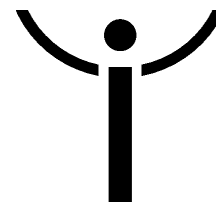


West Bridgford Methodist Church

October 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.

Please note that in the WEB version individual’s contact details are NOT give, this information may be obtained from the printed version available at church.

Saturday 29 September	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall. Organised by Sylvia Gough in aid of WB Scouts.
Sunday 30 September	9.15 – 10.00 am	Harvest Breakfast (served by the Scouts). Donations (of money – envelopes will be available) will be for “All We Can” and food donations to the work of “Friary”.
	10.30 am	HARVEST FESTIVAL MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Revd Mark Roberts. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people.
	12.30 – 2.00 pm (approximately)	Community Lunch - Everybody is Welcome! Donations to the Circuit “All We Can” project.
	6.30 pm	Churches Together in West Bridgford. Celebration Service at Wilford Church.
Monday 01 October	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 Fellowship Group. Our meetings continue with a time of fellowship, Bible study (looking at Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians), prayer and concluding with tea or coffee. We are meeting at Gardens Court. Details from Brian Horler.
Tuesday 02 October	10.00 am	Coffee and Chat – Details from Fiona.
Wednesday 03 October	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.
Thursday 04 October	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Singing Together : Further details below.
	2.30 pm	Women’s Fellowship.
	7.30 pm	Thursday Fellowship (meeting in the Community Hall). This evening we will be exploring the Psalms and particularly Psalm 8. All are welcome . Details from Monica Heard.
Saturday 06 October	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall. Organised by Angie Platton & Lisa Beck in aid of the Boys Brigade.

Sunday 07 October	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP (including Holy Communion) conducted by Revd Rach Ward. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Sylvia Draycott.
	3.00 – 5.00 pm	Harvest 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 Andy Proffitt.
	5.30 pm	Youth Alpha. A series that explores life, faith and meaning. Further details below.
Monday 08 October	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Monday Afternoon Fellowship A warm welcome is assured from this friendly group meeting at Ann Latham's house twice a month for fellowship, discussion and prayer. An interesting afternoon is promised with tea and cake too. See Ann or Georgina for more details.
	7.30 pm	Open House Fellowship Group. Our meetings continue with a time of fellowship, Bible study (looking at Paul's letter to the Thessalonians), prayer and concluding with tea or coffee. We are meeting at Gardens Court. Details from Brian Horler.
Wednesday 10 October	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.
	7.15 pm	Church Council Meeting
	7.30 pm	30th Anniversary Celebration Service for "The Friary" at St Giles Church
Thursday 11 October	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.
	7.00 – 8.30 pm	West Bridgford Community Drum Circle (details below), meeting in the Community Hall.

Saturday 13 October	BMW walk on Saturday 20th October: Sutton Bonnington Circular. Contact John Thurston (9234297) by today to book your place, or for more details.	
	8.30 am	Men's Prayer Group : further details below.
	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall. Organised by Jane Everett in aid of "Ride and Stride".
	3.00 pm	MHA 75th Anniversary Service in Derby Cathedral. The President of Conference, the Revd Michaela Youngson, will be the preacher during this Anniversary Service. During the service there will be the premier of a specially commissioned piece of music, 'Fanfare for the Older Person', created for MHA by the organist and composer Nigel Ogden. Free tickets can be requested from MHA or found online at www.eventbrite.co.uk and searching for 'MHA'.
7.00 – 9.00 pm	Mahjong and games evening (in Community Hall). Please join us for friendship, fun and a cup of tea.	
Sunday 14 October	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP conducted by the Open House Group. Today is an "Own arrangements service", and members of the congregation are invited to assist, for further details please see the relevant notice at the end of "At a Glance". With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Revd Loraine and John Mellor.
	5.30 pm	Youth Alpha. A series that explores life, faith and meaning. Further details below.
Monday 15 October	Midday – 2.30 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. Please note the NEW time and date. As a reward for your efforts, lunch will still be provided.
	7.30 pm	Open House Fellowship Group. Our meetings continue with a time of fellowship, Bible study (looking at Paul's letter to the Thessalonians), prayer and concluding with tea or coffee. We are meeting at Gardens Court. Details from Brian Horler.
Tuesday 16 October	10.00 am	Coffee and Chat – Details from Fiona.
	2.30 – 4.00 pm	WOMEN'S TUESDAY GROUP. Speaker : John Mellor (on his visit to Fiji). Meeting in the Community Hall, all are welcome.
	7.00 pm	AGM for Pastoral Visitors (meeting in room 4).

