

Family news

Congratulations to Chris Evans who celebrates her 80th Birthday on 31 July and to Cliff and Sandra Lewer as they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 1 August.

We send our congratulations to Heidi Durose and Tim Wijsbroek who will marry on 1 August.

Bob and Judith Starkie are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful granddaughter Mollie Ivy, a much loved daughter for Ian and Tracy and little sister for Joshua and Matilda,

Peter Richards celebrated his 86th birthday last week

Thanks

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the preparation for the **Summer Displays**

Margaret and Alan Wright thank the church family for the cards, calls and prayers during Margaret's time in hospital. She is making slow, steady progress.

Afternoon Tea

Join us for a delightful Afternoon Tea with live music on Saturday 4th August from 3.30-5.30pm at The Old House, Bank End Farm, Roston. Tickets priced £18 (£10 for under 12s) from *Gwen Kelsey* on Sunday mornings or 01335 300666 / gwenkelsey@btinternet.com.

Proceeds to the Link Project

Milldale Methodist Chapel

There will be a Summer Service on Wednesday 8th August at 7pm led by Rev David Leese. All welcome

JMA members please have your collecting boxes emptied before the end of July. Ruth Mallard or Liz Hibberd are happy to assist and will ensure the money is banked into the JMA account. If anyone wants to give in a cheque it can be made payable to "Methodist Church World Mission Fund".

I would like to thank the group of volunteers who have been supporting **readers at Ashbourne Primary School** over the last term. The school has valued our contribution and seen improvement in the children that have been supported. They would very much like to continue the scheme next academic year. If any one else would like to participate in this most worthwhile commitment please do contact me. The sessions run between 2:15 and 3:15 every Monday. Over a term that would mean about two or three times. Jane Bowley

The next **Dove House Residential Home Songs of Praise** will be on 5 August. You are welcome to swell the singing. Joyce Odell (Please note that I have corrected the date from last week!!)

Harvest Festival 30 September

The Theme for the windows will be "Colours of the Rainbow". If you feel that you could arrange a window display for one of the colours, please see Enid or ring 342810 or 07968 654285 Tinned food, toiletries, etc., will be received at the front & envelopes for "All We Can" will be available

Summer kids

During the summer, our usual kids@cornerstone group for pre-schoolers will also be open to older children (up to

school year 2) and their carers and will meet in the Waterside Hall so we will have a bit more space. Refreshments and activities provided. No charge. Please tell your friends and neighbours

Greenbelt

We are organising a trip to the Greenbelt festival this year which is from 24-27 August, Anyone of any age is very welcome to join our group – whether you'd like to camp or stay in a local hotel. If you are interested in joining us please speak to *Catherine Green* (01335 300338)

Circuit Weekend Away September 21-23

Please contact Helen if you are interested in going. It promises to be a great time of fellowship, relaxation and growing in Christ in a beautiful venue not so far from home

Helen Walker 343910

Use of Church sound equipment

Would everybody who uses the church sound equipment, especially microphones, please ensure that it is returned, after use, to the secure storage from which it came.

There have been a few instances over the last 6 months or so where microphones have been left out in vulnerable areas of the church which are open to the public.

Our equipment is good quality and not cheap, so we do not want to have to buy replacement kit.

Thanks Jeff Ffoulkes

Ashbourne Show – Saturday 19 August

Volunteers Needed. The circuit's stand at the Ashbourne Show is part of our outreach & witness to the community. Are you able to help serve tea and coffee or to chat with people? Can you spare an hour or 2 to help? Anyone from 14 to 90 is welcome. There is a sheet on the notice board at Ashbourne for volunteers to sign up to help. Help towards the cost of your ticket is available. Please contact *Carole Thorpe* on cethorpe@hotmail.com or 346535 if you are able to help

Messy Church Thursday August 9th 10-12:30

Join us in the Century Hall for a fun-filled morning of crafts, songs, stories and lunch! Our theme this time is Paul with the focus on his conversion and his shipwreck. All welcome but we do ask that you stay with children you are bringing to Messy Church. All free but we accept donations to help us continue with this ministry.

Needed for Messy Church

Can you help us with items for our 'make a boat' junk modelling table at Messy Church? We need clean plastic containers or eg tetrapak containers. Any size and shape useful – we will recycle anything which isn't used on the day. If you can help, please place items in the box outside Jane's office. Thank you,

Fiona and the Messy Church Team

Housegroups

Most housegroups are not meeting now until September, so we shall not be putting NO housegroup messages in the weekly diary

Notices by e mail

Don't forget if you wish to receive the weekly notices electronically please let us know noticesamc@gmail.com