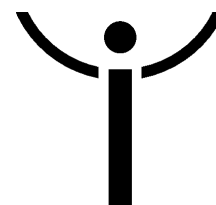


# West Bridgford Methodist Church

## February 2019 “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.

#### **Ministerial coverage – message from Rev Mark Roberts :**

In the period from February to April, Rev Rach Ward will be on sabbatical. This is a break from normal duties offered as a gift to Methodist ministers, which takes place every seven years of ministry.

During Rach’s sabbatical I will be providing ministerial cover at West Bridgford. Many of you will already know me from my work as a minister in this Methodist circuit and in particular from the time I covered for Rach last year. I look forward to getting to know you all a bit better over the next three months. Please feel free to contact me about anything you would normally spoken to Rach about, but do please bear in mind that it will take me some time to get up to speed!

Saturday 02 February	9.30 am - Midday	<p><b>Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall.</b></p> <p>Organised by Jane Everett in aid of Community Projects.</p>
Sunday 03 February	10.30 am	<p><b>MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Revd Andrew Barker.</b></p> <p>With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people.</p> <p>Flowers donated by Dorothy Back.</p>
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Tuesday 05 February	10.00 am	<b>Coffee and Chat – Details from Fiona.</b>
	7.30 – 9.00 pm	<b>Christianity Explored (4).</b>
Wednesday 06 February	9.30 – 11.30 am	<b>Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.</b>
	10.00 am - Midday	<p><b>Meeting Point (meeting at Epperstone Court).</b></p> <p>A warm and friendly group.</p> <p>Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh.</p> <p>Look forward to meeting you.</p>
	1.30 – 3.00 pm	<b>Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.</b>
Thursday 07 February	2.30 – 4.00 pm	<b>Singing Together : Further details below.</b>
	2.30 pm	<b>Women’s Fellowship : Speaker TBA.</b>
	7.30 pm	<p><b>Thursday Fellowship (meeting in the Community Hall).</b></p> <p>Details from Monica Heard.</p>

Saturday 09 February	<b>Deadline for booking on the BMW walk on 16<sup>th</sup> February.</b>	
	8.30 am	<b>Men's Prayer Group</b> : further details below.
	9.30 am - Midday	<b>Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall.</b> Organised by Audrey Nicholson in aid of Faith and Light.
	10.00 am to midday	<b>Friary Fundraising Sale at Cotgrave Welfare Club.</b> (Cotgrave, NG12 3PJ) further information on Church notice board.
	7.00 – 9.00 pm	<b>Mahjong and games evening (in Community Hall).</b> Come and join us to play a game of your choice and enjoy fellowship over refreshments.
Sunday 10 February	<b>District Youth Event.</b> For more information contact our youth engagement worker Abby, contact details available in printed version of "At a Glance".	
	10.30 am	<b>All Age Worship conducted by Louise Detain.</b> Flowers donated by Di and Mike Hodgkins.
Monday 11 February	2.30 – 4.00 pm	<b>Monday Afternoon Fellowship</b> 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.
	3.30 – 5.30 pm	<b>X-Plore : a New Youth Group.</b> X-Plore is a new youth group (meeting each Monday during term time) for those aged 8 to 11. Doors open from 3.30pm, start at 4pm and finish by 5.30pm. Join us as we learn about The Bible by creating "stop motion films". For more information contact our youth engagement worker Abby, contact details available in printed version of "At a Glance".

Tuesday 12 February	11.00 am – 12.30 pm	<b>Storytime.</b> Bible based story and activities for pre-school children and parents/carers, finishing with lunch.
	2.00 – 4.00 pm	<b>Dementia Friendly Film Show</b>
	7.00 pm	<b>Creating Safer Space: Foundation Module</b> There is circuit safeguarding training taking place this evening at Keyworth Methodist Church. The 'Creating Safer space: Foundation Module' is a required training session for ministers, those working with children & young people and vulnerable adults, stewards, local preachers and worship leaders. This includes volunteers. Please book in advance by contacting Geoff Daft, contact details available in printed version of "At a Glance".
	7.30 – 9.00 pm	<b>Christianity Explored (5).</b>
Wednesday 13 February	9.30 – 11.30 am	<b>Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.</b>
	10.00 am - Midday	<b>Meeting Point (meeting at church).</b> 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	<b>Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.</b>
	1.30 – 3.30 pm	<b>Woolly Wednesday :</b> a time for craft, care and cake. A time to share skills and learn new ones. Details from Jane Everett and Monica Heard.
Thursday 14 February	10.00 am – 2.00 pm	<b>Friends Together.</b> A time to socialise with others over a cup of tea.
	2.30 – 4.00 pm	<b>Singing Together :</b> Further details below.
	7.30 pm	<b>Thursday Fellowship (meeting in the Community Hall).</b> This evening we shall be exploring the passage "Jesus in the wilderness" from Luke 4 v. 1 – 13. Details from Monica Heard.

