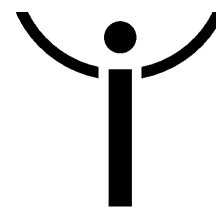


West Bridgford Methodist Church

April 2018 “At a Glance”

A Diary of Worship Services and Other Events



Where “details below” is shown next to a diary entry please see the general notices at the end of “At a Glance” for more information.

In the WEB version of “At a Glance” certain contact details have been removed (to protect the privacy of contributors) if this information is required the printed version (available at church) should be consulted. Where “details below” is shown next to a diary entry please see the general notices at the end of “At a Glance” for more information.

Saturday 24 March	8.30 am	Men’s Prayer Group : further details below.
	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall , in aid of “Shelterbox”, arranged by Steve Nicholson.
Sunday 25 March	10.30 am	PALM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Paul Johns. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Irene Braybrook.
	Midday	Working Party to clear church furniture in preparation for tomorrow’s Blood Donor Day. Please give a hand – it will take no more than thirty minutes.
	12.30 pm	“Lunch for All” in church hall after morning worship and coffee/tea. Details from Marian Crawford.
Monday 26 March	12.55 – 3.10 pm 4.40 -7.25 pm	Blood Donor session in church. Details from www.blood.co.uk or 0300 123 23 23.
	1.00 pm	Environmental Health inspection of church kitchen. If you use the kitchen for food preparation you are requested to attend to meet with the inspector from Rushcliffe Borough Council.
	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Monday Afternoon Fellowship (meeting at Ann Latham’s home). A warm welcome is assured, with tea, cakes, prayer, friendship, discussion and a few laughs. All are welcome.
	7.15 – 9.00 pm	Lent Group at church – “Holy Habits”. Refreshments first and the meeting will start at 7.30 pm. To be led by Revd Rach Ward and based on the book by Andrew Roberts “Holy Habits”. Meeting in Room 4. All are welcome.
	9.00 pm	Working Party to re-instate church furniture after Blood Donor Day ready for Sunday. Please come and give a hand – with a good team it should take no more than 45 minutes.
Tuesday 27 March	10.00 am	Coffee and Chat - Details from Fiona.
	11.00 am - Midday	Storytime : Bible based story and activities for pre-school children and parents/carers, finishing with lunch.

Tuesday 27 March to Thursday 29 March	7.30 pm	A Passion Play for Holy Week in St Giles' church (details below)
Wednesday 28 March	9.30 – 11.30 am	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.
	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point : A warm and friendly group. Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh. Look forward to meeting you.
	1.30 – 3.00 pm	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.
	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Woolly Wednesday – a time for craft, care and cake. A time to share skills and learn new ones. Details from Jane Everett and Monica Heard.
Thursday 29 March	6.30 pm	Maundy Thursday : simple meal followed by worship.
Friday 30 March	7.00 pm	Good Friday Worship.
Saturday 31 March	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall, in aid of "Shelterbox", arranged by Steve Nicholson. Today there are no dancing school classes. Today there is also the opportunity to help with putting the finishing touches to the Easter Garden (in the church foyer) please bring one or two potted plants and join in the fun.
Sunday 01 April	6.30 am	Sunrise Service on the Embankment.
	10.30 am	Easter Sunday Morning Worship conducted by Revd Rach Ward - including Holy Communion. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Please bring a few flowers to decorate the cross. Flowers donated by Josie Henson.
	3.00 – 5.00 pm	Faith and Light meeting (Sunday Group). Fellowship and Worship for people with special needs, their families, carers and friends. Meeting in the Church and Community Hall. Leader Revd Marian Crawford.
Tuesday 03 April	11.00 am – 1.30 pm	Helping Hands. Your opportunity to help the running of the church by joining others to tackle the myriad of small maintenance and cleaning work needed. Newcomers are ALWAYS welcome. As a reward for your efforts, please stay for our soup lunch.
Wednesday 04 April	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point : A warm and friendly group. Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh. Look forward to meeting you.
Thursday 05 April	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship : Restart after Easter
Saturday 07 April	BMW walk today on the Pentrich Revolutionary Trail. Contact John Thurston (☎ see printed version) for details if you are interested and not already booked.	
	9.30 am - Midday	Coffee & Cake (no dancing classes today) In the Community Hall, organised by Sandra Morrey.

