

Welcome to Market Harborough Methodist Church Centre

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SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY

10.15am Morning Worship, with Holy Communion – led by Church
Rev Andrew Murphy

We welcome all visitors to our Church.

There are large print and braille hymn books and 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 Church and Community Chaplain, Clare Pickering*
- *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 23 FEBRUARY

5.45pm Rainbows

Youth Wing

7.30pm Good Soil Group

Coffee Lounge

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

10.00am Coffee Morning, with Craft Corner

Youth Wing

10.00am Stay, Play and Weigh

Church

11.00am 'Time Out'

Activities Room

WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY

1.45pm Good Soil Group

Coffee Lounge

THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY

7.00pm Rangers

Youth Wing

FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

12.30pm Lent Lunchtime service

Our Lady of Victories

1.30pm Church Leadership Team meeting

Coffee Lounge

SUNDAY 1 MARCH

10.15am Morning Worship – led by Rev Trevor Thomas

Church

FRIDAY LENT LUNCHTIME SERVICES will be held, over the next five weeks at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, starting on Friday at 12.30pm. A short service based on the theme: “God’s Word - Our Greatest Treasure and Our Deepest Delight”, led by a different Church from the town each week will be followed by a lunch of Soup and Cake. There is a suggested donation of £5. All welcome.

A WORLD DAY OF PRAYER service will be held on Friday 6 March, at Harborough Community Church, from 2pm. Written by Christian women from Nigeria on the theme: “I will give you rest, come”.

A BIBLE STUDY/RETREAT, led by the Rev Richard Andrew (President of the Methodist Conference), is scheduled for Saturday 18 April 2026, at Thornborough Methodist Church, from 10am until 3pm. This is a district-wide event and all are very welcome to attend (or to join via Zoom) Email: office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk to register your interest.

FIVE WAYS TO SAVE A LIFE - an informal drop-in session, in the Youth Wing, on Saturday 25 April - 10am to 4pm, provided by Welland Valley St John Ambulance Network. Tea, Coffee and light refreshments will be available for a donation towards the work of Welland Valley St John. For further information, please contact: joyce.shorley@sja.org.uk.

CHURCH COUNCIL met on 12 February. Chaired by our Superintendent Minister, Rev Nathan Falla, the meeting, as is normal, received reports from the Circuit (including an appeal for Circuit Stewards), from Churches Together in Harborough and multiple reports from the Church groups. Rev Falla commented on how encouraged he is that we are a growing Church with lots of Good Soil groups and we discussed the need to try to make it more widely known that we are an inclusive Church. Many people were reappointed to their roles in the Church for the year 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2026. Catherine Clarke was appointed to succeed Margaret Cox as Pastoral Secretary, from 1 September 2025 (with grateful thanks to Margaret for around ten years of service as Pastoral Secretary). We also received news that Richard Huntington will cease to be Treasurer at the end of the current year, after a remarkable 25 years. Thank you, Richard - it was commented that you have exceeded the “6-year rule”!! There may be a shortage of Stewards over the next few months but Margaret Cox kindly offered to help and was appointed as a Temporary Steward for the remainder of the Methodist Year. Church Council also agreed to delegate authority to the Leadership Team to address matters, as and when funding becomes available, for the refurbishment scheme. The Church Safeguarding Policy for 2026 was agreed and signed. Neil Hadkiss, Church Council Secretary.

READING AND PRAYING THROUGH LENT. There is a range of books in the Foyer, offered to borrow or keep. Please browse and find one (or more) that appeals to you.

CHURCH ECO GROUP. The recent Church Council agreed that a group of five or six people are needed to look at how to make steps towards a Gold Eco Church Award. The group would be involved in identifying the current position, then finding achievable adjustments to move forward. Please talk to Keith Melhuish or Anita Beer about this.

JUBILEE FOOD BANK donations can be left in the box in the Foyer, which is emptied on the first Tuesday of each month.

ECO CHURCH – Eco hints – Can you spread the word about the dangers of fast fashion? 'Waste colonialism explained - 15 million items of clothing a week are sent from Europe to the global South, a large proportion of which is completely unusable and goes into landfill.' From a BBC Radio 4 article this week.

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-servicesaudio.html. Make sure your audio volume is on and select "play" on the one you wish to listen to!

The offering for Sunday 15 February was £1349.88.

**The next Notices will be for the week commencing
Sunday 1 March 2026**

Please pass your information, by noon on Thursday 26 February 2026, 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.