Saturday 16 February	<p align="center"><b>Methodist Walkers walk: Gotham to East Leake .</b>  This 4.5 mile walk continues our journey along the Rushcliffe 100 long-distance path. We return to the start by bus. Contact me by email only (contact details available in printed version of "At a Glance") to book and for travel arrangements.</p>	
	9.30 am - Midday	<p align="center"><b>Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall.</b>  Organised by Sandra Morrey in aid of Memory Lane Cafe.</p>
Sunday 17 February	10.30 am	<p align="center"><b>MORNING WORSHIP including Holy Communion conducted by Revd Mark Roberts.</b>  With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people.  Flowers donated by Sandra and Chris Morey.</p>
	6.00 – 8.00 pm	<p align="center"><b>Sunday Youth Group.</b>  Following on from the Youth Alpha course the end of 2018, youth from Cotgrave and West Bridgford are continuing with meeting at WBMC on Sunday evenings. The evening starts with an hour of discussion followed by an hour of games together.  For more information contact our youth engagement worker Abby, contact details available in printed version of "At a Glance".</p>
Monday 18 February	Midday – 2.30 pm	<p align="center"><b>Helping Hands.</b>  Your opportunity to help the running of the church by joining others to tackle the myriad of small maintenance and cleaning work needed.  <b>Newcomers are ALWAYS very welcome.</b>  <b>Please note the NEW time and date.</b>  As a reward for your efforts, lunch will still be provided.</p>
	7.30 pm	<p align="center"><b>Open House Fellowship Group.</b>  Our meetings continue with a time of fellowship, Bible study (on Romans), prayer and concluding with tea or coffee.  Please note that we now are meeting twice monthly – on the first and third Mondays in the month.  We are meeting at Gardens Court.  Details from Brian Horler.</p>

Tuesday 19 February	2.30 – 4.00 pm	<p><b>WOMEN’S TUESDAY GROUP.</b></p> <p>Speaker : Chris Weir on “Lace, Slums and the Occasional Riot”. Please join us if you would like to learn more of Nottingham’s history.</p> <p>Meeting in the Community Hall, all are welcome.</p>	
Wednesday 20 February	10.00 am - Midday	<p><b>Meeting Point (meeting at church).</b></p> <p>A warm and friendly group.</p> <p>Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh.</p> <p>Look forward to meeting you.</p>	
	3.30 – 5.30 pm	<p><b>Messy Church.</b></p> <p>All are welcome to join us for this intergenerational family time together.</p> <p>Come and join us as we explore the life of Jesus through worship, activities and a shared meal together, doors open at 3.30 pm for refreshments. 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 available in printed version of “At a Glance”.</p>	
Saturday 23 February	8.30 am	<b>Men’s Prayer Group</b> : further details below.	
	<b>All We Can” Malawi Day</b>	<b>Circuit “All We Can” Malawi Day.</b>	
		<b>Please join us for all or a part of the day. More details from Monica Heard, Audrey Nicholson and Jane Everett.</b>	
		10.00 – 11.45 am	<b>Coffee morning in the Community Hall.</b>
		Midday – 1.45 pm	<b>Soup and cheese lunch.</b>
		2.00 – 4.45 pm	<b>Activity afternoon with crafts and games.</b>
		5.00 – 6.00 pm	<b>Fish and Chip supper (please sign list in hall).</b>
6.00 pm	<b>Worship and Celebration.</b>		

Sunday 24 February	<b>Deadline for the March issue of “At a Glance”.</b>	
	10.30 am	<b>MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Roger Johnson.</b> With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Chris Richardson.
	6.00 – 8.00 pm	<b>Sunday Youth Group.</b> Following on from the Youth Alpha course the end of 2018, youth from Cotgrave and West Bridgford are continuing with meeting at WBMC on Sunday evenings. The evening starts with an hour of discussion followed by an hour of games together. For more information contact our youth engagement worker Abby, contact details available in printed version of “At a Glance”.
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Tuesday 26 February	10.00 am	<b>Coffee and Chat – Details from Fiona.</b>
	7.30 – 9.00 pm	<b>Christianity Explored (6).</b>