Sunday 08 April	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Simon Foulds. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Gillian Wright.
	5.30 pm	Soul Café : Come and join us for a new look Soul Café! There will be coffee and cake from 5.30 and we will look to 'start' our time of worship at 5.45pm. This will include opportunity for sharing, reflecting, praying and singing. We look forward to seeing you, whether you've been to Soul Café before or not. All are welcome!
Monday 09 April	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Monday Afternoon Fellowship. Meeting at Ann Latham's home. A warm welcome is assured, with tea, cakes, prayer, friendship, discussion and a few laughs. All are welcome.
	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Memory Lane Café. Come and enjoy reminiscence, activities with music & singing, make new friends and enjoy tea & cake!
	7.30 pm	Open House : we meet together at Gardens Court to continue our study of Galatians. Our meetings conclude with a time of prayer and fellowship finishing with biscuits and a drink. All are welcome to join us. Details from Brian Horler.
Wednesday 11 April	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point : A warm and friendly group. Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh. Look forward to meeting you.
	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Woolly Wednesday – a time for craft, care and cake. A time to share skills and learn new ones. Details from Jane Everett and Monica Heard.
	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Faith and Light meeting (Wednesday Group). Fellowship and Worship for young people with special needs, alongside their families and friends. Further details from Audrey Nicholson.
Thursday 12 April	10.00 am – 2.00 pm	Friends Together. A time to socialise with others over a cup of tea.
	7.00 – 8.30 pm	West Bridgford Community Drum Circle (details below) Room to be arranged.
Saturday 14 April	8.30 am	Men's Prayer Group : further details below.
	9.30 am - Midday	Coffee & Cake (no dancing classes today) In the Community Hall, organised by Audrey Nicholson.
	9.30 am	Leadership Team Strategic Visioning. As a Church community, we have made significant progress in fulfilling the aims identified at last year's Vision Day. The morning of Strategic Visioning is to help us identify the next steps in our shared ministry. Please pray for the Leadership Team as they seek to fulfil their role in helping to identify priorities and direction of travel to bring before the Church.
	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Mahjong and games evening (in Community Hall).

Sunday 15 April	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP (WORSHIP TOGETHER). Conducted by Revd Simon Rose. Flowers donated by Irene Milburn.
Monday 16 April	7.30 pm	Open House : we meet together at Gardens Court to continue our study of Galatians. Our meetings conclude with a time of prayer and fellowship finishing with biscuits and a drink. All are welcome to join us. Details from Brian Horler.
Tuesday 17 April	10.00 am	Coffee and Chat – planning meeting at Signature. Details from Fiona.
	11.00 am - Midday	Storytime : Bible based story and activities for pre-school children and parents/carers, finishing with lunch.
	2.30 – 4.30 pm	WOMEN’S TUESDAY GROUP. Mrs Carol Parkinson speaking on “Travels of a Backpacker – part 2” Meeting in the Community Hall, please join us for an entertaining talk followed by light refreshments.
Wednesday 18 April	9.30 – 11.30 am	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.
	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point : A warm and friendly group. Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh. Look forward to meeting you.
	1.15 – 3.00 pm	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.
	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Messy Church. All are welcome all to join us for this intergenerational family time together. Today the theme is “Pentecost”. Please bring your friends and family as we ‘get messy’, we worship and we share a meal together.
Thursday 19 April	2.30 pm	Women’s Fellowship : TBA
	7.00 – 8.30 pm	West Bridgford Community Drum Circle (details below) Room to be arranged.
	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Singing Together : Further details below.
	7.30 pm	Thursday Fellowship Group meeting in the Community Hall. Details from Monica Heard.
Saturday 21 April	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall , in aid of Volunteer Work in Ghana, arranged by Harriet Nichols.
Sunday 22 April	Deadline for items for the May issue of “At a Glance”	
	May BMW walk. The next section of our long distance walk on the Rushcliffe 100 is on Sat 5th May with a choice of 2 lengths of walk (see notice board). Please let John Thurston (☎see printed version) know by TODAY if you are interested in joining this walk.	
	Midday	Working Party to clear church furniture in preparation for tomorrow’s Blood Donor Day. Please give a hand – it will take no more than thirty minutes.
	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Revd Rach Ward. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Madeline Frankland.

