

West Bridgford Methodist Church

September 2019 “At a Glance”

A Diary of Worship Services and Other Events



A message from our Minister :

Following Rach’s departure I have taken over as Minister at West Bridgford Methodist Church. I have been a minister in this Methodist Circuit for just over 2 years living at Radcliffe on Trent (where we will stay for practical reasons). The best ways to contact me are detailed in the printed version of “At a Glance”.

Although I have been doing some work at West Bridgford for a while, with the changes it is going to take a little while for things to settle down into anything that looks like a pattern. But I am excited by what is going on and I look forward to meeting those of you I have not yet met and developing the relationship with those I already know.

Mark Roberts.

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. Our Youth Engagement Worker, Abby may be contacted by email (youth@wbmethodist.org.uk) or by phone (07704560328).

Please note, that in the WEB version of “At a Glance” individual contact details are NOT given, these can be found in the printed version (available at church). Where this information has been removed (from the WEB version) the phrase “for contact details see the printed version of At a Glance” is inserted in the WEB version of “At a Glance”

Sunday 01 September	3.00 – 5.00 pm	Faith and Light. Chris Boon will be leading on the theme of “Prayer”. Meeting in the Church and Community Hall.
Monday 02 September	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. We are continuing our study of Romans and today we are looking at Romans chapter 10, together with a time of fellowship, prayer and concluding with tea or coffee. We are meeting at Gardens Court. Details from Brian Horler.
Tuesday 03 September	10.00 am	Coffee and Chat – Planning session at “The Refinery” on Melton Road, details from Fiona.
	9.30 – 11.30 am	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.

Wednesday 04 September	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.
Wednesday 04 September	1.30 – 3.00 pm	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.
Thursday 05 September	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Singing Together : Further details below.
	7.30 pm	Thursday Fellowship (meeting in the Community Hall). This evening we shall be exploring the cost of being a disciple of Jesus based on a study of Luke chapter 15 v. 25 – 33. All welcome to join us for prayer, Bible study and small group discussion. More details from Monica Heard.
Saturday 07 September	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall. Hosted by Marion Crawford in aid of L'Arche.
Sunday 08 September	10.30 am	All Age Worship conducted by Monica Heard. Flowers donated by Steve and Audrey Nicholson.
Monday 09 September	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.
Tuesday 10 September	10.00 – 11.30 am	Sing, Praise and Play. A new group for children aged 6 months to 4 years. This group includes songs, a short Bible story with craft, refreshments and a time for play. For further details see the below.
	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Dementia Friendly Film Show
Wednesday 11 September	9.30 – 11.30 am	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.
	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point (meeting at in Community Hall). 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.
Wednesday 11 September	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Faith and Light Wednesday Group (meeting in the Community Hall). Informal worship, fellowship, fun and food for young people with special needs, alongside their families and friends. Everyone welcome.
Thursday 12 September	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 pm	Safeguarding Refresher Training. There will be a refresher session this evening for all who have done a foundation session between 2012 and 2015. Please see Yin if you have any questions.
Saturday 14 September	Deadline for booking on the BMW walk on 21st September.	
	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 in aid of “Ride & Stride”. “Ride and Stride” is a sponsored event to raise money for Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. Churches all over Nottinghamshire will be open and riders or walkers can plan a route around various churches and chapels as part of this sponsor event. Come and support the coffee morning or ask Jane Everett for more details if you want to take part. The church will be open till 6pm
	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Mahjong and games evening. Meeting in the Community Hall. All are welcome for fun and fellowship.

Sunday 15 September	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP including Holy Communion conducted by Revd Mark Roberts. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by David and Margaret Turner.
Monday 16 September	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 very welcome. As a reward for your efforts, lunch will be provided.
	7.30 pm	Open House Fellowship Group. We are continuing our study of Romans and today we are looking at Romans chapter 11, together with a time of fellowship, prayer and concluding with tea or coffee. We are meeting at Gardens Court. Details from Brian Horler.
Tuesday 17 September	10.00 am	Coffee and Chat – Details from Fiona.
	2.30 – 4.00 pm	WOMEN'S TUESDAY GROUP. Speaker : Andy Harris – a warm welcome is extended to all, an opportunity to hear about Andy's work. Meeting in the Community Hall, all are welcome.
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Fresh Expressions. Mission Shaped Introduction At the Methodist Centre, Bingham. The first of a series of 5 meetings looking at the church and its interaction with the world we live in. Further details on the notice board in the Community Hall.
Wednesday 18 September	9.30 – 11.30 am	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.
	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point (meeting at in Community Hall). A warm and friendly group. Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh. Look forward to meeting you.
	1.15 – 2.45 pm	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.
Thursday 19 September	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Singing Together : Further details below.

