

Connections



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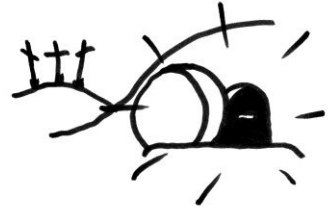
Letter from the Minister

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Dear Friends,

“An empty tomb?”

How’s Lent going for you? Have you given anything up, or taken anything up? Are you preparing yourself for Easter? Remember Lent is a journey - a pilgrimage - that tempts us to focus on our faith journey with God.



As we press on towards Easter Day, it’s not too late to stop and think and reflect on the themes of Lent – temptation, confession, forgiveness and hope. But what of Easter itself? What will you do when you get there? Is it a destination to reach, a milestone to achieve?

As I always say, pilgrims go to the tomb in Jerusalem to “find Jesus”. But he’s not there. He is risen! He won’t be contained, or constrained by time and place. We can’t put God in a box and keep him where we want him to be. For he is everywhere, at all times, present.

So as we press on towards the goal of Easter, there’s still time to take stock of your journey of faith. Join in the Holy Week services, help at our Ashbourne Church with the ‘Easter Experience’ activity, helping local school children understand the experiences of Easter. And then when Easter comes, remember we come not to a grave of a dead “man of God”, or a mausoleum to a saint of long ago. We come to an empty tomb. For we have a living Saviour, a risen Lord, a loving friend who says “come and see, now go and tell - I am with you always”.

*The long day stretched into night
and time crept onward towards the new day.
With the first gold of dawn came a resurrection,
a new hope that grew with the rising sun
and went out to a waiting world*

Your minister and friend,

Tim Morris

Ashbourne Church Family News

*“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves.”
Romans 12 v 9-10*

There are many who need our prayers who are recovering from illness or remain unwell or are having tests or who just feel under the weather or are caring for others ; David and Rosalind Franklin, Stuart and Sigrid Mustow, Barbara and David Hollands, Sue Ffoulkes, Jenny Waring, Val Rutledge, Pearl Steeples and Peter Richards. There are those you know who need our prayers but whose names I have not mentioned. Do let me know if we can pray for you.

Congratulations to: David and Barbara Hollands who celebrated 65 years of marriage on 20th March; Olive Patterson who was 90 years on 23rd March; Jane and Steve Bowley who celebrate their Ruby Wedding on 7th April; Pearl Steeples who will be 90 on 22nd April.

Remember Jonathan and Isabel Hill, our mission partners in Zimbabwe and Stephen and Suzanne in the UK, with Jonathan and Isabel hoping to visit UK this year. Jonathan’s mother lives in Burton.

We thank the Lord for the Link team and all those who have put so much work into the Plan for Growth and for our Leadership Stewards, Worship Leaders, Preachers and Worship Stewards. God has given us so many people with the gifts needed for our church to function as the Body of Christ. We couldn’t function as a church without those who give lifts, bake cakes, visit, clean, lead housegroups, arrange flowers, serve at church lunches and in the Cornerstone, make phone calls and make music. Let’s pray for all those who work with children in Powersource, Mustard, Messy Church, Kids at Cornerstone, in schools and in ‘Open the Book.’ Jane Bowley and many others will be involved in ‘Easter Experience’ when children again come into church to understand why Jesus died and was raised to life again.

Don’t forget the prayer time in the vestry on a Thursday at 9.30am for an hour, but just drop in for a shorter time if that suits you. After worship on a Sunday, there are people available to pray with you or for you.

Elizabeth Spencer is part of the Chaplaincy team at the Royal Derby Hospital as a Chaplaincy Visitor and if you are in hospital and need a visit, you or a friend could let her know on 348482. Elizabeth is also a visitor at St Oswald’s Hospital in Ashbourne.

Joyce Odell, Pastoral Secretary 04.03.2019

Dorothy Prior

In 1993, Dorothy and Michael Prior moved from Cornwall to Hulland Ward in order to live nearer their son, Christopher, and his family. As long-term Methodists, they joined our fellowship at Hulland Chapel. Michael was church treasurer for many years and Dorothy played the organ.

