

West Bridgford Methodist Church

April 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.

In the WEB version of “At a Glance” we do NOT include contact details for individuals – these are available in the printed version which can be obtained at church.

Easter Worship Details :

West Bridgford will be celebrating Easter with the following services and events, everyone is really welcome to join us :

18th April - Maundy Thursday – 6.30 pm, Simple meal followed by worship

19th April – Good Friday – 10.00 am Good Friday Garden Building

19th April – Good Friday – 7.00 pm Good Friday worship

21st April – Easter Day – 6.00 am – Sunrise service on the Embankment

21st April – Easter Day 10.30 am – Easter worship together with Holy Communion

(more details can be found in the diary section below under the relevant date).

Saturday 06 April	9.30 am - Midday	<p>Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall. Organised by the Tuesday Group in aid of the Church Annual Project (Scouts, MHA and “All We Can”).</p> <p>There will be a cake stall this morning and it would be appreciated if people would be willing to provide cakes or biscuits.</p>
Sunday 07 April	10.30 am	<p>MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Brian Horler. (part of the Lent series of services) With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Gillian Wright.</p>
	2.45 – 5.00 pm	<p>Faith and Light : Service of Celebration. led by Rev Marian Crawford. We would be delighted if members of the congregation would join us for this very special service as we meet again for the first time in seven months.</p>
	6.00 – 8.00 pm	<p>Sunday Youth Group. 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. Details from our youth engagement worker Abby.</p>
Tuesday 09 April	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Dementia Friendly Film Show

Wednesday 10 April	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point (meeting at church) : 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.
	3.30 – 5.30 pm	Messy Church. All are welcome to join us for this intergenerational family time together. Come and join us as we explore the Easter theme 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. Details from our Youth Engagement Worker, Abby.
	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 11 April	10.00 am – 2.00 pm	Friends Together. A time to socialise with others over a cup of tea.
Friday 12 April	6.45 pm	“Any Questions” at Stamford Methodist Church, Barn Hill. This is where one of our former ministers, Revd Andy Fyall, is now the Superintendent Minister. Further details in the general notices at the end of this issue.
Saturday 13 April	Deadline for booking on the BMW walk on 20th April.	
	8.30 am	Men’s Prayer Group : further details below.
	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall (no dancing classes today). Hosted by Sandra Morrey.
	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Mahjong and games evening (in Community Hall). All are welcome for fun and fellowship.
Sunday 14 April	10.30 am	PALM SUNDAY : MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Monica Heard (part of the Lent series of services) With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Irene Milburn.

Monday 15 April	Midday – 2.30 pm	<p align="center">Helping Hands.</p> <p>Your opportunity to help the running of the church by joining others to tackle the myriad of small maintenance and cleaning work needed.</p> <p align="center">Newcomers are ALWAYS very welcome.</p> <p>As a reward for your efforts, lunch will be provided.</p>
	7.30 pm	<p align="center">Open House Fellowship Group.</p> <p>During Lent our meetings will concentrate on the lectionary gospel readings (this week it is Luke <u>22</u> v. 14 to <u>23</u> v. 56) together with a time of fellowship, prayer and concluding with tea or coffee.</p> <p>We are meeting at Gardens Court. Details from Brian Horler.</p>
Tuesday 16 April	2.30 – 4.00 pm	<p align="center">Tuesday Group. “The History of the National Trust”.</p> <p>Speaker Marion Wallwork . Please join for this talk by an expert of the Trust. Meeting in the Community Hall.</p>
Wednesday 17 April	10.00 am - Midday	<p align="center">Meeting Point (meeting at church) :</p> <p>A warm and friendly group. Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh. Look forward to meeting you.</p>
Thursday 18 April	6.30 pm	Maundy Thursday : Simple meal followed by worship
Friday 19 April	10.00 am - Midday	<p align="center">Good Friday Garden Building:</p> <p>Come along to the church to help build the Easter Garden in the foyer. There will also be a few activities in the hall as well as refreshments including hot cross buns.</p> <p align="center">All are welcome.</p>
	7.00 pm	Good Friday worship
Saturday 20 April	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall (no dancing classes today). Hosted by Sandra Morrey.
	11.05 am	<p align="center">Bridgford Methodist Walkers:</p> <p>Rempstone to Bunny 5.5 miles.</p> <p>We take the Kinch No 9 bus at 11.05 to Rempstone and return at 3.15; Lunch in East Leake.</p> <p>Contact John Thurston (contact details in printed version) for more details or to book.</p>
Sunday 21 April	Deadline for submissions for inclusion in the May edition of “At a Glance”	
	6.00 am	Easter Day Sunrise service on the Embankment
	10.30 am	<p align="center">EASTER DAY : ALL AGE MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Revd Mark Roberts (including Holy Communion)</p> <p align="center">Flowers donated by Madeline Frankland.</p>