Friday 20 September	Take 2 walk : details from Fiona Steele.	
Saturday 21 September	Bridgford Methodist Walkers walk. Sawley to Sandiacre – a distance of just over 5 miles. (contact John Thurston for more details (for contact details see the printed version of At a Glance).	
	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall. Hosted by Sandra Morrey and Jane Everett in aid of Church Community Projects.
	10.30 am – 3.30 pm	The Rock Church (Edwalton) : Women’s Conference. More details on notice board in Community Hall.
Sunday 22 September	Deadline for the submission of items for the September issue of “At a Glance”	
	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP (a local arrangements service). With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Geoff and Maureen Spenceley.
Monday 23 September	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.
Tuesday 24 September	10.00 – 11.30 am	Sing, Praise and Play. A new group for children aged 6 months to 4 years. This group includes songs, a short Bible story with craft, refreshments and a time for play. For further details see the below.
Wednesday 25 September	9.30 – 11.30 am	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.
	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point (meeting at in Community Hall). 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.

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Wednesday 25 September	1.30 – 3.00 pm	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.
Thursday 26 September	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.
Friday 27 September	10 am - midday	The annual World's Biggest Coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support will take place in the Community Hall. All are welcome, and any offers of baking would be gratefully received. Organised by Fiona Steele and Gillian Wright.
Saturday 28 September	8.30 am	Men's Prayer Group : further details below.
	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall. Hosted by Audrey Nicholson and Jane Everett in aid of "All we Can".
	11.00 am - 1.00 pm	Friary Fundraising Sale at Sir Julien Cahn Pavilion, West Park, West Bridgford NG2 7JE. Further information on Church notice board.
Sunday 29 September	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Monica Heard. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Sylvia Draycott.
Wednesday 02 October	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 03 October	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Singing Together : Further details below.
Saturday 05 October	5.45 – 8.00 pm	Ethiopian themed Harvest Social Evening. Arrive for 5.45 pm for food at 6.00 pm (signup sheet in the hall) followed by all age activities then a short epilogue. Suggested donation of 3 pounds, profit to "All We Can" charity.

	WBMC Harvest 2019 – Deepen Your Roots Raising funds for “All We Can” for further details please see the notice at the end of “At a Glance”	
Sunday 06 October	9.15 am	Breakfast before Morning Worship. Prepared and served by the Scouts. Please sign up on the sheet in the Community
	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.
	3.00 – 5.00 pm	Faith and Light Sunday Group: Harvest Worship. Meeting in the Church and Community Hall.
Saturday 12 October	7.00 pm	Bradmore Methodist Church : Talk about the effects of climate issues on Ghana. For more information see the notice at the end of “At a Glance” or in Circuit News.

Sing, Praise and Play :

The new “Sing, Praise, Play” will start on Tuesday 10th September, between 10 and 11.30 am and will run fortnightly replacing the old “Storytime” sessions. The focus will be on firstly – singing a variety of both Christian and popular children’s songs. It will also include a short story from the Bible and a related craft activity. It will finish with a snack and a time for play. The group will be appropriate for babies and up to school age children.

Please speak to Jane Ashley if you feel you can help out in any way, either fortnightly or monthly.

Thank you, Jane Ashley (West Bridgford Family Worker).

Supporting The Homeless And Hungry In Our Local Area :

Collection boxes are situated in the church foyer for items to support the work of “Friary Drop In” and “The Meadows Food Bank”. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

FRIARY DROP IN - Toiletries, Clothing, Bedding and Small Household Items.
 THE MEADOWS FOOD BANK - Non-perishable Food Items and Cleaning Products.
 Many Thanks, Audrey Nicholson and Phil Bramall.

WBMC Harvest 2019 – Deepen Your Roots

in association with “All We Can”

We want to inspire our church family and community to “deepen their roots” and celebrate how lives in Ethiopia can be transformed by the power of potatoes...