Monday 23 April	12.55 – 3.10 pm 4.40 -7.25 pm	Blood Donor session in church. Details from www.blood.co.uk or 0300 123 23 23.
	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Monday Afternoon Fellowship. Meeting at Ann Latham’s home. A warm welcome is assured, with tea, cakes, prayer, friendship, discussion and a few laughs. All are welcome.
	7.30 pm	Open House : we meet together at Gardens Court to continue our study of Galatians. Our meetings conclude with a time of prayer and fellowship finishing with biscuits and a drink. All are welcome to join us. Details from Brian Horler.
	9.00 pm	Working Party to re-instate church furniture after Blood Donor Day ready for Sunday. Please come and give a hand – with a good team it should take no more than 45 minutes.
Wednesday 25 April	9.30 – 11.30 am	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.
	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point : A warm and friendly group. Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh. Look forward to meeting you.
	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Woolly Wednesday – a time for craft, care and cake. A time to share skills and learn new ones. Details from Jane Everett and Monica Heard.
	1.30 – 3.00 pm	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.
	7.00 pm	Leadership Team Meeting – at the manse.
Thursday 26 April	10.00 am – 2.00 pm	Friends Together. A time to socialise with others over a cup of tea.
	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Singing Together : Further details below.
Saturday 28 April	8.30 am	Men’s Prayer Group : further details below.
	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall, in aid of Gedling Sports Plus Club, arranged by Audrey Nicholson.
Sunday 29 April	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Revd Rach Ward. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Beryl Myall.
Monday 30 April	7.30 pm	Open House : we meet together at Gardens Court to continue our study of Galatians. Our meetings conclude with a time of prayer and fellowship finishing with biscuits and a drink. All are welcome to join us. Details from Brian Horler.
Wednesday 02 May	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point : A warm and friendly group. Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh. Look forward to meeting you.
Thursday 03 May	2.30 pm	Women’s Fellowship : TBA
	7.15 pm	“Life on the Frontline” a Circuit event at WB – details below.
	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Singing Together : Further details below.
Saturday 05 May	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall, in aid of Church Community Projects, arranged by Jane Everett.

Sunday 06 May	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Louise Beaumont. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Marian Heffernan.
	3.00 – 5.00 pm	Faith and Light meeting (Sunday Group). Fellowship and Worship for people with special needs, their families, carers and friends. Meeting in the Church and Community Hall. Leader Helen Crawford.
Monday 10 May	Ascension Day : Start of “Thy Kingdom Come” prayer initiative.	
Sunday 20 May	Pentecost : end of “Thy Kingdom Come” prayer initiative.	

Church website :

We encourage you to take a look at our church website www.wbmethodist.org.uk where you can sign up to receive our weekly email about services and activities. We also have Facebook and Twitter pages – search for WB Methodist and you will find up-to-date news and pictures.

Information about West Bridgford Methodist Church :

We send out a regular email with information about worship services and other events in the life of the church. If you'd like to receive a weekly update, please send your full name and contact details to info@wbmethodist.org.uk and you will be added to the mailing list.

