

Connections



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Letter from the Minister

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Dear Friends,

“You say goodbye, and I say hello”



For my final Letter from the Minister, I'd like to say again how profoundly grateful I am to have had the opportunity to serve in the Ashbourne Methodist Circuit. I have also had responsibilities within the Nottingham and Derby Methodist District for those new to the ministry, those having a Sabbatical and serving on the District Executive.

As we prepare to leave in early August, it is with a full and glad heart that I say “farewell”. We have been through some times in the life of our churches – the rough and the smooth, the pains and the joys, the downs and the ups, the tears and the laughter! I thank you for your commitment and courage, dedication and devotion. There are many things I shall take with me to Bingham, and I very much look forward to hearing about your continued ministry and mission. I know that Nicola will be made very welcome among you and that she will bring fresh and imaginative ideas to share. As we both work within the same Methodist District we shall meet from time to time, so be careful what you tell her!

My final words to you would be – bear with one another, believe in one another, trust one another and endure with one another. Show by your love and support, concern and care that you are followers of Jesus. That witness is so vital in sharing the good news of God's love. As people see how we as a community can work and share together, and live with “contradictory convictions”, we can testify to a unity and a love for each other that is not something of us, but of God.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and for all your days. Amen

Your Minister and friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Morris".

Letter from the new Minister

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Greetings.

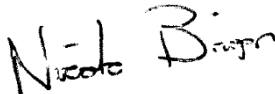
By the time you read this letter I hope that Conference will have agreed that I am moving to the Ashbourne Circuit to serve as your new Superintendent Minister.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know you all and discovering what God has in store for us as we journey together as disciples of Christ. It will be exciting to hear all about the God given visions and dreams you have for the future for you as a Circuit, as churches and as individuals.

Having served in the Nottingham and Derby District since 2017 it has been good to get to know Rev Tim. As he and the Morris family prepare for their move to the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit, Chris and I assure them of our prayers at this time of transition. Some of you will have met Chris as he currently serves the District as Mission Enabler and Littleover Church in the Derby Circuit as their Minister. Our eldest daughter Sarah-Jayne, lives in Weymouth, younger daughter Christy-Anna, her husband Dan and our grandchildren are based in Salisbury and our son Lisle is currently living in Salford having completed his degree in editing and VFX.

In the coming weeks, I assure you of my prayers for you as change can be challenging and discomfoting for us all. I would ask that you hold our family and Tim, Alison, Samuel and Jacob in your prayers as we play the Methodist game of musical manses.

Blessings

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicola Briggs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N" and "B".

Nicola

Front cover: Summer in Swanage 2020

Farewell Welcome

The Rev Tim Morris will conduct his last service in the Ashbourne Circuit on Sunday, 31st July. It will be a Circuit service at 10.30am at Ashbourne. Coffee and tea will be served after the service to be followed by a BBQ in the playground if fine or in the Waterside Hall if wet.

We do hope that as many of you as are able will come in person to the service although it will be streamed as is usual at Ashbourne. If you would like to come to the BBQ please let your chapel steward know or email jandehurfurt@supanet.com. Numbers must be in by Monday, 25th July.

On Wednesday, 31st August the welcome service for the Rev Nicola Briggs will be held in Ashbourne Methodist Church at 7.00pm. This will be followed by tea/coffee and cake to give an opportunity for conversations.

Again, we do hope that as many of you as are able will come in person to the service. It will be streamed if you are not able to come.

Please pray for the Rev Tim, Alison, Samuel and Jacob as Tim moves to become the Superintendent of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit and to their new home in Bingham.

Please pray for the Rev Nicola Briggs and her husband, the Rev Chris Briggs (District Mission Enabler) as they move to Ashbourne from Kirby-Ashfield and the Borders Mission Circuit.

The Circuit Stewards

Ashbourne Circuit Family News

Congratulations to Alan Wright who will be 90 on 1 July and to Ann Howard who will be 80 on 19 August. Congratulations to Samuel Morris who has been awarded a BA (Hons) in History from the University of Chester.