How spud-tacular!

Previously there were TWO rainy seasons in Ethiopia resulting in TWO harvests. But now, due to climate changes, there is only ONE (much longer) rainy season. This has reduced the amount and type of crops which can be grown and a lot of people in Ethiopia are hungry!

Please help the Methodist Church charity “**All We Can**” to provide families in Ethiopia with a new type of seed potato which will grow in their changing climate.....

Make your savings box, available from church, or pick-up one ready-made and

Put your pennies in your box every time you eat potato-based food over the next few weeks.

Your support will enable families in Ethiopia to become more independent.

Thank you

Singing Together :

Singing Together, is a friendly group enjoying a time of song together. 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 (for contact details see the printed version of At a Glance).

Church flowers :

Thank you to all those who help in the provision of flowers for worship each week. As you know, following worship, the flowers are taken to members of the community as an act of sharing God’s love. If anyone would like to take up one of the ‘free’ dates that are available, please let me know. Thank you.

Look out for possible changes in how the flowers are presented! The flower arranging team are looking at ways to be more caring towards our world. Do come and speak to us if you have any thoughts.

Margaret Thurston.

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

Anyone who wants to join is welcome and should contact Charles Rayner for further details (for contact details see the printed version of At a Glance).

Come and sing with Songs of Praise!

*The longest-running religious TV show in the world invites you
to a special event in Leicester.*

Your chance to sing along with the stars at this recording of the much-loved BBC One
flagship series Songs of Praise showcasing the **UK's Favourite Hymns**.

Aled Jones hosts and introduces some special guests including "The Voice" himself **Russell
Watson**, Opera and West End Star **Lesley Garrett** and Britain's Got Talent winner **Colin
Thackery**. Local university choir **DMU** and the Songs of Praise Young Choir of the Year
Champions **Perfect Pitch** are also performing.

The recording will be broadcast on BBC1 on Sunday 29th September.

The recording will take place :

Wednesday 11th September, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

De Montfort Hall

Granville Road

Leicester, LE1 7RU

Tickets cost £11 each.

To purchase tickets please call: **0116 2333111** Ticket line is open each Monday to Saturday
from 10am – 6pm, or visit the venue website: www.demontforthall.co.uk

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Bradmore Methodist Church :

Talk about the effects of climate issues on Ghana on 12th October.

Our friends at Bradmore invite you to a talk in their Community Hall to be given by one of
their members, Rob Wilby – (an adviser on major environmental and climate issues
worldwide) about the extraordinary urban communities and temperatures in Ghana.
The current edition of Circuit News contains some more background to the talk. Admission
is free, donations to the Yemen Crisis Appeal will be welcome.

The next edition of “At a Glance” :

This will cover October (the period Sunday 29th September to Sunday 3rd November). The absolute deadline for submissions is Sunday 22nd September.

ALL submissions MUST be by e-mail or in writing (to Brian Horler – can be placed in the appropriate “pigeon hole” at Church). For contact details see the printed version of “At a Glance”. 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.

It must be emphasised that 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.

Brian Horler, Editor of “At a Glance”.

September 1st is The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the following hymn (StF 118 CCL 729) reminds us that God is behind all creation :

1 Tell me who made all of creation,
who designed the wonders of nature?
Whose idea was pattern and colour,
wonderful to see?

Refrain

2 Tell me who made music and laughter,
who designed our bodies to start with?
Whose idea was thinking and feeling,
who gave life to me?

Refrain

3 Don’t stop looking, don’t stop believing,
God is to be found when you seek him.
All creation tells of his glory,
for eternity.

Refrain

Everywhere around me !

Refrain :

*Everywhere around me,
I can see the hand of God,
the evidence surrounds me,
in the greatness of his world.*

*The refrain is sung twice
after verses 1 and 3.*

In the Bible we can find many passages reminding us of the importance of love, both God's love for us and how that should be reflected in our own lives, in the passage below from 1 John 4 v. 7 – 21 (using the ANIV version of the Bible) we find John reminding us of this :

- ⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
- ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.
- ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.
- ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- ¹² No-one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.
- ¹³ We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.
- ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world.
- ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.
- ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.
- ¹⁷ In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.
- ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
- ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.
- ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.
- ²¹ And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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