Wednesday 17 October	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.
	4.00 – 6.00 pm	Messy Church. All are welcome to join us for this intergenerational family time together. Please bring your friends and family as we 'get messy'. A time of worship and activities for all ages, followed by a meal shared together. For more information contact our Youth Engagement Worker, Abby, - contact details to be found in the print version of "At a Glance".
Thursday 18 October	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship.
	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Singing Together : Further details below.
	7.30 pm	Property and Finance Committee Meeting
Saturday 20 October	BMW walk: Sutton Bonnington Circular. A picturesque 6.4 mile walk incorporating Sutton Bonnington and West Leake. A shorter 4.4 mile one-way version can be included for those who prefer. (Note: This is a change to that advertised on the poster). Contact John Thurston (contact details to be found in the print version of "At a Glance") for more details.	
	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall. Organised by Jane Everett in aid of "All We Can".
Sunday 21 October	Deadline for items for the November issue of "At a Glance".	
	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 Georgina and Allan Youdell.
	2.00 pm	Baptism for Irene Braybrook's great granddaughter, Ava. For family reasons, this service will be held at 2pm. It would be lovely to see some members of WBMC at the service, especially to say the baptism promises that are made on behalf of the Church, as well as to support Gayle, Irene and the family.
	5.30 pm	Youth Alpha. A series that explores life, faith and meaning. Further details below.
	6.30 – 9.30 pm	Songs of Praise invites you to a recording. This is to be held at the Albert Hall, Nottingham. Further information can be found in the general notices at the end of "At a Glance".
Monday 22 October	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Monday Afternoon Fellowship A warm welcome is assured from this friendly group meeting at Ann Latham's house twice a month for fellowship, discussion and prayer. An interesting afternoon is promised with tea and cake too. See Ann or Georgina for more details.
	7.30 pm	Open House Fellowship Group. Our meetings continue with a time of fellowship, Bible study (looking at Paul's letter to the Thessalonians), prayer and concluding with tea or coffee. We are meeting at Gardens Court. Details from Brian Horler.

Wednesday 24 October	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 pm	Church Leadership Team Meeting at the Manse.
Thursday 25 October	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.
	7.00 – 8.30 pm	West Bridgford Community Drum Circle (details below), meeting in the Community Hall.
Saturday 27 October	8.30 am	Men’s Prayer Group : further details below.
	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall. Organised by Audrey Nicholson in aid of “Homeless at Christmas”.
Sunday 28 October	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Roger Johnson. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Angie and Jeff Platton.
	5.30 pm	Youth Alpha. A series that explores life, faith and meaning. Further details below.
Monday 29 October	7.00 - 8.30 pm	A meeting for anyone interested in Membership or Transfer of Membership within the Methodist Church to be held at the Manse. Further details of this meeting are given in the “notices” section at the end of “At a Glance”
Wednesday 31 October	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 01 November	2.30 pm	Women’s Fellowship.
Sunday 04 November	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Douglas Kerr. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people.
	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.
	5.30 pm	Youth Alpha. A series that explores life, faith and meaning. Further details below.

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.

A meeting for anyone interested in Membership or Transfer of Membership within the Methodist Church to be held at the Manse on Monday 29th October.

Some people come to the church for a long time before they feel able to take the 'next step' in a commitment to God; others might know they want to make a more 'formal' commitment to God very quickly. Within the Methodist Church, commitment to God as a follower of Jesus is marked through Confirmation; that is *confirming* the promises often made by parents at an infant baptism. That confirmation is then made within a specific Methodist fellowship – in our case, WBMC. If members move to a new church, their commitment to God remains, but membership is transferred to the new church community. This is because John Wesley saw Christian commitment lived out and expressed through a Church fellowship (or in those days it was called a society!)