We often ask for prayer, and I am encouraged to hear of some of those for whom we have been praying who see answers as situations have improved. The 'carry on' prayer is so important as we persevere in prayer because God's timing may not be our timing. Let's keep remembering Helen Flinn, Alan Wright, Kerry Hall, Jennie Weston and others as they continue to improve.

We remember in our thoughts and prayers Elaine Alcock and family after the death of Les on 4 May, Geoff Buckley's family and Wendy Haslam as they grieve.

We are saddened by the death of Des Humphreys, a member of Tissington Chapel, who died on 7 June and whose funeral will be at Tissington Parish Church on 29 June at 12.00 noon. We send love and prayers to his family and friends.

A number in our congregations have had to make hospital visits and we continue to pray for Daphne Dyster, Cherrie Broadhurst, Elsie Redfern and Betty Hadley.

There are long waits for many for tests and results and this can be a testing and painful time. Do uphold those you know. Phone calls, texts, emails, cards, prayers and visits encourage many who feel isolated as they have not been able to worship with others for one reason or another.

Please continue to inform the relevant pastoral visitor or housegroup if members are unwell and in need of support.

Let us remember to pray for Andrew Lewer, a member of Ashbourne Methodist and MP for Northampton South. As he represents those in his constituency and works in Parliament he needs wisdom to make decisions.

There will be changes for many as we come to the end of a school year and church year. We are thankful that God has His plan for each of us and thank Rev Tim Morris for his ministry here for the last fifteen years and pray for him and the family as they move on to Bingham to follow God's leading. We pray for Rev Nicola Briggs as she joins us from the Borders Mission Circuit.

I would like to share the following verses for each one moving on and for all those staying;

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things." (Philippians Ch4 v 6-8)

Joyce Odell 15.6.2022
(on behalf of Wendy Haslam, Pastoral Secretary)

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

On 22 May, Rev Mark Broadhurst preached about the power of the gospel.

In the alternative worship stream, we explored the same theme through music, art and poetry. Here are the poems and song lyrics which were written by Ann, Wesley, Helen, Nina and Anne:

Build a city made of power
Build a city made of fire
Created in Jesus' love
In the world of redemption
Ask and be forgiven

Praise the name of Jesus
Over all the world
Wholeness for everyone
Each one loved by God
Revealed in Christ

Power
Overcame
World
Eternal
Reward

Power of God, come move in me,
Give me the gift your glory to see,
See you anew in every place,
I serve you now and seek your face,
Power of Jesus, come move in me,
And transform my life so others may see.

I just want to speak the name of Jesus
Through every heart and every mind,
Just want to speak Jesus.

I just want to speak the name of Jesus
To hearts captured by depression,
I speak Jesus.

'Cos your name is power, your name is worthy, your name is life,
Yes it is,
The name of Jesus.



THE LINK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We thought it would be a good idea for this month's update to share some thoughts from a young person about the project, particularly as they will see the benefits of the development many years from now.

Joy Mallard very kindly agreed to share her thoughts to some questions relating to the project:

1. What do you think of the project?

I think the project will be great for bringing the community together and providing space for all kinds of purposes which could open more people up to coming to the church more regularly.

2. How will it benefit you?

It will benefit me in the sense that it'll be a more modern welcoming place to bring others to and maybe hold my own events there one day.

3. How will it benefit the church?

It will benefit the church hugely as it will be more inviting to the members of public to go there and use the space which may increase donations, use of the cafe and bring people that step closer to following God.

4. How will it benefit the town?

It will benefit the town as there will be more communal places for people to go and we will probably become more active within the community with the space we have to offer.

5. What will we need to be aware of or wary of?

Not sure - not everything going to plan.

We very much appreciate Joy sharing her thoughts with us and her major contribution on the Fundraising Team. We would welcome other young people's thoughts for future articles.

*Tony Walker - Link Development Team Leader
Jonathan Webb - Link Fundraising Team Leader*

An Island Chaplain

by Robert Sales

At the end of May, I had the privilege of serving for a week as the Chaplain on Bardsey Island (Ynys Enlli).