Wednesday 24 April	9.30 – 11.30 am	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.
	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point (meeting at church) : 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.
Thursday 25 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 27 April	8.30 am	Men’s Prayer Group : further details below.
	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall. Hosted by Jane Everett and Audrey Nicholson in aid of Church Community Projects.
Sunday 28 April	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP (a local arrangements service). Flowers donated by Pam Herrick
	6.00 – 8.00 pm	Sunday Youth Group. 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. Details from our youth engagement worker Abby.
Monday 29 April	3.30 – 5.30 pm	X-Plore : a New Youth Group. 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”. Details from our youth engagement worker Abby.
mon	7.30 pm	Open House Fellowship Group. We are now re-starting our study of Romans (which we stopped during Lent), today we are looking at Romans 5 v. 1 to 21, together with a time of fellowship, prayer and concluding with tea or coffee. We are meeting at Gardens Court. Details from Brian Horler.
Tuesday 30 April	11.00 am – 12.30 pm	Storytime. Bible based story and activities for pre-school children and parents/carers, finishing with lunch.
	6.00 pm (for 6.30 pm)	Tuesday Group Spring Meal. At Ashmore’s Restaurant. (Bingham Road, Radcliffe on Trent).

Wednesday 01 May	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point (meeting at Epperstone Court) : A warm and friendly group. Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh. Look forward to meeting you.
Thursday 02 May	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Singing Together : Further details below.
Saturday 04 May	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall. Hosted by Jane Everett and Audrey Nicholson in aid of the Cotgrave Refurbishment Fund.
Sunday 05 May	Today we welcome Revd Rach Ward back into our community after her sabbatical.	
	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 Marian Heffernan
	3.00 – 5.00 pm	Faith and Light Gathering. Louise Detain will lead worship."
Saturday 8 th June	1.00 – 5.30 pm	"BEING REAL" PRAYER WORSHIP WITNESS DISCIPLES An event arranged by the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church being held at Samworth Church Academy, Mansfield NG18 2DY. Leaflets available in church, booking not required, for further details contact : contact details in printed version.
<p>Supporting The Homeless And Hungry In Our Local Area :</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 style="text-align: center;">Calling all "Action for Children" home collection box holders :</p> <p>This year we have collected £520.76. A big thankyou to all who have contributed. If you would like a box, please see John or Carolyn deBoer.</p>		
<p>Flower Mission :</p> <p>From April, Margaret Thurston is taking over from Georgina Youdell the organisation of flower providers. Georgina recognised the importance of our church flower mission - both the placing of flowers for worship and then the sharing of the flowers with friends in the community. We owe her a huge thank you for her work.</p> <p>Please see Margaret if you are on the list of providers and you need to give money for them, if you would like to join the list or if you would like to change your date. If you have any questions see Margaret.</p>		
<p><u>Singing Together</u> :</p> <p>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 in printed version).</p>		

Church Offertory Envelopes and the “Tea Towel laundering rota” :

I'm delighted to report that 5 new people have joined the Envelope Scheme recently and it made me think there are others who may be interested. If so, please speak to me--Joyce Lingard--if you don't know me, I'm the (not very tall lady with white hair who sits on the back row near the sound desk!!) or any of the stewards will direct you to me.

I'm also looking for volunteers to go on the 'Tea Towel laundering rota'---could that be you? If so, I'd love to hear from you.

Many thanks---Joyce Lingard

Ukelele Group :

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

The “March Project” :

The March project has raised over a £1000 which will be split equally between the three charities / groups :

- All We Can (previously known as the Methodist Relief Fund)
- Methodist Homes for the Aged (MHA)
- 4th West Bridgford Scouts (to support their trip to Switzerland for an International Summer Camp in 2019).

