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If you should hear of anyone who is ill, in hospital or had a family bereavement please contact the Pastoral Secretary or Minister on the numbers above

Service Details for May



5th May

Stewards — Iris Bown & Ian Lay

10:30am Morning Worship – Miss Joyce Patti (WL) Ian Lay

6:00pm Taizé Service

12th May

Stewards — Linda & William Walmsley

10:30am Morning Worship — Major Judith Nkountou (WL) Sandra Andrews

4:00pm Café Church Service

19th May - Christian Aid Week

Stewards — Roderick Lay & Hazel Brewer

10:30am United Service for Christian Aid (WL) Ian Barrs

6:00pm Evening Communion – Rev Steve Clark

26th May

Stewards - Hilda & David Poole

10:30am Morning Worship — Rev Steve Clark (WL) Ian Lay

6:00pm No Evening Service

ROTAS		Door Stewards Organist F		Flowers	Cleaning
5 th	AM	Jenny Marsay	David Woodward	Fran Johnson	Ann Lay
	PM	Ann Lay	No Organist – Taizé	11411 JOHNSON	Gill Gibbins
12 th	AM	Ann Holloway	Rebecca Goldring		Cleaning Done Fortnightly
	PM	Hazel Brewer	Malcolm Goldring		
19 th	AM	Jean Lemmon	Malcolm Goldring	Gerry Smith Margaret Silverwood	Rosie Barrs Kate Scott Ann Holloway
	PM	Iris Bown	Rebecca Goldring		
26 th	AM	Zöe Tur-Ribas	David Woodward	Margaret Lay	Cleaning Done
	PM	No Evening Servi	ce		Fortnightly



Dates for your Diary





Contacts — Linda **2** 242607 or Iris **2** 243428

Every Monday at 3:15pm to 4:15pm – Term Time Only For Children from Birth to Reception Age & Parents/Carers

Church Club

Contact — Ann Lay 2 (01530) 242166

Every Monday at 3:15pm to 4:30pm – Term Time Only For Children at Mercenfeld School



Community Bible Study

Leader — Stuart Crossley **☎**(01530) 243911 for Details Tuesday – 7:00pm to 9:00pm @ 18 Bracken Walk, Markfield Thursday – 10:00am to 12:00noon @ 24 Bracken Walk, Markfield

Home Fellowship

Contact — Ian Lay ☎(01530) 242166 for Details/Lifts

Tuesday 7th & 21st May – 5:30pm to 6:45pm At 64 Bradgate Road, Markfield (Sandra Andrews' House)



Music Café

Contact — Linda Walmsley **☎**(01530) 242607

Thursday 9th & 23rd May at 2:00pm to 4:00pm Everyone Welcome for a Good Sing, Chat and Tea/Coffee



RECITALS IN CHAPEL

Saxophone recital by Alistair Parnell - Friday 17 May 2019 at 7.00pm

Alistair, who lives in Nottingham, will be presenting an extraordinary programme of music for solo saxophone, using all sorts of electronic wizardry. Some members of our congregation heard him play in Derby earlier this year and were amazed at his skill and musicianship.

Piano recital by Renata Konyicska - Friday 1 November 2019 at 7.00pm

The 3rd Visit for Renata to our Chapel. She says she's looking forward to playing here again and experiencing the warmth of the audience.

Details about any of these events can be obtained by contacting Malcolm Goldring – 01530 242742 or email malcolmgoldring@talktalk.net

Ministers Letter

Dear friends,

There was an occasion while I was a minister in Stoke-on-Trent when there was a knock on the manse door. On the door step was a young man who said that he needed to speak to me. He explained that he had wanted to discover more about the Christian faith. To cut a long story short, he became a follower of Jesus. Not only that, he subsequently fell in love with a young lady who was a member of one of my churches, and I had the great privilege of marrying them.

That young couple were full of enthusiasm and energy, and provided much impetus to their church's ministry. When in due course they informed me that they felt called by God to serve overseas, I must confess that my initial thought was 'how are we going to manage without them?' I was in danger of falling into the trap of thinking that the work of the church depends on human ability alone. Of course, that little chapel didn't fall to pieces when the couple followed God's call; its members are still serving God in that community. Ultimately, God's work is not dependent on any one person or group of people. People come, people go (as do ministers!), but God is the same yesterday, today and forever ("The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord").

As we celebrate the 125th anniversary of our current building, we give thanks for all those who have served God faithfully through the years. I am sure that when the building was first opened in 1894 there was great excitement in the village, particularly among the Christian community. No doubt there were some influential figures who helped create and implement the process. We give thanks for their lives, and celebrate their faithfulness. But they are long gone, as are many others who followed.