Bardsey Island is a small island (approx 2.5 x 1.5 miles) off the western end of the Llyn Peninsula in North Wales. The island is about 2 miles from the mainland, separated by the Bardsey Sound, a notorious and often choppy stretch of water. The crossing is made on a bouncy little yellow boat with the amiable boatman Colin.

Since 1979 Bardsey Island has been owned and managed by a charitable trust, and is a haven for wildlife with a large number of seals and an interesting and varied range of birds. There has been a bird observatory on the island since the 1950s, which is manned for most of the year. The Trust very much recognise the natural, scientific and spiritual significance of the Island.

Bardsey is a very beautiful place with one hill/mountain (Mynydd Enlli) rising to almost 550 feet, and a largely rocky coastline. There are nine rental properties on the island, along with wardens and a farmer and his wife, who is a fine cook and runs a small café.

The accommodation on Bardsey is quite basic with no running water, there being no rivers on the island, so all drinking water must be boiled and filtered. Showers and flush toilets are not remotely possible! There is only a small amount of electricity, largely provided by solar power, mainly in the rental accommodation to operate the fridges. It is necessary to take all food for a week with you on the boat.

Bardsey is much more than a small, beautiful island. It is a deeply spiritual place, as is felt by many visiting the island. It is often described as liminal, or a thin place, i.e. where heaven and earth feel very close.

There has been a Christian presence on Bardsey since at least AD 516, when St Cadfan founded a monastery there. It appears a monastic presence probably remained until the dissolution of the monasteries. The remains of a 13th century abbey tower can be found on the island.

Bardsey is known as the Island of twenty thousand saints, as many people, particularly in medieval times, chose to be buried there. In view of its spiritual significance it was at one time reckoned that three visits to Bardsey were equal to one visit to Rome.

In the 1870s a new Methodist Chapel was built on the island and remains in use today. As chaplain, each day I led a short service of Morning Prayer, and also Evening Prayer/Compline. Before each service the bell is rung to call people in. I usually had help with this from two young visitors staying at Ty Capel, the Old Manse, who rewarded the chaplain each time with a biscuit! On the Sunday morning I led a Communion service following the pattern of the Church of Wales, which was not very familiar to me. Whilst the numbers at services on this little island were quite small (2-11), the atmosphere was always very special.

When travelling over to the island, Colin the boatman had told me that a gentleman was visiting Bardsey for the day on the Sunday and wished, if possible, to play the harmonium in the Sunday morning service.

I therefore moved the time of the service to accommodate his arrival, the power of a Chaplain! He duly arrived with his wife and played very well including making a sound recording of it. It turned out this was three days short of his 80th Birthday and playing on Bardsey was very much an important part of how he wanted to celebrate his big birthday. Another day visitor, at the end of the service on his first ever visit to Bardsey, played on the harmonium a beautiful piece he had composed called "Bardsey Island", which he had written based on seeing the island from the mainland.

As well as taking the services, I think I probably met everyone, around 50 or so folks, staying on the Island that week. I also met many of the day visitors who had bounced across the water in Colin's little yellow boat. These visitors included people finishing the North Wales Pilgrimage, and I met a group from Derbyshire doing this.

Being the chaplain seemed to allow easy conversations with many people during the week, though one group arriving for the day were somewhat mystified as to why there was a chaplain on the Island. They suggested that perhaps the Island, or the journey to or from it, was so dangerous that a chaplain was needed in case not everyone would make it safely home!

Being half term, there were a number of young families on the Island, the majority of whom were Welsh, and it was lovely to see the children being able to play in a very carefree and safe way, which would not usually be possible on the mainland. The week on the Island included a rounders match totally organised by some of the youngsters; a Jubilee cake stall organised by other youngsters; and a Jubilee Beacon provided by Trinity House who control the lighthouses in England and Wales. There is a rather splendid lighthouse on Bardsey, which in recent years has switched to a static red light, rather than the original rotating white light, which unfortunately attracted a lot of birds to fly into it.