After Michael died in 2012, Dorothy was adamant she would stay in their bungalow and continue her major contribution to maintaining our worship at the chapel. She had been an excellent pianist from her youth and also played our organ extremely well for many years. In addition, she often helped with musical entertainment at our Ladies meetings, particularly with her well loved Cornish music.

When Dorothy's family were worried about her becoming a little forgetful, she moved voluntarily into the Methodist Home at Spondon two years ago, where she enjoyed the company and joining in activities. She was in hospital for only two or three days, before she peacefully passed away on 8th March, with her family from both home and Belgium with her.

Her family, and friends from Hulland and Ashbourne, joined in a Service of Thanksgiving for her life at Christ Church, Hulland, on Thursday 21st March, led by Rev Tim Morris. We at Hulland will miss Dorothy for her encouragement and friendliness.

Peggy Spencer

Cecil Broadbent

Following the loss of Heather in February, Cecil, who was already ill himself, needed three weeks in hospital to recover. He felt he could not cope alone at home, even with carer support. However, wonderfully there was a vacancy at the nearby MHA residential care home, so he has now moved in, and we trust the trial period of eight weeks will confirm that this has been the right decision.

His previous phone number has been transferred to his room, and his address is now: Morel Court, Raisdale Road, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan CF64 5BN.

News from Richard Broadbent

The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

I have in my Bible a postcard which I bought in the Kaiser Wilhelm Church in Berlin. It has a photograph of a Coventry 'Cross of Nails' and a copy of the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation. The church was built in the 1890s and was partially destroyed by bombing in 1943. It has now been rebuilt, but retains parts of the old church.



Coventry Cathedral was bombed on 14th November 1940. In the aftermath two charred roof beams, which had fallen the shape of a cross, were bound together and placed at the site of the ruined altar. Three medieval roof nails were also formed into a cross - the original 'Cross of Nails' - and placed with the wooden one. The words "Father forgive" were inscribed on the wall of the ruined chancel. After the war the Cross of Nails became a sign of hope and reconciliation. Links

were made between Coventry and cities like Berlin, Dresden and Kiel which had also suffered bombing. Coventry Cathedral became, and is, a centre for reconciliation.

The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation seems to be an apt prayer for today's troubled world.

Elizabeth Hurfurt

*The hatred that divides nation from nation,
race from race,
class from class,
FATHER FORGIVE!*

*The covetous desire of nations to possess what is not their own,
FATHER FORGIVE!*

*The greed which exploits the work of human hands
and lays waste the earth,
FATHER FORGIVE!*

*Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
FATHER FORGIVE!*

*Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless,
the refugee,
FATHER FORGIVE!*

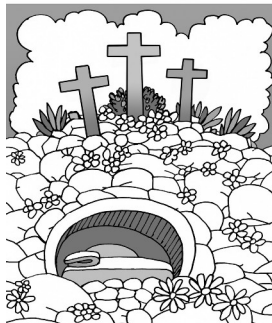
*The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,
FATHER FORGIVE!*

*The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
FATHER FORGIVE!*

‘Experience Easter’

The Church will be decorated for ‘Experience Easter’ from Sunday 7th April. This event explores the events of Holy Week in a way that is stimulating and interactive.

From Monday 8th April, children from the local schools will be visiting our Church to hear the Easter story and to ‘Experience Easter’ for themselves. The church will be decorated with six interactive displays themed on:



- Hopes and Dreams
- Jesus washes his disciples feet
- The Last Supper
- The Garden of Gethsemane
- The Crucifixion
- The Resurrection

This is a wonderful opportunity for our Church to serve the schools and children of the town through a presentation of the Easter story and the gospel of Jesus. Each Sunday in Lent, we will be sharing in one of the prayer stations and praying for the teachers and children who will be visiting.

Catherine Green

Advance notices for your diary

Dementia-signs and strategies for coping - Tuesday 18th June

Paul Waters, Royal Derby Hospital chaplain, will be speaking on this subject. A bring and share finger buffet at 7.00pm will be followed by the talk at 7.30pm in the Century Hall. Please put the date in your diary.

Joyce Odell, Pastoral Secretary

Summer Circuit Event - Sunday 14th July, afternoon and evening.

