

Welcome to Market Harborough Methodist Church Centre

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SUNDAY 5 MAY

10.15am Morning Worship – led by Rev Andrew Murphy

Church

We welcome all visitors to our Church.

A hearing loop system is available.

***You are also invited to sign the visitor's book
before you leave.***

Please place any prayer requests in the box in the Foyer.

We continue to hold in prayer those who are unable to worship with us in Church - those who are grieving, experiencing sufferings, undergoing treatment or are unwell. We pray for those living in residential care homes, those in independent living areas and those isolated in their own homes.

We also pray for:

- *the work of our Circuit Growth and Nurture Support Worker, Melissa Wheeler*
- *for all of those who work with children, young people and families*

We pray that all may know God's love surrounding them, bringing them His healing touch, His perfect peace and His renewing grace.

Prayer, after the Sunday morning service, either for yourself or someone else, can be facilitated. Please see one of the Stewards, who will ask the Prayer Ministry team to assist.

MONDAY 6 MAY

7.30pm Exploring Faith

Coffee Lounge

TUESDAY 7 MAY

10.00am Coffee Morning, with Craft Corner

Youth Wing

WEDNESDAY 8 MAY

2.30pm Good Soil Group

Coffee Lounge

4.00pm Singing the Faith Group

Church

THURSDAY 9 MAY - ASCENSION DAY

11.00am Holy Communion – led by Rev Andrew Murphy

Church

3.30pm Homework Club

Coffee Lounge

7.00pm Rangers

Youth Wing

SUNDAY 12 MAY

10.15am Morning Worship – led by Miss Ruth Fitch

Church

Noon General Church Meeting

Church

5.00pm Pizza Club

Youth Wing

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE. Thursday 9 May is Ascension Day, when we celebrate that Jesus is exalted as Lord of all and reigns in heaven with God the Father. There will be a special service of Holy Communion here, at 11.00am, led by Rev Andrew Murphy and everyone is very welcome.

THE BIG BREKKIE will once again be held at the Congregation Church, from 10am on Saturday 11 May, to raise money for Christian Aid. This will be held in the Jubilee Hall where a delicious cooked or cold buffet breakfast will be available. A donation of £5 is suggested. Please do support this if you are able.

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING. Please note the annual General Church Meeting is to be held on Sunday 12 May 2024, at noon. Please do make every effort to attend. As advised previously, all groups are invited to submit a written report for this meeting. These reports will be circulated in advance of the meeting (there will not be time for verbal reports at the meeting). Please submit reports, if possible to m.nhadkiss@btinternet.com, by Monday 6 May, so they can be collated and distributed prior to the meeting. Thank you, Neil Hadkiss, Church Council Secretary.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 12-18 May. There will be opportunity to donate to Christian Aid on Sunday 12 and Sunday 19 May, by placing your donation in an envelope available here. Please do Gift Aid, if you are a tax payer, by filling in the form included. This year Christian Aid is supporting the people of Burundi, where malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of the population. The money raised will ensure the people in Burundi can access the skills and knowledge they need to push back against the inhumanity of poverty.

TOGETHER LUNCH will be held on Wednesday 15 May, noon for a 12:30pm lunch. The cost will be £7 per person. This is a time of fellowship together over a hot meal. All are welcome. Please contact Helen Green (01858 414964) or Audrey Huntington (01858 432857) by Sunday 12 May if you would like to come.

FAIR TRADE AND ECO STALL - lots of new items added. Please have a look!

ECO CHURCH – Eco hints – Sitting outside, enjoying the nature around, the people and sounds from neighbours and roads provides a great backdrop for prayer. Praise for what we enjoy. Prayers of concern about things that are polluting the air, soil or water. Prayers for Peace and Justice when we are aware of hurt or discord.

NEW TO OUR CHURCH? It is wonderful that so many people have come here recently and are becoming familiar faces, making friends and coming back! It is great to see you!! We hope that you feel welcome. Please make yourself known to the Stewards and do indicate if you wish to be included on the pastoral list, so we can keep in touch and offer you pastoral care. There will be some opportunities to receive new members in services in the coming months. We can receive those who are coming to faith for the first time or coming from other Churches. Our minister, Rev Andrew Murphy, would be delighted to talk to anyone who is interested in becoming a member, so please do contact him for more information about membership, the Methodist Church or about Christian faith in general. We hope that we can always make you very welcome.

TORCH TRUST is seeking volunteers to provide sighted practical support on two of the Torch Together holidays. This could cover a range of tasks such as guiding, driving, helping with serving refreshments and providing assistance with the different holiday activities. Volunteers must complete the application process, which includes a DBS check as well as safeguarding training and are asked to pay half of the cost, to help cover costs and ensure the holidays are affordable for the guests. Holidays are full board and include trips out to local attractions. These are: Poole – 10-14 June and High Leigh – 8-12 July. If interested, please contact the client services team on 01858 438260 or email info@torchtrust.org.

STREAMED SERVICES, live each Sunday, are available via the YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/marketharboroughmethodists>.

SERMONS. Most of our sermons are recorded and made available at: www.eastmercia-methodists.org.uk/churches/marketharborough/recent-services-audio.html. Make sure your audio volume is on and select "play" on the one you wish to listen to!

The offering for Sunday 28 April was £1213.84.

The next Notices will be for the week commencing
Sunday 12 May 2024

Please pass your information, by noon on Thursday 9 May 2024, to the Bloodworths (01858 463333/simonbloodworth@icloud.com).

Please do remember that the Notices are only as accurate as the information submitted (or not submitted) and, even then, might not be!