Wednesday 27 February	9.30 – 11.30 am	<b>Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.</b>
	10.00 am - Midday	<b>Meeting Point (meeting at church).</b> A warm and friendly group. Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh. Look forward to meeting you.
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	1.30 – 3.30 pm	<b>Woolly Wednesday :</b> a time for craft, care and cake. A time to share skills and learn new ones. Details from Jane Everett and Monica Heard.
Thursday 28 February	10.00 am – 2.00 pm	<b>Friends Together.</b> A time to socialise with others over a cup of tea.
	2.30 – 4.00 pm	<b>Singing Together :</b> Further details below.
Friday 01 March	2.00 pm	<b>The World Day of Prayer :</b> A service prepared by the women of Slovenia. All are welcome. To be held at the Holy Spirit Church, Victoria Road, West Bridgford.
Saturday 02 March	9.30 am - Midday	<b>Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall.</b> Organised by the Scout Group in aid of the Church Annual Project (Scouts, MHA and “All We Can”).
Sunday 03 March	10.30 am	<b>MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Rev Roger Hoath.</b> With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Jane Creswell.
	6.00 – 8.00 pm	<b>Sunday Youth Group.</b> Following on from the Youth Alpha course the end of 2018, youth from Cotgrave and West Bridgford are continuing with meeting at WBMC on Sunday evenings. The evening starts with an hour of discussion followed by an hour of games together. For more information contact our youth engagement worker Abby, contact details available in printed version of “At a Glance”.



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Thursday 07 March	7.30 pm	<p align="center"><b>Church Council Meeting</b></p>

Saturday 09 March	7.00 pm	<p><b>A concert which will feature 100 singers drawn from West Bridgford Social Singers and Everyone Can Sing.</b></p> <p>Proceeds will go to MHA, "All We Can" and our Scouts camp in Kandersteg.</p> <p>With a very popular programme, featuring particularly some songs by Queen and a number of songs from Les Miserables, it is sure to be a very enjoyable evening, and accessible to all ages. For those who wish, there will also be some opportunities to sing along!</p> <p>The admission charge is just £5, and children free, and with an early start at 7.00pm it will make a good family night out. Tickets are available now, from John Heard, but be quick as they are sure to sell out soon!</p>
Sunday 10 March	10.30 am	<p><b>MORNING WORSHIP including Holy Communion conducted by Revd Andrew Barker.</b></p> <p>With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people.</p> <p>Flowers donated by Michael and Vanessa Johnson.</p>
	About 12.45 pm (time to be confirmed)	<p><b>Community Lunch (prepared and served by the Scouts).</b></p>

<p><b>Supporting The Homeless And Hungry In Our Local Area :</b></p> <p>Collection boxes are situated in the church foyer for items to support the work of "Friary Drop In" and "The Meadows Food Bank".</p> <p>Your donations will be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>FRIARY DROP IN - Toiletries, Clothing, Bedding and Small Household Items.</p> <p>THE MEADOWS FOOD BANK - Non-perishable Food Items and Cleaning Products.</p> <p>Many Thanks. Audrey Nicholson and Phil Bramall.</p>
<p><b>Calling all "Action for Children" home collection box holders :</b></p> <p>Please hand your boxes to John or Carolyn de Boer for counting, so we can bank the money ready for the charity's year end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Thank you for your generosity and help.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John &amp; Carolyn deBoer.</p>

## **Christianity Explored : What's the toughest question you've asked or been asked?**

- If there's a God, why does he allow suffering?
- Hasn't science shown that Christianity is wrong?
- Why is the Church so old fashioned about sex and gender?
- Isn't it rather arrogant of Christianity to claim it's the one, true religion?
- Aren't all religions basically the same?
- Being a Christian is boring - I'm a good person, that's enough, isn't it?

Perhaps you've wanted to ask questions like these, or you've been asked them and wondered how to respond ...

This New Year, WBMC are hosting a 'Christianity Explored' course to give you time and a safe space to consider the big questions in life.

Whether you've never been to church, or been going for years, this course is an opportunity to ask questions, to find out more about the person at the heart of the Christian faith.

Further information is available on the Christianity Explored website : [www.christianityexplored.org](http://www.christianityexplored.org)

The course, led by Revds Mark Roberts and Andrew Barker, begins Tuesday 15th January, 7.30pm, running for 7 weeks at West Bridgford Methodist (no meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> February due to half term).

**All are welcome.**

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

Anyone who wants to join is welcome and should contact Charles Rayner (☎ 07738635618) for further details.

## **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 available in printed version of "At a Glance".

## **The next edition of "At a Glance" :**

This will cover March (the period Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April). The absolute deadline for submissions is Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February ALL submissions MUST be by e-mail 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").

**It must be emphasised if information is NOT received by the deadline it will NOT be included.**

**Ukelele Group :**

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

**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.

**Psalm 95:1-7 (ANIV)**

- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.
- <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is the great God,  
the great King above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
- <sup>7</sup> for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care. Today, if you hear his voice,