Last year we had a very successful Circuit Weekend away. There is no weekend away this year, but we are planning an afternoon/evening event for us to meet together. Plans are at a very early stage, but there will be a barbeque, followed by an evening service at Brailsford Institute. This will be the only afternoon or evening service in the Circuit. We plan to have an activity before the food – we still have to decide what that will be. Further details later, but please do put the date in your diary.

Elizabeth Hurfurt, Circuit Steward



What is Methodism?

Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm

What does it mean to be a Christian in the Methodist Church?

A short introduction to its origins, character, belief, and practice of the Methodist Church - for those new, and not so new, to Methodism. Everyone welcome.

This event was originally organised for 29th January, but few were able to attend because of the weather. Another opportunity has therefore been arranged for Tuesday 7th May in the Cornerstone. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm with tea/coffee and nibbles beforehand.

Led by Rev David Leese and hosted by Rev Tim Morris.

Methodist Women in Britain



Reflective Morning – Saturday 13th April

We are holding a Reflective Morning on Saturday 13th April at Tissington Chapel. This will be led by Mrs Cathy Stubbs. Her theme will be: “..in all things, God works for the good of those who love him” (Romans 8 v.28). The morning will run from 10.00am until approximately 12 noon. Coffee will be served from 9.45 am. Come and enjoy a morning of quiet reflection in the beautiful surroundings of Tissington.

Easter Offerings

On Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, envelopes will be in the pews for Easter Offerings. All the money raised goes to the Methodist Church World Mission Fund to support the work of our 65 partner Churches overseas. We hope you will give generously to this worthwhile cause.

The Offerings will be dedicated at a Circuit Service to be held at Ashbourne on Sunday 12th May at 10.30 am. The theme of the service is ‘Longer Tables, Lower Fences’. It will be led by the Rev Tim Morris and ladies of the Circuit.

Alma Swan

Ashbourne Methodist Church

Link Development

– update April 2019



Progress of Building Plans

- Since our last report in November 2018 we have been continuing to progress planning issues and, although progress has been slower than we hoped, we have one piece of excellent news to report – on 19th March we received the Decision Notice granting Listed Building Consent from the Connexional Conservation Officer Joanne Balmforth for our project. Thank you to everybody for your support and patience in getting to this point. This is a significant hurdle cleared.
- To achieve this, our architects AJA (in agreement with the Link Development Team and the Church Council) had to submit a number of details, which are now conditions for the granting of consent. Mostly these are technical details such as how the Link roof joins the church wall, how the glazing of the Link building will be done, or how the opening for the door from the Link building into the side of the church will be made.
- One issue which results in an outcome which is more apparent for church building users was the requirement to submit a list of chairs from which the final choice of chair will be made. In consultation with AJA, and based on recommendations from Joanne Balmforth, we drew up a list of five possible chairs which have been approved by the Church Council and are now included as a condition in the Consent which we have received. These chairs had to satisfy the criteria of being “of good quality and appropriate for the church interior” (and all have padded seat options). When the time comes, we will arrange a second “chair parade” to get everybody’s input on the final chair selection (with the benefit of hind-sight we arranged our previous “chair parade” too early and with insufficient knowledge of the Conservation Officer’s requirements – sorry for getting your hopes up too soon!)
- However, in order to have an approved project we also need Planning Permission from Derbyshire Dales District Council. As reported before, whilst the DDDC Planning Officer accepts our proposals for the development of the Church, Century Hall and Cornerstone, he

has several concerns about the housing development we propose. Primarily he is not satisfied that we have sufficiently justified the removal of the Shop and Chapel House (in particular he values the shop's "street-scene presence"), he still feels that our revised housing plans are too high, and he suggests development without the ramp and "car-free".

- To make progress, and in agreement with the Church Council, we re-submitted our Pre-Application with the shop remaining, accepting a lower level housing development and in order to have space to keep a reasonable number of apartments (10/12) and recognising the desire for "car-free", we have replaced the ramp with street level parking. We are still trying for permission to demolish Chapel House. Following further feedback from the planning officer, AJA are now developing the necessary detailed plans to enable submission of a full Planning Application to the DDDC Planning Committee – and we are having regular follow-up meetings with AJA.