Men's Prayer Group (meeting in Room 4) :

Anyone who wants to join is welcome and should contact Charles Rayner (☎ see printed version) for further details.

Christian Books in Church :

We have a selection of new books from the Methodist Book Shop on a sale / return basis and they are priced on the back. Please leave a note in the red book provided if you take one and let Myke Blackburn have the money when you see him. There is also usually a separate selection of sale books available for a donation.

Traidcraft news (Fair Trade Fortnight) :

A big thank you from the Traidcraft Stall for all your support in the run up to Christmas. As often happens, purchases since Christmas have been rather slow - so in addition to encouraging you all to continue to support the stall, we have decided to revert to opening only on alternate Sundays.

Action for Children :

A big thank you to all “Action for Children” home collection box holders. This year's total is £667.19. If you would like a box please see John or Carolyn de Boer.

Life on the Frontline

This Circuit course will be led by Revs Rach Ward and Simon Rose, based at WBMC. It is part of the Circuit and our church vision to grow in confidence in sharing our faith and living out our discipleship 24/7. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, please book these dates in your diary and enjoy this opportunity to explore together what it might look like to be Christians on our ‘frontlines’ with family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, wherever we find ourselves day by day.

The dates are : 3rd, 10th and 24th May, 7th and 21st June and the 5th July

It would be good to see a strong support for this training opportunity from the WBMC community. For more information, please speak to Rev Rach or a Leadership steward.

Singing Together :

Singing Together, is a friendly group being led by Gill Cubitt. We meet on a Thursday afternoon from 2.30-3.30, followed by refreshments. There's a small charge of £3.00. All welcome - no previous choral experience necessary. For further details, contact Jane Everett or Gill Cubitt (☎ see printed version).

West Bridgford Community Drum Circle :

If you are interested in exploring your natural rhythms through drum and percussion and having fun, you are welcome to join me. All instruments are provided but you are welcome to bring your own drum/percussion instruments. No experience needed. Contact Andy Harris for further details. Cost - £4 per session/£2 for concessions.

Andy Harris – (☎ or email - see printed version)

Ukelele Group :

The church Uke group continues to meet usually twice a month for details please contact Myke Blackburn.

Christian Aid Week : starting on Saturday 12th May.

Various events related to Christian Aid will be happening such as :

- Saturday 12th May Community Coffee Morning followed by Soup Lunch
- Sunday 13th May Circuit Service at 4.00 pm with Nick Thorley (from the regional Christian Aid office), this will be held at West Bridgford Methodist Church.
- Saturday 19th May Community Coffee Morning
- Sunday 20th May Afternoon Tea (3.00 to 5.00 pm)

Why not join with these events ? Details from Audrey Nicholson.

Bookings for the April BMW walk :

The next section of our long distance walk on the Rushcliffe 100 is on Sat 7th April with a choice of 2 lengths of walk. We all walk the 3.6 miles from Barton in Fabis to Gotham for a lunch break, then the more energetic continue onto West Leake (total 6 miles). Please let John Thurston (☎ see printed version) know by 18th March if you are interested in joining this walk.

MISSION BOX COLLECTIONS:

A huge thank you to all who have a blue MISSION BOX at home and collect monies for the 5 charities identified on the label. These will be emptied in **March, July and November** and the money banked before the end of those months. Please remember to bring your box collection to church and exchange it for an empty one on or before Palm Sunday, 25th March. If you would like to join the blue collecting box group, just take an empty one from the vestibule, and make sure it's really rattling by the next month for emptying – July!!

Thanks once again, Mike Hodgkins

The next edition of "At a Glance" :

This will cover May (the period Sunday 29th April to Sunday 27th May). The absolute deadline for submissions is Sunday 22nd April ALL submissions MUST be by e-mail (see printed version) or in writing (to Brian Horler – can be placed in the appropriate "pigeon hole" at Church).