My week as a chaplain was most enjoyable and rewarding for me, and hopefully useful and encouraging for those who often shared parts of their lives with me. The week was harder work than I had perhaps expected, but perhaps 13 services in a week takes its toll. I also normally don't have the privilege of meeting and sharing with so many friendly and fascinating people in one week.



Bardsey is a most special place, surrounded by God's amazing creation, including for instance listening to the seals singing their hearts out! The chapel too is a significant place, and I often found there and, particularly at the end of a service, a special and extremely peaceful atmosphere.

Bardsey is a great place for encounters with ourselves, one another, with God, and God's amazing creation. It is a great place to be a human being, rather than a human doing.

Robert Sales

Ashbourne Methodist Church

Summary of Church Council – 8th June 2022

At the Spring Meeting all the usual areas are given the opportunity to report: Worship, Children & Young People, Outreach, Safeguarding, the Link Project, Resources etc. In addition, there were two other main reports: Oversight and Trusteeship of Churches within the Circuit, and Marriage and Relationships.

Worship – Catherine Green presented a summary of feedback concerning the alternative worship stream. The council agreed to continue with the current format and will seek to recruit new leaders through the safer recruiting system. They are also looking for a co-ordinator to support and maintain the rota.

It was recognised that the **Friendship Lunch** is growing, **Craft and Chat** continues its weekly outreach work and is preparing for its next yarn bombing. **Gateway** is receiving regular bookings and **House Groups** continue to support their members and the community around them.

The Link – Tony Walker announced that the Ashbourne Town Team are bidding for ‘levelling up’ funding and ‘The Link’ and its potential for the town as a performance venue is now the bid for Derbyshire Dales. This has meant that the Gateway Centre is now looking to be remodelled and planning and development proposals (Architects have provided this FOC at present) to convert the facilities into modern self-catering units. Proximity to the Tissington Trail makes this an attractive option for walkers and visitors to the town. The whole proposal will be available to review shortly as this bid must go in by 6th July. Ian Marsh has more details for those interested to see the whole ‘levelling up’ proposal.

Cornerstone – the kitchen and servery have been refitted and redecorated and produce can be made for the Thursday market. As the lease was signed later than expected, reopening has been delayed until early July.

Appointments – individuals proposed for election at the Annual Church Meeting will be displayed on the Church notice board in the next 2 weeks.

Oversight and Trustees of Churches within the Circuit – a paper has been prepared by the circuit following changes to standing orders from conference with proposals for managing smaller churches in the future. More discussion is needed on the implications of this for AMC.

Marriage and Relationships - It was proposed that when the Rev Nicola Briggs arrives in September, the leadership team would action a consultation with the whole Church, led by Nicola. This consultation to take place and its decisions actioned and implemented before the end of the next Church Year (August 2023)

The next council meetings will be:

Annual Church Meeting: 7.30pm Tuesday 26th July 2022

Church Council Meeting: 7.30pm Tuesday 11th October

Rachel Murt

Ashbourne Church Vacancies Bulletin

We give thanks for the many gifts within our church and for everyone's commitment to serving God, and especially for new people who have come forward to fill roles within the church.

After many years, Becky Dutton is stepping down from her roles as Leadership Steward for Outreach and Safeguarding Officer. We thank her so much for her dedicated service to both of these roles (as well as to many other roles in the church). We are pleased that we have already found someone to take on role of Leadership Steward for Outreach – we'll be bringing the name to the Annual Church Meeting.

Please pray and think about whether you might be able to share in the mission of our church in one of these roles.

If you're interested in finding out more about any of the following, please chat with the named contact – with no obligation or pressure. We can share a job description with you and tell you more about what's involved. We are committed to Safer Recruitment for all of our roles.

Leadership Stewards

We are currently looking for Leadership Stewards for Resources and for Learning & Caring (this latter role has recently changed, so it requires less time than previously). You would help to guide the church's overall mission, as part of Ashbourne's Leadership Team, and support the work in specific areas. Please talk to Robert Sales (342321) for more info.