Financial Matters

- We have conducted detailed reviews of The Link Cost Estimates with AJA and our Quantity Surveyor – including a detailed walk around our site. Unfortunately, costs are escalating due to both building cost inflation over time and as the details of what needs to be done become clearer.
- We have critically reviewed where we can make savings and have reduced the estimate from £3.2 million to £2.75 million. We recommend we accept this for now – real costs will come from quotes and we cannot get these until we have Planning Permission and detailed designs.
- We fully appreciate that we need to carefully control cost and assure you that we are committed to doing so.
- We continue to have some great fundraising events – the highlight of which was the very enjoyable Auction of Promises, when Graham Penny kindly came to be our auctioneer and a magnificent £3,500 was raised.
- The Fundraising Team have an excellent programme of events for the coming 12 months or so – look out for details. When we have Planning Permission, we will start our main fundraising activities, inviting direct giving, pledges and loans and also contacting grant giving bodies.

Next Steps

- To submit a full Planning Application (for Church and Housing combined) as soon as possible. [Target by the end of April. If this goes smoothly, we might have Planning Permission by the end July/early August and perhaps could make a full fundraising start in late summer/early autumn. This is what we are trying for!].

We really look forward to the day when we can deliver The Link Development and truly support our inspiring Mission Action Plan: “Plan for Growth”.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

The Link Development Team:

John Barker, Peter Flinn, Catherine Green, Paul Haslam, Ian Marsh, Tim Morris, Tony Walker, Jonathan Webb

Film Club: “The Bible”

Questions for Lent

Friday 5th April 2019 at 7.45pm in the Parwich Memorial Hall

What is the Bible all about? Is it just a dusty book?

Where did it come from? How come it's still being used hundreds of years after it was first written in the Holy Land?

Are these questions you have asked before about the Christian book which has influenced our country's laws, justice system, charities, Education, Royal family and the Church of England - all aspects of life that influence us, whether we are believers or not!

Please come for a Lent Film show with supper on Friday 5th April at Parwich Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

The film will be split by an interval with quizzes (prizes for adults and children), supper, socialising and chat. It is suitable for all ages, all faiths and none, local residents and visitors, church goers of any church, believers and abstainers. No pressure, just a warm soupy welcome.

Any questions? Want to book your soup?

Please contact Rev'd Carolyn McDonald, 01335 664132

David Bale's visit to Mambabu

At the beginning of March I spent a week in Sierra Leone, visiting three villages in the Kailahun District, near the borders with Liberia and Guinea. You will struggle to find the villages of Gbangbama, Bendekor and Gbandoma on a map, but they are home to some 400 people and it is here that the Mambabu project has been operating since 2009.

Mambabu is a development programme, established by local people to tackle the root causes of poverty in their community and to alleviate hardship. Situated in an area of endemic poverty and deprivation, ravaged by civil war throughout the 1990s and again by the Ebola epidemic in 2014/15, this is a place crying out for help - a place of little opportunity, where the prospects for life can be bleak. Yet, 'there's a Spirit in the air' that brings change. In the face of need, Mambabu has been trying to foster a new vision of the future and, over the last 10 years, this has been taking shape through initiatives in education, community development, water, sanitation and agriculture.



Mambabu was the reason for my visit and I spent a fascinating week enjoying the beauty and remoteness of the location, exploring plantations and farmland, checking the depth of water in wells, visiting schools and government offices, pounding rice for dinner and talking with young people about their hopes for the future.

I learned that the way to start every day was to go to greet people in their homes, which I quickly came to enjoy. I always encountered goodwill in abundance, so the lack of a common language rarely seemed a problem, and stumbling efforts to express oneself in Mende or Kissi were guaranteed to meet with approval, ending in laughter. Over the course of the week I was showered with a variety of gifts - bananas, pineapples, a hen, a tribal costume, a goat, and plentiful supplies of palm wine. The warmth of welcome and friendship of the people was wonderful.

The Mambabu project thrives on the hard work, enthusiasm, and determination of the village people. Yet, there is also a real generosity of spirit which underpins everything, and that is perhaps Mambabu's most striking feature, making it much more than a simple aid programme. Wherever you look, you see examples of this generosity - in personal commitment, in care and concern for each individual, in a strong sense of living for each other, in the time and expertise contributed by experts, and in money freely given.