It would be appreciated if submissions were made by e-mail wherever possible because it makes things much easier (and less prone to errors) than if written submissions are made. Brian Horler (Editor of "At a Glance").

Friary Drop-in :

As well as Friary needing men's and ladies' clothes, and toiletries as always, there is a always a need for other items. Amongst items needed are foodstuffs to restock the Friary kitchen such as : Coffee, Sugar (castor and demerara), Flour, Jams and Lemon curd, Desiccated coconut, Tinned mushrooms, tinned fruit, Milk powder, evaporated milk, custard powder, Chocolate chips. Also needed are drinks, snacks, chocolate bars and crisps for their non-cook food parcels (around 75 are issued each week).

Thanks, and hope this will give people ideas of items that Friary would really appreciate!

COOP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTS THE FRIARY

The Friary is a selected charity of the Coop Membership Scheme 2017/18.

Every time you choose selected Co-op branded products and services from everyday things like buying a loaf, to bigger things like making a Will or planning a funeral - both you and the Friary can benefit. Coop have amended the scheme so you can select the Charity of your choice. Earn points for you and funds for the Friary by visiting: www.coop.co.uk/membership.

A PASSION PLAY FOR HOLY WEEK :

However, many times you have heard the story of Holy Week, there always seems something new to discover. When we first heard the story, no doubt we concentrated on the figure of Jesus. His betrayal, suffering and the agony of the cross, before the resurrection on the Easter morn.

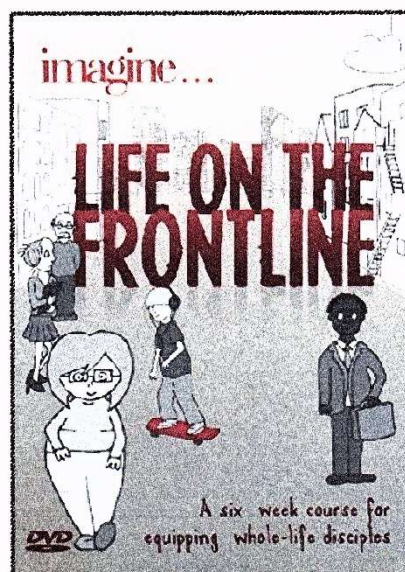
Perhaps in later years you meditated on other characters in the story. If you have ever had to make a difficult decision, it is hard not to have some sympathy for Pontius Pilate. But what about Judas Iscariot? Without him, would there have been an Easter story to fulfil the Old Testament prophesies? And then there is Peter, the rock on which the church was to be founded, and yet disowned Jesus three times.

There are also the ordinary people – perhaps like us – the ones who cheered Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, yet were calling for Barabbas later in the week. It is these people that feature in Edward Murch's passion play, "No Name in the Street". We see the story of Holy Week unfold through the experiences of a mother searching for her son, and the people she meets during her search. Inevitably it prompts us to ask what would we have done, how would we have behaved if we had been there?

This one-act play is being performed at St Giles' church, on Church Drive in West Bridgford, on three evenings in Holy Week. At 7:30 pm on 27th, 28th and 29th March 2018.

Tickets can be obtained from Dizzy Prentice, tel 0115 984 5535, or St Giles' parish office, tel 07948 834250. Tickets are £8 on the door or £7 in advance. Or why not come in a group and have 11 tickets for the price of 10? Free refreshments will be served after the play, giving groups an opportunity to talk over their reactions to the play.

Nottingham South Methodist Circuit



As part of our commitment to become a growing circuit –
- Growing in faith - Growing in numbers
- Growing in engagement with our communities – you are warmly encouraged to join Revs Simon Rose and Rach Ward on this 6 week discipleship course.

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Romans 12:1 (The Message)

This course encourages us to live out our discipleship in the places we find ourselves and with the people we meet day by day.

**Thursdays at 7.15pm – West Bridgford Methodist Church
3rd, 10th, 24th May – 7th, 21st June – 5th July 2018**