Worship Stewards

We are looking for people who can help to make sure everything runs smoothly at our services as several of our stewards are no longer able to help. The role involves liaising with the preacher before the service and getting things ready on the day. For more info, speak to Robert Sales (342321).

Safeguarding Officer

We have a small team of people who manage safeguarding in the church. It's vitally important that we maintain our focus on safeguarding to protect everyone involved in the life of our church community. If you'd like to understand more about what the role entails, please have a chat with Tim Morris (342408). Becky, who has been amazing in the role would also be able to explain what's involved (343494).

Open the Book Presenters

Open the Book visits local schools to share Bible stories in creative ways, including with the use of some brilliant puppets. No experience is necessary as training is provided. The presenters don't learn lines, as they use action mime, backed up by costumes and props. It's a great experience! To find out more, please contact Joy Watts (342542) or Margaret Heaton (343418).

Housegroup leaders

There is a need for housegroup leaders and possible venues. If you would be willing to lead a group (though not necessarily at every meeting) please speak to Helen Walker (343910)

"God split the Sea" by Anne Donaldson

Anne, my cousin, has recently published her book "God split the Sea". It is a story of miraculous healing - a life transformed by God's love.

Anne is an international speaker and has been a Methodist preacher for over thirty years and in 2001 her faith was tested by a diagnosis.

Do you want to discover your true identity and grow in faith?

This is a story of Anne's life, especially when she was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. It will inspire you to go deeper. It will encourage you when facing your own personal challenges and give you the tools to face your giants.

This is an amazing must read book. May you meet Jesus in its pages and know the love he has for you. The book can be purchased from me priced at £10.

Liz Spencer 01335 348482

Pennies for Lent

Well... a huge thankyou to all those who contributed towards our total of £220, which is almost double last year's! And this is in spite of our lesser use of coins for our purchases! As ever, it really shows the power of individuals working together.

It is always difficult to decide who to support, but this year it seems important to try and particularly help the people of Ukraine to cope with the awful events in their country. So I have chosen three such charities to have a share of our 'Pennies'.

The work of The Disasters Emergency Committee and Médecins Sans Frontières, seem particularly vital at the moment, as does that of Hope and Homes for Children who are working hard to keep safe orphans and families who have lost their homes.

The other two recipients are Water Aid and Practical Action, both of which work to provide the means for a sustainable way of living in parts of the world badly hit by Climate Change.

Thank you all so very much and God bless you all. *Pat Fielding*

Presentations at the Circuit Service on Sunday 8th May 2022



From the left: John Dyster - 40 years a Local Preacher,
Rev Tim Morris,
John Stubbs - 60 years an organist in the Circuit,
Jan Smith - 55 years a church organist (unable to attend).



Christian Aid Week

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in Christian Aid fundraising this year: to those who delivered envelopes, offered their letterboxes as collection points, made a donation, made cakes, sold cakes, bought cakes - we would like to thank you all on behalf of Christian Aid.

The total raised from the cake stall at Tissington Well Dressings was £1,285

The total raised from the door-to-door collection was £1,940.03 (+£255 online = £2,195.03)

Catherine Green

Mission Matters: July 2022

Please pray for our mission partners around the world. I'd like to think that, after Covid, we can arrange to visit two of our mission partners in Africa: the Hills in Zimbabwe and Phakamisa in S. Africa. Let me know if you are interested in joining us; as yet I have no details. These notes only include overseas partners.

If you don't have the latest prayer notes you will find a copy by the Missions noticeboard in the Ashbourne Church vestibule or in Tissington Chapel.

Richard Odell, World Mission Secretary, richard@richardodell.co.uk

1. Patna Partnership, N India

<http://www.northindia-derbyshirechurches-partnership.org.uk/patnavisit07.htm>

The Indian Government is not making things easy for the Christian Church in India. Financial transactions in particular are extremely difficult, you need special permission to receive donations from abroad.

Please pray for Bishop Francis and all the clergy in the Diocese and the work that they are doing.

Please also pray for St Luke's Hospital, Hiranpur.