There had been some significant changes since Judith and I visited the villages in 2016, and I was pleased to meet some of the people who helped those changes come about, and to join in planning the next phase of development.



When Mambabu began its work, there was no clean water in the villages, no sanitation, no electricity, no education and no occupation other than subsistence farming. By the time we visited in 2016, the education programme was well under way and the villagers had completed a fine new community centre.

Today, that building resounds to the happy voices of children at a new elementary school, which opened a couple of years ago, where four volunteer teachers are giving 52 young children the best possible start to their education. In a room at the back, an English language library has been set up to help people of all ages and abilities, but mainly as a resource for school pupils needing somewhere to study in the evenings and at weekends. Library lighting and curriculum textbooks are still urgently needed.

Three new wells now provide fresh water and, with the help of the project's consultant agronomist, support for farmers has become embedded in village life, in the form of six co-operative farming groups, with names such as Nyenwawoen (Light), Ngeworlor ah nugor (God is our giver) and Teglorma (Moving forward).

During school hours, you no longer see children tending crops, working in the bush, collecting wood or carrying water. They're all in school. The project now supports 136 children and young people across all levels of elementary, primary and secondary education. Mambabu began life by providing educational opportunities and it is fantastic to see how young people have responded, achieving so much with so little. It is also heartening (if a little daunting!) to see how aspirations have grown, as more and more people seek support for tertiary and adult education.

Despite the progress, there is much more to be done if these developments are to be sustained and if the community is to become self-reliant. Sanitation facilities are still very limited, there are very few viable means of earning a living and there is no power supply, apart from an old diesel generator reserved for special occasions. The housing and transportation infrastructures remain basic and healthcare is rudimentary. Although support from donor institutions poured into the country after the civil war, many rural villages, including those in the Mambabu area, received very little assistance, and so development continues to be constrained by a lack of infrastructure and a lack of opportunity. Addressing these is essential if basic human needs are to be met.

Therefore Mambabu's plan for the next few years is to prioritise further infrastructure improvements where it can, such as sanitation, solar power and road building, while continuing with its programmes in education and agriculture, along with promoting new sustainable ways of generating an income. I am pleased to say there is no shortage of ideas competing for support.

To those readers of Connections who have supported Mambabu with prayer, encouragement, gifts of money, or with all those things, I have returned with a heartfelt 'Thank you' from village chiefs, community leaders and countless villagers of all ages. There is no doubt that your kindness has materially improved many lives and, perhaps equally important, has brought encouragement and hope for the future.

David Bale

PS: A progress report with more information about the projects is in the course of being prepared for Mambabu's regular supporters. If you would be interested to know more or would like to receive a copy of that report, please just let me know.

Around the world with JMA!

(Junior Mission for All)

For members, their friends and young people interested in JMA



Sunday 5th May - JMA breakfast in the Cornerstone 9.00-10.00 am

Learning more about Sierra Leone

Sunday 25th June - JMA lunch in the Cornerstone 12.00-2.00pm

Learning more about Venezuela

Further details from Ruth Mallard

Easter at Milldale

On Easter Saturday, 20th April, there will be a walk around Milldale, led by Chris Dakin. Meet in the Milldale car park at 11am.

All welcome, bring a packed lunch.

Followed by a service in Milldale Chapel at 2pm led by Rev Tim Morris

Cliff and Sandra Lewer

BOOK AID

PROVIDING CHRISTIAN LITERATURE IN AREAS OF NEED

Book Aid supplies Christian books to Africa countries, particularly Kenya, Nigeria and Zimbabwe. The need for Christian books continues and they particularly request Bibles.

A big thank you to all who have contributed books to Book Aid over recent months and years. Spring is in the air and it is a good time to have another clear out of our bookshelves. After Easter, I will be collecting any Christian books or other reference books in good condition and will take them to Book Aid. So please start having a sort-out now!

Richard Odell



The Methodist Church Safeguarding

The Methodist Church is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its life and ministry. Safeguarding is about the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will:

- promote the welfare of children, young people and adults
- work to prevent abuse from occurring
- seek to protect and respond well to those that have been abused.

