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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 August

4th August

Stewards — Hazel Brewer & Kerry Sharpe

10:30am Morning Worship – Local Arrangement

6:00pm No Evening Service

11th August

Stewards — Linda & William Walmsley

10:30am Morning Worship— Mr Gordon Tatler (WL) Sandra Andrews

4:00pm No Evening Service

18th August

Stewards — Hilda & David Poole

10:30am Morning Worship – Mr Geoff Clarke (WL) TBC3:00pm United Service @ Ulverscroft [Bring a Chair]

25th August – Flower Festival

Stewards – Iris Bown & Ian Lay

10:30am Morning Service — Rev Steve Clark (WL) Ann Lay

6:00pm No Evening Service

ROTAS		Door Stewards	Organist	Flowers	Cleaning
4 th	AM	Zoe Tur-Ribas	David Woodward	Jessie Stock	Cleaning Done
	PM No Evening Service		ce	Jessie Stock	Fortnightly
11 th	AM	Jenny Marsay	David Woodward	Iris Bown	Rosie Barrs Kate Scott
	PM	No Evening Service		IIIS DOWII	Ann Holloway
18 th	AM	Iris Bown	Malcolm Goldring	Diane Briers	Cleaning
	PM	Service @ Ulverscroft		Didne briers	Done Fortnightly
28 th	AM	Ann Holloway	Rebecca Goldring	FLOWER	Linda & William
	PM	No Evening Service		FESTIVAL	Walmsley Iris Bown



Dates for your Diary



Sparklers

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



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 No Meetings in August

Music Café

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

Thursday 6th & 22th August at 2:00pm to 4:00pm Everyone Welcome for a Good Sing, Chat and Tea/Coffee







RECITALS IN CHAPEL

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

World Missions Collecting Boxes

Would everyone who has a box please return it As Soon As Possible, for emptying.

If anyone would like a collecting box please let us know or call on (01530) 244867.

Many Thanks for your Support David and Hilda Poole

Ministers Letter

Dear friends,

I have been thinking a lot recently about the phrase "spending time". It is a phrase which is in common usage. We might say, for example, "I'm going to spend some time in the garden", or "I am planning to spend some time catching up with my e-mails". There are all sorts of ways in which we can spend time. Many of us will complain from time to time that "there isn't enough time!"

Imagine that I was feeling generous one day, and came to church with a bunch of £50 notes (sorry, it's not going to happen!) and gave one to each person present. I then said that each person had 24 hours to spend it, and any amount unspent at the end of the 24 hours had to be returned to me. I wonder how you might spend the £50.

In a sense, it's very similar with time. Every single day of our lives we are each given the gift of 1,440 minutes. We are then faced with a choice – how do I spend this time? Once those 1,440 minutes have elapsed, we will never get them back. Whether we have chosen wisely or foolishly in respect of our use of that time, we will have to live with the consequences. Romans philosopher Seneca is quoted as saying, 'It is not that we have a short time to live, but that we waste a lot of it.' On a similar vein, author Kerry Johnson asked, 'Do we need more time? Or do we need to be more disciplined with the time we have?'

Of course, there are times when pressures of various commitments on our time make it difficult for us to devote as much time as we might like to those elements of our lives which are really important. One of the areas of life which can sometimes be neglected is the relationships we have with family and friends, including our church family. I see it is a very positive sign that the majority of our Sunday morning congregation stays behind after the service to spend time with one another. Yet even that may not be enough to really get to know other church members in a deep and meaningful way.

That is one of the reasons behind the decision to have a church weekend away, and it is gratifying that so many have signed up to the weekend at Willersley Castle. It will give us the opportunity for some quality (and quantity) time together. We will be able to enjoy the beautiful Derbyshire countryside, rest, relax, have fun, enjoy each other's company, and get to know each other better. Sue and I are very much looking forward to the weekend. Whether you are attending the weekend or not, please pray that God will bless the weekend and help us to grow together as a church family. Pray also that in our daily lives, each one of us would be able to be wise in how we spend our time.

God bless, Steve



CELEBRATION CALENDAR

More Details of Events will be Published in the Notices

BC Denotes Birthday Club Event

August

24th – 26th Flower Festival Weekend

Monday 26th BC Coffee and Teacakes Morning

30th – 1st Sept Church Away Weekend

September

Saturday 28th BC Ploughman's Lunch

October

Thursday 3rd BC Boat Trip and Lunch (Cost £25.00) 3 Places Available

November

Friday 1st Piano Recital 7:00pm onwards

Saturday 9th **BC** WI Coffee Morning

December

Saturday 7th The Sitwell Singers in Concert

Saturday 14th **BC** Come and Sing Carols

Turkey & Cranberry Cobs

Birthday Club Events and Recital Events

As many of you know I have been taking photos of the events throughout this year and will be producing a booklet of all event photos at the end of the year.

If anyone has any photos of the Birthday Club Events or the many Musical Recitals that we've had this year, that you are willing to share these with the rest of the church fellowship please let me have copies. Digital copies are preferred, but I can work from negatives or prints.

CELEBRATION 1.2.5 ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

The weekend of June 22nd & 23rd was the celebration of our church's 125th birthday. The Songs of Praise, Cream Tea, Sunday worship and Faith Lunch were attended by our church family and many friends who agreed that they had enjoyed a wonderful time of praise and thanksgiving, food and fellowship.

The cream tea raised £177 and donations amounted to £612.

Thank you for your support and generous giving.

Birthday Club Events Requests/Updates

July Wimbledon Cream Tea & Cake Competition

Many Thanks to everyone that came to the Cream Tea event on Saturday 13th July and all those adventurous gents that entered the cake competition. We did worry with the date as it was Women's Finals Day, but thanks to the Ladies having a short match we were able to provide about 60 Cream Teas during the time, raising £170.

The January/July Team

Flower Festival - Tombola

The Tombola stall at the flower festival on Saturday 24th August has a theme of "Bottles and Jars"!!

There is a Box on the table as you come into church, please help us by donating. If you would like to fill an empty jar with sweeties or chocolates that would be brilliant.

Roderick & Margaret Lay

Flower Festival – Anagram Quiz

The Birthday Group has compiled an Anagram of Flowers Quiz.

Copies will be available in the Foyer throughout August at a price of £1.00

The February/August Team

March Event – Sunflower Growing Challenge

Anyone who would like their Sunflower Seed results entered into the Challenge should bring their Sunflower or photographic evidence (showing height and flower) to the Flower Festival on Saturday 25th August for judging.

October River Cruise & Lunch Event

Due to a few people having to drop out of this event we now have some places available. Please talk to me to book your place. Cost is £25.00 per person.

Pauline Jackets



Circuit PRAYER-FAST Day



Join us for another day of prayer and contemplation to begin the new Methodist Church Year.

Everyone is invited!

Trinity Methodist Church

Narborough Road, LE3 2RD

Wednesday 4th September 2019, 10 am - 2 pm

Come for part or whole of the day, and let us break-fast together with a 'bring and share' lunch at 1 pm.



"CELEBRATE & GIVE THANKS"

SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST 10.00 - 4.30

BACON BUTTIES 11.00 - 1.00

REFRESHMENTS * CAKE STALL * TOMBOLA

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 11.30 - 5.00

12.00 TWO-COURSE LUNCH TICKETS - £5

MONDAY 26TH AUGUST 10.00 - 4.00

REFRESHMENTS SERVED EVERY DAY

SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Items for the Next Newsletter/Herald are required by Sunday 18th August.

Many Thanks.

Sandra Andrews