2. Phakamisa, S Africa

www.phakamisa.org/

Phakamisa is working successfully throughout this difficult time of COVID. Training in separate areas outside Pinetown is enabling teaching to continue with safety.

Beadwork and sewing groups continue and Gogos (grannies) sell their work, enabling them to make a living to feed and clothe their families.

Food is the main problem for the impoverished community. Financed by contributions from the Methodist Church, the Wondering School children are fed with porridge every day while at school.

Security and vandalism excessive. John Wesley School in Pinetown help by providing safe parking of Phakamisa's vehicle.

The Phakamisa community give thanks for God's protection throughout this time. And are grateful that all the staff have kept their jobs.

3. Christian Aid

www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/churches/prayer/prayer-diary.aspx

Christian Aid are based in countries affected by disasters so they can be there before, during and after an emergency to save lives and support people long term. Through working with local organisations in these countries, they can talk directly to the people affected to provide the most useful emergency response. The response is Fast, Community-led, Long term, Inclusive, Responsible and Builds skills.

We pray with Christian Aid:

God, our refuge and strength, our help in times of trouble

Have mercy on the lands where the earth has given way

Have mercy on the lands where war is destroying lives

Have mercy on the lands where the weather has destroyed livelihoods

Prosper those who rebuild houses, and strengthen those who rebuild

hope so that entire communities may face the future without fear

4. Jonathan and Isabel Hill, Zimbabwe

www.isabeljonathan.org/

"We are keeping fine and looking forward to what we hope will be a good rainy season. Already we are hearing of people being struck by lightning and buildings having their roofs blown off. Pray for help and comfort to those affected. Pray for the government of Zimbabwe at all levels and for all in authority to carry out their duties without resorting to corrupt practices.

Praise God that schools reopened at the end of August and early September and we have been very busy trying to catch up and preparing students for their examinations. Online learning was attempted during the periods of lockdown, but many of our students didn't manage to benefit.

Isabel is back in the office too and making some trips to the circuits. Teenage pregnancies and youth drug abuse are some of the issues that she is helping to address. We pray that people will be vigilant and take necessary precautions to avoid a new wave of Covid infections. There will be many people coming home through the borders mostly from South Africa.

At Hillside Methodist Church attendance is much lower than it was pre-pandemic. Some elderly people and people who have not been vaccinated are hesitant to return. Since most of the children are not attending, many parents or grandparents have to stay at home too. I broadcast Sunday morning service on Facebook, but the internet connection is unreliable. I am still putting Sunday services on the circuit website, mostly in audio format.”

Jonathan Hill

5. Mambabu, Kailahun District, Sierra Leone

<http://www.thepatrioticvanguard.com/kailahun-district-takes-the-lead-in-reducing-maternal-and-child-mortality>

We thank God for Mambabu's life-changing work amongst the village people of Gbangbama, Bendekor and Gbandoma and for the care and dedication of the project's volunteers and the generosity of its supporters.

Let us pray for those in the villages who, in the daily struggle to eke out a living, find their strength failing; for the housebound, those suffering without medical care and those having to cope with disability unaided. We give thanks to God for His healing love and pray for those who provide comfort and companionship to the weak and who show compassion to those in distress.

Let us pray too for the village children and young people, that they may be able to make the most of their education, despite the obstacles of everyday life. For children without close family, we pray for love, care and encouragement; and for young people studying away from home, we pray that they will find friendship, support and guidance wherever they are and the space to pursue their studies freely.

Father, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Cornerstone Coffee House

It's been a couple of months since we last wrote about Cornerstone, in this magazine, and we wanted to update you with progress.

We signed the lease on 30 May and since that date have been working on the refitting of Cornerstone, installing the kitchen, finalising the menu, exploring suppliers and all the other bits and pieces we need to do! You can follow our progress on our Facebook page or our Instagram page – both at 'Cornerstone Ashbourne'. We're now hoping to be open in July!

