



Emsworth Methodist Church & Pastoral Centre



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Sunday 19th March

3rd Sunday of Lent

**10.00am Service of Holy Communion
Led by Revd Dr Beryl Wright**

2.30pm Anglican-Methodist Walk (around the
Hilsea Lines, for details see page 2)

**6.30pm United Evensong
at St Thomas Warblington
Led by Revd Bill McCoubrey**

Today Bill Stillwell is at Bedhampton at 10.30am and Geoffrey Senior is at Havant at 10.45am.

Monday 20th March

10.30am Chair based exercise class

7.30pm Augmented Choir Rehearsal (at St James', see
March News Sheet for details)

Tuesday 21st March

10.30am Standing exercises

2.00pm Activity Afternoon – 'A Kiwi Adventure' : Laura's
Travel Tales

*A serving and worshipping Christian church in the heart of Emsworth
working closely with other churches and with the local community*

Wednesday 22nd March

- 10.30 am** 'Let's Do It' (activities in the Pastoral Centre)
12noon **Lent Lunch** a simple meal for Christian Aid
1.00pm **Lent Communion (IH)** led by Revd Trevor Payne
7.30pm **Ladies Group:** Deacon Laura Evans
'Hobbits & Dolphins - A Kiwi Adventure'

Thursday 23rd March

- 9.45** for 10.00am **York Lent Course** at Waterside URC (see poster on notice board)
10.00am **Cake Stall** for Methodist work at home & abroad

Friday 24th March

- 9.00am** "Red Nose Breakfast Nosh" (see page 3)
12.00noon **Pastoral Centre Closes at midday today**
2.00pm **Thanksgiving Service for John Buchanan**
followed by refreshments in International Hall.

Sunday 26th March

4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

10.00am **Morning Worship**
Led by Revd Les Judd

6.30pm **United Service of Holy Communion**
Conducted by Revd Bill Stillwell

Today Bill Stillwell is at Trinity at 10.30am and Laura Evans is at Eastney at 10.30am.

Anglican-Methodist Walk

The next United walk takes place **today, Sunday 19th March**. We will meet at Hilsea at 2.30pm and the walk will be around the Hilsea Lines. Parking is available on the left immediately after you come off the Hilsea roundabout towards Portsmouth. The walk is a figure of eight, the first 'loop' being 2.5 miles and the second 'loop' 1 mile. The walk is flat and mainly on good pathways. If you wish to get there by bus the 700 leaves Emsworth Square at 1.58pm and gets to Hilsea at 2.22pm (current timetable). Further details from Pamela and Geoffrey Eardley (07768 373742).

The next **cake stall** is on Thursday (23rd). February's cake stall raised £70.53, thank you to all who support our efforts by baking or buying.

Methodist Women in Britain

Our **Circuit Easter Offering Service** 2017 will be held on **Sunday May 7th, 6-30pm at Drayton**. The theme 'Shine like Stars.' This service has been prepared by Methodist Women in Britain on behalf of the World Mission Fund. This act of worship enables the Methodist Church in Britain and Ireland to give to the work of the 65 Partner Churches Oversea. The **Easter Offering envelopes** will be available on **Palm Sunday** and **Easter Sunday** as is customary in this church.

Ladies' Group

It's a long time since I last reported any of our activities, but as I am 'back on track' now here is a comment on our most recent meeting. The heading in the programme said 'Mrs Christine Stuckey, God Moments' and we were treated to a very enjoyable talk about a pilgrimage to Lindisfarne and various examples of Mrs Stuckey's God Moments. It was a lovely evening accompanied by several photographs. At our next meeting, on 22nd March, Deacon Laura Evans' subject will be 'Hobbits & Dolphins – A Kiwi Adventure'. We look forward to seeing you in International Hall at 7.30pm. You are very welcome to join us. *Mary Dymott*

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Please join for our special **“Red Nose Breakfast Nosh”** at the Pastoral Centre on Friday 24th March.

As many will know Red Nose Day only happens every two years. The money raised goes to lots of great schemes both in the UK and Overseas. In the UK money goes to local programmes, this year there is a focus on Dementia support groups and post-natal group therapy. The money heading to Africa is focussing on supporting immunisation programmes.

Please come and join us on Friday between **9am** and 12 noon. Come and have some food but more importantly support a good cause.

East Africa Famine Appeal

South Sudan is the first nation in six years to declare a famine, but the UN has issued a stark warning that other countries face extreme food-shortages across East Africa.

All We Can and the World Church Relationships Team of the Methodist Church in Britain are calling for support for an **urgent appeal** to respond to immediate needs in South Sudan and to help avert famine in other countries on the verge of disaster.

Tragically, the declaration of famine in South Sudan throws the spotlight on a much wider disaster.

In areas of East Africa, and in neighbouring Yemen, a lack of food is no longer a matter of discomfort but of survival. Malnutrition is widespread, in some countries water is scarce and the need for lifesaving aid; food, water and sanitation, is critical. On 20 February 2017 it was announced that South Sudan had already reached tipping point with two countries being declared as officially affected by famine.

Droughts and unpredictable rainfall, protracted civil conflicts and entrenched economic crises, have led to widespread food insecurity across East Africa and people are already dying. Without urgent support, many other communities across the region face the threat of famine in 2017.

The Methodist Church in Britain are urging people to respond quickly, generously and collectively to this catastrophic situation by supporting the appeal being managed by All We Can.

There will be the opportunity to contribute to this appeal through a 'retiring collection' on Sunday 26th March and Sunday 2nd April.

If you have items to include in the next notices please email them by midday on 23rd March to emcnotices19@gmail.com.