This church community has been able to continue all through the years to worship and serve God through reliance on his presence, grace and strength. At this time in the church's history we are privileged to have been called by God to be join in his mission in and through our church in Markfield. Each of us has a role to play, and it is as we are each willing to offer our time, commitment and abilities in God's service that we fulfill God's purposes for us in creating a ministry that will serve this and future generations.

With love,

Steve



CELEBRATION CALENDAR

More Details of Events will be Published in the Notices

BC Denotes Birthday Club Event

May			
Saturday 11 th	BC	Seated Exercise	10:00am to 11:00am
Friday 17 th		Saxophone Recital	7:00pm onwards
June	22 ⁿ	d/23 rd Anniversary Weekend	
Saturday 22 nd		Gift Day and Songs of Praise	
	ВС	Cream Tea	
Sunday 23 rd		Service led by Rev Helen Cameron Church Lunch	
July			
Saturday 13 th	ВС	Wimbledon Tea	3:00pm to 4:30pm
		(Includes Men's Cake Competition)	
August			
24 th - 26 th		Flower Festival Weekend	
Monday 26 th	ВС	Coffee and Teacakes	Morning
30 th - 1 st Sept		Church Away Weekend	
September			
Saturday 28 th	ВС	Ploughman's Lunch	
October			
Thursday 3 rd	ВС	Boat Trip and Lunch (Cost £25.00)	FULL with Waiting List
November			
Friday 1 st		Piano Recital	7:00pm onwards
Saturday 9 th	ВС	WI Coffee Morning	
December			
Saturday 7 th		The Sitwell Singers in Concert	
Saturday 14 th	ВС	Come and Sing Carols	

IMPORTANT DIARY DATE - CHURCH 'WEEKEND AWAY' OPEN MEETING

Turkey & Cranberry Cobs

A meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th May at 2pm at the home of Kerry Sharpe, It's an open meeting for anyone who wants to help in the organisation of the weekend. We need to discuss what format we take and the kind of activities we can pursue. Please feel free to suggest any ideas you have, if you are not able to attend the meeting, to Steve.

EASTER FAYRE - THANK YOU

On behalf of the April & October birthday group I should like to thank everybody who supported & organised our Easter Fayre on April 6th.

I felt this was a great social event & made for a very successful morning.

Winner of the Hot Cross Bunny was Hazel Brewer. (Bobtail) Winner of the 'Eggs in the Basket' was Chris Smith (204).

A total of 282.45 was raised.

Pauline Jackets.

Our next recital!

Alistair Parnell Saxophonist extraordinaire!



Saxophonist Alistair Parnell presents an eclectic programme of music from Baroque to Jazz including new arrangements of some well-known tunes. He will also play the new Roland *Aerophone* and demonstrate the amazing possibilities of this electronic wind instrument. Backed by his own accompaniments, there will be music to suit all tastes and ages.

Friday 17 May at 7.00pm

Tickets are available now - £10 (under-16s £5) from Malcolm (01530 242742), Kerry (07979 607099) or Rosie (01530 244497), via our website (www.markfieldmethodistchurch.org) or church Facebook. We are anticipating a great demand for tickets, so secure yours NOW!



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12-18 MAY

The charity works for and with people of all faiths and none, as well as with churches and other organisations, to **promote sustainable development, strive for social justice and pursue their vision of a world without poverty**. In 37 countries, they **support poor and marginalised people**, whatever their beliefs, sexuality, gender and ethnicity, to lift themselves out of poverty.

COFFEE MORNING

MARKFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL (next to Ma's Chinese)

Saturday 18th May 10:00am-12:00noon

Please come along and join us. Toasted tea cakes for breakfast, tea, coffee, squash or just come along and browse the stalls, just pop in any time.

JOINT CHURCH SERVICE

MARKFIELD METHODIST CHURCH (Main St. opposite The Green)

Sunday 19th May 10:30am.

All 4 Churches in Markfield work very closely together for the benefit of our community. This service is held in the Methodist Church but led by members of the Catholic Church. Everyone of all ages will be made very welcome.

Markfield Churches - working together for our community

Methodist-<u>www.markfieldmethodistchurch.org</u> or FB
Parish Church – j22churches.org.uk
Congregational Church – FB
Catholic Church - www.stwilfscoalville.blogspot.co.uk

Join the Birthday fun! With, Seated Exercise 11th May 10am – 11am Then relax with Tea/coffee/juice & a biscuit! Suitable for everyone, Just turn up! £3.50

Instructor – Danny Hopkins

June 2019 Newsletter Deadline

Items for the June Newsletter/Herald are required by Friday 17th May Many Thanks.

Sandra Andrews