We've had a busy few weeks, alongside developing Cornerstone, with our weekly stall at the Ashbourne Thursday market. If you're in Ashbourne on a Thursday morning then please come and see us at the market – we're opposite Delicious Coffee and next to Della's bags! This month has also seen two orders for wedding cakes, a round three tier and a square two-tier, both of which were loved by the bride and groom.

We're working on a new website and here's a sneak peek of one of our new blog posts, exploring what makes a good brownie – these are Beth's speciality!

We are oh so passionate about brownies here at Cornerstone, and over the years we have perfected our TOP SECRET recipe to give you what we believe to be the best brownie. So, what do we think makes the best brownie?! Keep reading to find out!

- **Cracked Top** *TOP TIP to get the perfect 'cracked top' on a brownie, before we add all the other ingredients, we whisk our eggs and sugar for about 5 minutes until they're pale yellow in colour and have doubled in size. To test you've got the perfect consistency, when you trace a figure of eight with your whisk it should remain on the surface for a few seconds.*
- **Goey Centre** *TOP TIP it's all about how long you bake it, always slightly under do a brownie as they carry on cooking when you remove them from the oven. We find 27 minutes is perfect for a standard tray bake size, you still want to see a slight wobble in the centre.*
- **A rich, silky chocolate flavour** *TOP TIP we have found the best way to achieve the most intense chocolate flavour is all down to the ingredients. We use the best quality 56% cocoa solids chocolate and a really dark, intense cocoa powder. The better quality the ingredients the better results you'll get!*

There you have our top three tips on how we think you achieve the perfect brownie. We would love to know if you have any other suggestions or how you best love to enjoy your brownies!

If you want to try one of our brownies, then come and see us at Ashbourne market on a Thursday – they're amazing!

Beth & Paul Taylor

Thoughts in hospital

I met many staff whilst I was in the Royal Derby Hospital, from cleaners up to consultants. One of the interesting nurses, Natalia, is Ukrainian. She has lived in Derby for some years, and I asked her if she has family still in Ukraine. She said she has brothers and nephews out there and how sad she is each day to read of the devastation of her country.

So much other news has been in the headlines, like the Queen's Jubilee and divisions among political parties, that in most newspapers Ukraine has moved to the inside pages, with less coverage.

Please pray for Volodymyr Zelenskiy, and Vladimir Putin, that some resolution may occur soon.

Daphne Dyster

Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ, wept over Jerusalem.

Today, we weep over Ukraine.

We weep for those uprooted from their homes and lives.

We weep for those cowering in basements.

We weep for those who have witnessed death and destruction on their streets.

We weep for those separated from parents, from children, from spouses and siblings.

We are amazed at the resilience of people seeking to comfort those in need and so we pray for Governments opening up borders so that Ukrainians can have safe passage.

We pray for churches and individuals providing food, clothing and shelter. We pray for medical workers ensuring that shattered bodies are put back together again.

We pray for ordinary Russians demonstrating and voicing their disapproval of the military actions in Ukraine.

May the Holy Spirit give us the willpower to turn our tears into action also.

May we, through our words, prayers and example pursue the things that make for a just peace in the world today and especially in Ukraine.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

(Methodist Church)

Ashbourne Circuit Church Services - July

Sunday 3rd July

Ashbourne	10:30	Fiona Green
Brailsford	10:30	Diana Whitmill
Parwich	11:00	Rev Tim Morris

Pentecost

Bible Month – Isaiah (4)
All Age

**Wakes Campsite Service
At Parson's Croft**

Sunday 10th July

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev Tim Morris
Kniveton	14:30	Tim Dutton

MHA Sunday

Sunday 17th July

Ashbourne	10:30	Diana Whitmill
Brailsford	10:30	Paul Taylor
Tissington	10:30	Allan Shaw

Sunday 24th July

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev Mark Broadhurst
Kirk Ireton	18:30	Rev Tim Morris
Kniveton	11:00	Ann Parkinson

Communion

Chapel Anniversary

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Sunday 31st July

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev Tim Morris
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Circuit Service
(see page 4)

Welcome services

The welcome service for our new minister, Revd Nicola Briggs, is on Wednesday 31st August at Ashbourne Methodist Church starting at 19:00. All are welcome (see page 4)

The welcome service for Revd Tim Morris will be at Bingham Methodist Church on Tuesday 30th August at 19:30.