Rev Susan Mclvor is the District Safeguarding Officer for the Nottingham and Derby District. She will be visiting the Ashbourne Circuit twice in April:

- On Sunday 7th April, Passion Sunday, she will be conducting the morning service at Ashbourne church at 10.30am.
- On Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm in the Century Hall, she will lead a session of reflection and training: 'Tension in the Church? An evening to consider the theological challenges of safeguarding.'

This is open to anyone interested, but particularly important for anyone who has a key role involving safeguarding. If you will need transport to attend, please let us know and we will endeavour to arrange a lift for you.

*John & Helen Barker, 01335 300728
Circuit Children and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Officers.*

ASHBOURNE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP



Work is under way to refurbish the Church Storeroom in the playground at the back of the church, and before long it will be a workshop where people can come to make, repair or upcycle various items of their choice.

Everyone will be welcome to come and enjoy using their skills and/or learning new ones from each other in a safe, friendly and sociable environment.

We need tools and equipment to fit out our workshop – hand tools, power tools, a lathe, workbenches, wood and metal vices, toolboxes/chests etc. We can collect, sort and hopefully repair anything donated.

Please speak to Brian Hawkins, Richard Odell or Erik Tettelaar.

Bible Month: 30 Days in Colossians

Bible Month, supported by the Methodist Church, invites churches to engage deeply with Scripture by focussing on a single book of the Bible over a calendar month – through Sunday worship, home groups and individual study.

Focussing on a single book of the Bible allows us to gain a greater sense of the importance of context, both literary and historical. It encourages us to explore how a book develops, to identify links between passage within the book, and to engage with the whole of it.

For 2019, Bible Month focuses on Colossians, a letter which presents a powerful vision of Jesus and his significance. At Ashbourne and at Brailsford, there will be a series of four morning services based on Colossians. This will start at Ashbourne on Sunday 26th May, and at Brailsford on Sunday 2nd June. Further details will be available in the Quarterly Plan for June-August.

Home groups are encouraged to plan their studies to fit in with Bible month. Resources are available to assist preachers and group leaders.

John Dyster



Tissington Well Dressings Cake Stall

Thursday 30th May – Sunday 2nd June

Each year the ACT One World Group organises a stall at the Tissington Well Dressings. We sell slices of cake to the visitors and a selection of Traidcraft goods. The proceeds go to Christian Aid. We have been doing this since 1983 and in that time our group has raised over £50,000 for Christian Aid.

Every year, tens of thousands of visitors come to see Tissington's Well Dressings – which many think are the best the county (and, I would suggest, the world!).

This year we are there from Thursday 30th – Sunday 2nd June. We hope you will be able to help and we would especially welcome new people. We need at least 2 people at a time, in 2 hour stints, from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. That makes 6 or more people per day, and so a minimum of 24 people over the 4 days!! The effort is all worthwhile when you think of the benefit to communities around the world who are supported by Christian Aid.

Can you help?

No previous experience necessary. Please consider carefully and prayerfully whether you could spare a couple of hours (or more!!) to help. It is not onerous work, and it is a good opportunity to meet both visitors to the Well Dressings and your fellow helpers from other churches or none. Many of the helpers make a day of it – spending a couple of hours on the cake stall, and then having a gentle walk around the village to enjoy the well dressings.

We also need people to bake cakes for the stall that we can sell by the slice, not as whole cakes. We sell between 200 and 300 slices per day!

You may be interested to know that we've noticed a bit of a trend in the cakes that sell well. People seem particularly keen to have a slice of Victoria sponge or chocolate cake. Slices of fruit loaf or tea loaf also sell well.



After Easter there will be lists in the various churches for staffing the stall and for providing cakes. Please try and help this very worthwhile event. More details next month.

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And if you don't feel you can help with baking or staffing a cake stall, how about helping in the car park for a couple of hours? We are very lucky that the Sir Richard allows us to have the cake stall at the village, so if we can offer some help with the parking, that would be wonderful.