Don't worry, there are no scary initiation rites, all that is needed is, in the words of a certain song, a desire to '*to see [God] more clearly, love [God] more dearly, and follow [God] more nearly, day by day.*' If this is something you would like to know more about, please speak with Rev Rach, who would be delighted to share more with you.

Sunday 14th October MORNING WORSHIP conducted by the Open House Group :

This is an "Own arrangements service", to be led by the "Open House Group", who have selected the theme of "Faith, Hope and Love". We invite suggestions from the congregation for hymns on this theme, if you have such a suggestion please speak to Brian Horler or put a note in the "H" pigeon hole. Many thanks for any suggestions that you make.

Songs of Praise invites you to a recording on Sunday 21st October, 6:30pm – 9:30pm :

You are warmly invited to a special free music recording for Songs of Praise at **Albert Hall, Nottingham** this October. All are welcome and we are especially keen for enthusiastic singers to join us and lead the viewers at home in the singing. We will be recording a variety of traditional and contemporary hymns and all are welcome. We are especially keen for enthusiastic singers to join us and lead the viewers at home in the singing.

The recording will take place at the Albert Hall, North Circus Street, Nottingham, NG1 5AA.

To apply, please send your name, postcode, contact phone number and number of people taking part to SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv. If you are a keen singer, please also include your voice part (SATB). Please include 'Nottingham Recording' in your subject header.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the team at SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv or call us on 0161 873 7073.

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

Anyone who wants to join is welcome and should contact Charles Rayner (contact details to be found in the print version of "At a Glance") for further details.

Volunteers needed please:

Georgina and Allan are retiring from the collection counting rota. Please talk to Rev Rach or one of the stewards if you are interested to join this rota.

Methodist Prayer Handbook "A World Transformed"

The 2018/2019 Methodist Prayer Handbook is now available for purchase, Price £3.50, from Audrey Nicholson or Michael Johnson.

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 (contact details to be found in the print version of "At a Glance").

Youth Alpha :

The "Youth Alpha" group continues to meet on Sunday evenings (running until November 18th). Come along to explore life, faith and meaning. We will share a meal together at 5.30pm to begin and from 7pm to 8pm we will have optional games time. For more information contact youth engagement worker, Abby (contact details to be found in the print version of "At a Glance").

The next edition of "At a Glance" :

This will cover November (the period Sunday 28th October to Sunday 25th November). The absolute deadline for submissions is Sunday 21st October ALL submissions MUST be by e-mail (contact details to be found in the print version of "At a Glance".) 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").

Ukelele Group :

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

Resident Parking Scheme :

The lines and signs will be installed during August and the new restrictions on parking around the church will be legally enforced from Monday 10th September. Please take care to avoid getting a ticket after this date.

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 – (contact details to be found in the print version of "At a Glance".)

Friary Drop-in :

As well as Friary needing men's and ladies' clothes, and toiletries as always, there is 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!

West Bridgford Life Sale 17th November 2018 - Helpers needed :

You may have heard of or previously been involved with the life sale, a pop-up sale of quality used children's clothes, toys, books, sports and nursery equipment. Volunteers from a number of local churches are involved in the set up and running of the sale. This year it will be at St Paul's, Boundary Road on Saturday 17th November from 11am-1pm. We are looking for volunteers to help set up on the Friday evening from 5pm and then from 11am on the Saturday. There isn't an expectation for people to help all day but to say what they can do. Additionally, new helpers & sellers are always welcome, just email info@lifesale.org

Printing "At a Glance", "Voice" and "Circuit News" :

The above three publications are printed for our Church or the Circuit on a regular basis, it would be helpful if there were some additional people prepared to assist in the printing. This would not involve the editing of the publications only the printing once the documents had been saved to the internal storage of our "new" copier. This is not a difficult job at all and full training will be provided. If you feel that you could assist, please speak to me.

Brian Horler

- ¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.
- ² I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
- ³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.
- ⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.
- ⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- ⁶ the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them — the LORD, who remains faithful for ever.
- ⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free,
- ⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.
- ⁹ The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.
- ¹⁰ The LORD reigns for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

Psalm 146:1-10 (ANIV)