Letter from the President and Vice President of Conference in respect of BREXIT :

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have released the following statement in relation to the ongoing Brexit discussions.

The Westminster Parliament continues to struggle with the Brexit process. Like no other issue of our time, Brexit has divided our politics, our society and our communities. The coming days and months harbour uncertainty and, for many, even fear.

We know that faithful Methodists hold a spectrum of views on Brexit, as they do on many other issues that shape our country and world. We do not minimise the challenge of responding to this hugely emotive issue. Yet we believe that, as Christians, we are bound to one another in Christ, whatever our differences. And we are called serve to our communities even, perhaps especially, in these troubling times.

Churches around the country have been providing safe spaces of welcome, reflection and conversation. Places where name-calling and abuse are not acceptable, but where differing views can be heard. Offering such a gift of welcome to our communities is not always easy. We hold each other in prayer as we try to serve others at this time.

We also pray for the politicians and civil servants, in this country and in the EU, who are at the centre of this storm and must make important decisions. We pray for those with whom we disagree as much as those who share our personal views.

While we may feel at sea, blown about by a chaotic political process, we believe that we have an assurance that flows from the faithfulness of God. And therefore we can offer love, practice compassion and speak justice to the communities we serve.

Rev Michaela Youngson, President of the Methodist Conference

Mr Bala Gnanapragasam, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference

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

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

Christian Books in church :

We offer a selection of books which we have on sale or return basis and they are priced on a slip inside the book. We also have a separate selection of sale / preowned books available.

Please leave the slips on the small tray on the table and let Myke Blackburn have your money when you see him.

Preowned books in Hall

We have a book stall in the Hall books at £1 each – children's books please leave a donation.

We are pleased to take unwanted books – contact Myke Blackburn.

The next edition of "At a Glance" :

This will cover April (the period Sunday 28th April to Sunday 26th May). The absolute deadline for submissions is Sunday 21st April ALL submissions MUST be by e-mail (contact details in 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").

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

In order to make the most effective use of space in "At a Glance" it is necessary for the number of pages to be multiples of 4 (or to be just 2 pages – very, very unusual). On occasions this results in a blank page at the end, in such circumstances I usually insert some verses from the Bible or a hymn, if YOU have a passage from the Bible or verse from a hymn that you think would be appropriate please let me know and I'll try to use it when needed.

BBC "Any Questions" :

Stamford Methodist Church are hosting the popular BBC Radio 4 program "Any Questions" on Friday 12th April 2019, this is one of the churches in the Methodist Circuit where one of our former ministers is now the Superintendent Minister. Below is an extract from his email, inviting us to join the audience :

I am delighted that Stamford Methodist Church, Barn Hill, will be hosting the popular BBC Radio 4 programme, 'Any Questions', on Friday 12th April 2019. I would be delighted to see friends and colleagues from other churches there too.

Tickets are free and available from the Well, Stamford Methodist Church's coffee shop (Wed, Thurs, Fri 10am – 3pm) or by emailing me: contact details in printed version.

Details from the BBC production team are:

Please arrive from 18.45 and take your seat by 19.15 The warm-up begins at 19.30 and Any Questions? is broadcast LIVE on BBC Radio 4 at 20.02 Important: we need questions from you to make the best programme, so please put in one or more. You must be prepared to ask the question yourself on air. About the questions: What's been in the news this week or what's happened today? Questions chosen regularly touch on political, economic, social and moral issues of the day. As a nationwide broadcast, national or international issues are most likely to be chosen. Please keep your questions short

Every Day is Different when you work in social care :

Nottinghamshire County Council is running a local recruitment campaign that is connecting with the national Adult Social Care recruitment campaign called **Every Day is Different when you work in social care**. Our local campaign is focussing on boosting applications to the roles of Social Worker, Occupational Therapist, Community Care Officer, Reablement Support Worker (promoting independence), Homecare Worker and Personal Assistant. We need these roles to help support our community of older and younger adults, so they are given the chance to live the best life they can. The vacancies span across all districts in Nottinghamshire with various hours, part-time and full-time. To find out more information please visit nottinghamshire.gov.uk/adultsocialcarejobs.

1 Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay:
*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.*

2 Lo, Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth,
death hath lost its sting:

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee:
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above:

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