The District will welcome Revd Andy Fyall as the new Deputy Chair of the District on Sunday 28th August at Nuthall Methodist Church at 15:00.

If you would like to attend either Tim's or Andy's welcome service, please contact Carole Thorpe on cethorpe@hotmail.com or 346535. Transport can then be coordinated.

Ashbourne Circuit Church Services - August

Sunday 7th August

Ashbourne	10:30	Robert Sales	
Brailsford	10:30	Rev David Leese	All Age
Parwich	14:30	Lorraine Hawkins	

Sunday 14th August

Ashbourne	10:30	Peter Dawson	
Kniveton	14:30	Steve Haines	

Sunday 21st August

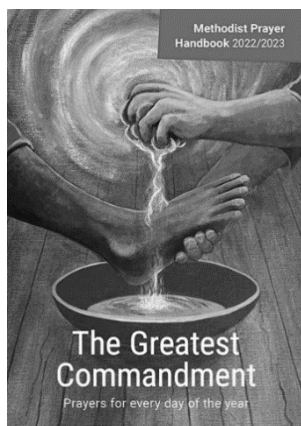
Ashbourne	10:30	Allan Shaw	
Brailsford	10:30	Ann Parkinson	
Tissington	10:30	John Dyster	

Sunday 28th August

Ashbourne	10:30	Lorraine Hawkins	
Kirk Ireton	18:30	Ruth Barratt	
Kniveton	11:00	Rev David Leese	

Sunday 4th September

Ashbourne	10:30	tba	
Brailsford	10:30	tba	All Age
Parwich	14:30	tba	



Methodist Prayer Handbook

An order for copies of the Methodist Prayer Handbook will be sent off over the summer. This resource will help you with your prayer life and the cost is about £4.25.

If you would like a copy, please contact Carole Thorpe on 346535, cethorpe@hotmail.com or at 12 Cavendish Drive, Ashbourne DE6 1SR

Dates for your diary and your prayers

JULY

Wed 6th	19:00	Milldale Summer Service
Fri 29th	10:00	Circuit Leadership Team meeting
Sun 31st	10:30	Revd Tim Morris leaving service

AUGUST

Wed 3rd	19:00	Milldale Summer Service
Sat 20th	9:00	Ashbourne Show
Sun 28th	15:00	Rev Andy Fyall welcome service - Nuthall
Tue 30th	19:30	Rev Tim Morris welcome service – Bingham
Wed 31st	19:00	Rev Nicola Briggs welcome service

SEPTEMBER

Wed 7th	19:30	Ashbourne Pastoral Visitors meeting
Sat 10th	10:00	District Synod
Sun 11th		Induction of Methodist Youth President at Rivergreen, Nottingham
Tue 13th	10:00	Circuit Leadership Team meeting
Tue 13th	19:30	Local Preachers meeting
Tue 27th	19:30	Ashbourne Housegroup Leaders meeting
Wed 28th	19:30	Ashbourne Resources Team meeting
Fri 29th		3Gen Youth meeting in Birmingham

Ashbourne Show – 20 August

The Ashbourne Show is on Saturday 20 August. This is part of our outreach & witness to the community. Volunteers are needed. Are you able to help serve tea and coffee or welcome people? Please sign up on the rota list on the noticeboard at Ashbourne. Or contact Carole Thorpe on cethorpe@hotmail.com or 346535 if you are willing to help.

Please check the website for the most current information:
www.ashbournemethodist.org.uk/news.

The Methodist Diary 2023

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From the editors

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We are both very grateful for the cards, messages, phone calls, prayers, e-mails etc from friends in the Circuit in recent weeks. These have helped us through a difficult time. Hopefully, by the time you read this, Daphne will have had her heart operation in the Trent Cardiac Centre at the Nottingham City Hospital, but she will need a very lengthy period of rehabilitation when she comes home.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12 v.9

Daphne and John Dyster



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