to everyone for your amazing love and support in so many different ways over the past few weeks.

Jonathan & Rosemary Webb & family
I would like to thank the Church Family for the beautiful flowers, cards and messages of sympathy on the death of my father. Your prayers and presence have been a great source of comfort and encouragement at such a sad time for my family. *Helen Flinn*

Church Council The next church council meeting will be held on Thursday 27 April. All church council members should now have received their agendas and a copy is on the church notice board. *Stephanie*

JMA bring and share lunch Sunday May 7th: 12-2pm in Cornerstone. Members and friends are invited to our Sri Lanka themed event. We look forward to seeing you there. More details from Ruth Mallard.

Messy Church Thank you to all who helped to put on Messy Church last week on the theme of 'Two Amazing Sundays!' We welcomed 51 children and 29 adults/carers who learnt about Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday through crafts, stories and songs. We have a great team of people who give their time to run Messy Church, including several brilliant junior helpers! We always need a pool of helpers to draw from as the holiday season approaches. If you think you would like to join the team on a permanent or occasional basis, do get in touch – or come along and see for yourself on May 31st when our theme will be 'Who is Jesus?' *Fiona*

Pennies for Lent I am now starting to collect any monies people have collected during Lent and will be doing so over the next few weeks. I am more than happy to come and collect the money (often quite heavy!) from you at home; let me know if would like me to do so. *Pat Fielding*

Methodist Homes My thanks to you all for the contribution you made to Methodist Homes, either individually, corporately, or as congregations. The total for the 2016 / 2017 financial year was £1451.64p. (to be verified by MHA). For future reference, if anyone has a full collecting box, one does not have to wait till the end of the financial year for it to be counted. Just give me a call and I will be happy to pick it up. Once again my thanks to you all. *Tom Parkinson*
Ashbourne Circuit MHA Representative. (342918)

Tissington Well Dressings 25-30 May Could you welcome visitors to the Chapel at Tissington during the Well Dressings? Many visitors come into the chapel as they look around the village. We want it to be a time when they can sense the presence of God, enjoy the beauty of God's creation and the peace of the chapel. Any member from all chapels in the Circuit is welcome to help. There is a rota sheet to sign up on in the vestibule, please do sign up or contact me *Joyce Odell 419319*
Also help is needed to provide cakes and take a turn on the ACT One World Group cake stall at the well dressings. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule

Church Catering We are occasionally asked to provide coffee, meals, etc, for groups not connected to our church events. With this in mind, I am drawing up a list of people who are willing and able to help occasionally. A list will be on the noticeboards in the Church porch & Century Hall. This is an opportunity to raise money for our Church & serve the community. Recently we were able to raise £255 for Church funds when refreshments were served at the Ashbourne Singers' Concert. *Enid Stubbs*

Godly Play I would love to share what I have learned after the Godly Play course I attended in November last year. You may remember I presented the Godly Play story of the Holy Family with figures during a service before Christmas. It is a powerful medium for spiritual development for both the presenter and the participants. It is essentially a spiritually rich practice to use with children and adults alike, through a story approach giving space for responses. Please contact me if you want to know more *Jane Bowley*

Summer Displays in Church

As you may have read in Connections, we are planning displays inside and outside church as part of the Ashbourne Arts Festival. Part of the interior displays will be a collection of pictures each showing a hand holding a cross. We would like to invite you to bring a cross from home (preferably small enough for your hand!) and have it photographed in your hand. (We will have some spare crosses if you do not have one available.) At present our plan is that photographs will be taken after services on May 7, May 14 (a.m.) and May 21 (Praise). All ages are needed to take part – come and join us in putting together a witness to our faith! *Fiona Green*

Ashbourne Churches Together Noon Prayers The next ACT Noon Prayer meeting will be on Monday, 8 May (12 noon) at Ashbourne Methodist Church followed by lunch at Stepping Stones. Everyone is welcome to come to either, or both, prayer meeting or lunch

The Brailsford Handbell Ringers group is 25 years old this spring. There will be an open evening on Tuesday 9th May 7.30 to 9.00pm at Brailsford Methodist Church to celebrate this landmark. All past members and friends are welcome, and anyone interested in having a go at handbell ringing. We hope to raise money for Lupus UK, in memory of our founder member Roy Howard. Anyone who'd like to come along is welcome - see Liz Mawdsley for more information