If you are new to the area you can find out about the Well Dressings at: <http://www.tissingtonhall.co.uk/tissington-hall-village-well-dressing.html>

John Hurfurt 01335 342859
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<p>Ashbourne Churches Together</p> 	 <p>ACT is for all of us in all our churches</p>
<p>Tuesdays in Lent at 12.30</p>	<p>Lent Lunches: 2nd April: Methodist Church 9th April: Dovedale House, Ilam DE6 2AZ <i>Contact: Sue Schulz (350365)</i></p>
<p>Good Friday April 19th</p>	<p>Walk of Witness Meet outside Sainsbury's at 12.15 to walk silently through Ashbourne, bearing witness to the cross of Jesus Christ. Concludes in Victoria Square with a short service and refreshments.</p>

Circuit Meeting - Monday 29th April

The Circuit Meeting will be at Brailsford Methodist Church, starting at 7:30pm.

Reports need to be with Carole Thorpe, cethorpe@hotmail.com or 346535 by 8th April for distribution with the agenda. Thank you.

District Missions

A District Mission took place at the beginning of March from St Martin's Methodist Church in Allerton, Derby. The weekend included being out on the High Street litter picking and raising the profile of the church.

The next District Mission will be 4th-11th May in the Trent and Dove Circuit.

Could you consider becoming part of the mission teams on any of these dates? The teams are friendly and there are all sorts of things to do to suit different personalities! It could be a great opportunity to practice outreach before trying it on our own patch.

More details to follow.

Thy Kingdom Come

This is the global wave of prayer - calling all Christians to pray for evangelisation from Ascension to Pentecost (May 30th - June 9th 2019).

On Saturday 8th June a District prayer event will take place at Samworth Church Academy School in Mansfield, with a programme running from 1.00-5.00pm.

Starting with a picnic, there will be a gathering time followed by opportunities to engage with Thy Kingdom Come and our theme of "Being Real" by sharing in three different experiences of 30 minutes each, before another gathering time with worship. More details to follow.

From the Editors

We are grateful to all who have sent items for this magazine, including Jacinth Land for the cover painting of the Passion Flower.

We would welcome contributions for the next edition – **May 2019**

Please note we are unable to include items which are copyright, unless permission is obtained from the copyright-holder.

Last date for contributions: **Wednesday 17th April**

Publication date: **Sunday 28th April**

If possible, please e-mail us at dysters@tiscali.co.uk

If this is not convenient, please contact us on 01335 344086

Daphne and John Dyster

Ashbourne Circuit Church Services

Sunday April 7th

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev Susan Mclvor
	18:30	Praise – Robert Sales
Brailsford	10:30	Fiona Green
Parwich	14:30	Steve Haines

Sunday April 14th

Ashbourne	9:15	Café style
	10:30	John Dyster
	18:30	Rev Tim Morris

Brailsford	10:30	Paul Taylor
Kniveton	14:30	Rev Tim Morris

Thursday April 18th

Ashbourne	19:00	Rev Tim Morris
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Friday April 19th

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev Tim Morris
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Saturday April 20th

Milldale	14:00	Rev Tim Morris
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Sunday April 21st

Ashbourne	8:00	Rev Tim Morris
	10:30	Rev Tim Morris
	18:30	Praise – Tim Dutton
Brailsford	10:30	Sue Leese
Parwich	10:00	
Tissington	10:30	Tom Parkinson

Sunday April 28th

Ashbourne	10:30	Tim Dutton
	18:30	Steve Haines
Brailsford	10:30	Lorraine Hawkins
Kirk Ireton	18:30	Rev David Leese
Kniveton	11:00	John Dyster

Sunday May 5th

Ashbourne	10:30	Diana Whitmill
	18:30	Praise – Stuart Mustow
Brailsford	10:30	Peter Dawson
Parwich	14:30	

Passion Sunday

in Century Hall
United Service at Methodist
United Service

Palm Sunday

in Century Hall

Communion, Healing and
Wholeness

Communion

Maundy Thursday

Communion

Good Friday

(see p.14)

Easter Day

Communion
All Age, Communion
in Century Hall
All Age
United Service, Communion
Communion

Songs of Praise

in Century Hall
United Service at Methodist
United Service

The details in **Bold** are changes to the usual plan.

Dates for your diary and your prayers

April

Wed 3rd		District Circuit Stewards meeting
Fri 5th	19:45	Film Club at Parwich (see p.10)
Mon 8th		Experience Easter at Ashbourne (see p.6)
Mon 8th	19:30	Brailsford Church Council
Wed 10th	19:30	Safeguarding reflection & training with Rev Susan McIvor, at Ashbourne (see p.15)
Sat 13th	10:00	MWiB reflective morning at Tissington (see p.7)
Fri 19th	12:15	ACT Walk of Witness through Ashbourne (see p.18)
Sat 20th	11:00	Walk around Milldale (see p.14)
Wed 24th	10:00	Messy Church in Century Hall
Mon 29th	19:30	Circuit Meeting at Brailsford (see p.18)
Tue 30th	19:30	Ashbourne Churches Together AGM

May

Thu 2nd	19:30	Bible Month Training at Littleover
Sun 5th	09:00	JMA breakfast - learning about Sierra Leone (p.14)
4th-11th		District Mission in Trent and Dove Circuit (p.19)
Tue 7th	19:30	What is Methodism? (see p.7)
Sun 12th		#Be Courageous Youth Event at Littleover with Jasmine Yeboah, Youth President
Mon 13th	19:30	Ashbourne Church Council
Wed 29th	10:00	Messy Church in Century Hall
Thu 30th	11:00	Tissington Well Dressing Service

June

		Bible Month – Colossians (see p.16)
Sat 8th	13:00	District Event “Being Real” at Mansfield (see p.19)
Tue 18th	19:00	Pastoral talk by Paul Waters (see p.6)
Sun 25th	12:00	JMA lunch - learning about Venezuela (see p.14)
Thu 27th	19:30	Ashbourne Annual Church Meeting

July

Sat 6th	10:00	Inspirational Intergenerational Ideas
Sun 14th		Circuit Summer Event (see p.6)

Circuit website: www.ashbournemethodist.org.uk

Ashbourne Church Activities

Sun	18.30pm	Mustard (Youth Fellowship)
Mon	10.00am	Housegroup: weekly <i>Contact – Gareth Rutledge (418519)</i>
	14.00pm	Craft and Chat in The Cornerstone <i>Contact – Clare Sales (342321)</i>
	19.30pm	Housegroup: weekly <i>Contact – Helen Walker (343910)</i>
Tues	9.00am	kids@cornerstone <i>Contact – Clare Sales (342321)</i>
	10.00am	Housegroup: weekly <i>Contact – Alma Swan (343751)</i>
	12.30pm	Luncheon Club: last Tuesday in month. Century Hall <i>Contact – John & Elizabeth Hurfurt (342859)</i>
	13.00pm	kids@cornerstone (not 3rd Tuesday of the month) <i>Contact – Clare Sales (342321)</i>
Wed	9.30am	Walk and Talk Group: weekly <i>Contacts – Chris and John Dakin (345280)</i>
	19.30pm	Housegroup: fortnightly <i>Contact – Eric and Jenny Williams (346155)</i>
Thu	9.30am	Prayer Meeting: weekly <i>Contact – Brian Hawkins (310353)</i>
	19.30pm	Housegroup: weekly <i>Contact – Jeff Ffoulkes(300443)</i>
Fri	19.30pm	Housegroup: fortnightly <i>Contact: Nick Flux (07764988479)</i>
Thu, Fri, Sat	10.00am	The Cornerstone Coffee Shop <i>Contact – Pat Fielding (345695)</i>

Brailsford Church Activities

Tues	9.30am	Coffee Shop: weekly
Wed	12.30pm	Luncheon Club: monthly (2nd Wednesday)

Hulland Church Activities

Wed	19.30pm	Bible Study: monthly (1st Wednesday) <i>Contact – John Dyster (344086)</i>
Thurs	14.15pm	Women’s Fellowship (1st Thursday)

Tissington Church Activities

Fellowship Group
Contact – Richard Odell (419319)

And finally....

Father Brian woke up on a Sunday morning and realised, because it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, that he just had to play golf.

So... he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and persuaded him to say Mass for that day. As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Brian headed out of town to a golf course about 40 miles away. This way, he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish.

Setting up on his first tee, he was alone. After all it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church. About this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord, while looking down from the heavens, and exclaimed: "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said "I guess not". Just then, Father Brian hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. It was a 420 yard hole in one!

Saint Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and said: "Why did you let him do that"?

The Lord smiled and replied: "Who's he going to tell?"

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JMA Presentations and Lunch



JMA Language Quiz



MWiB members waiting for fish and chips!