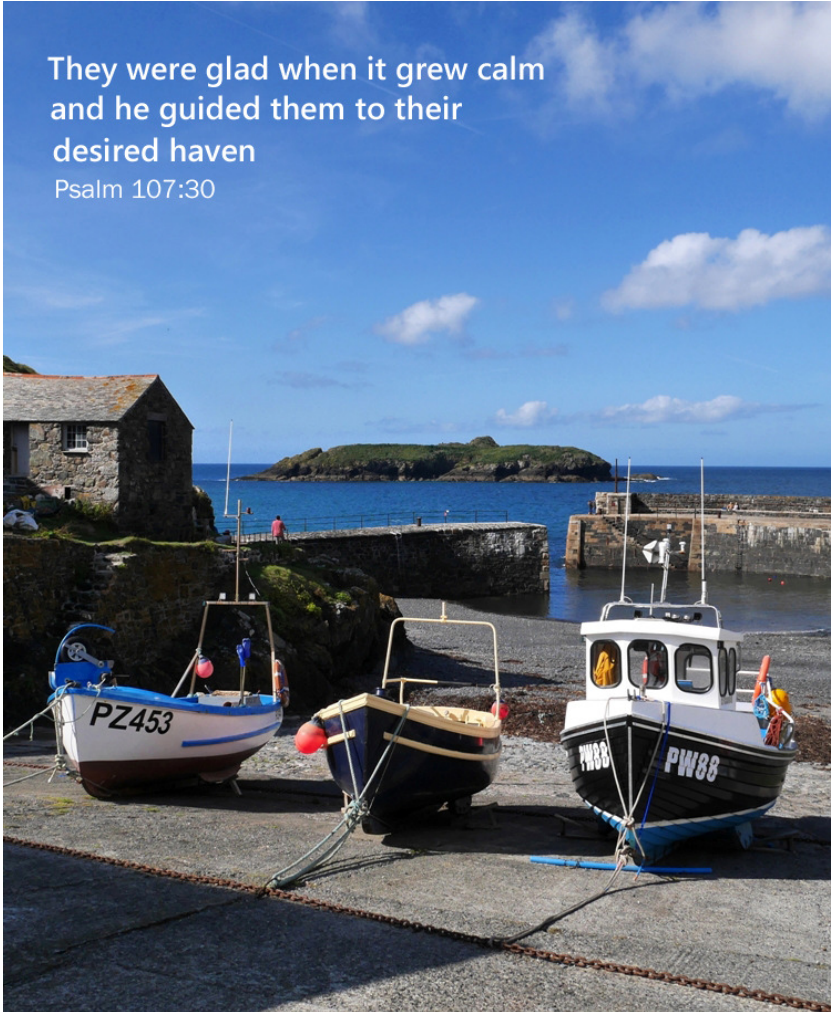


Connections

They were glad when it grew calm
and he guided them to their
desired haven

Psalm 107:30



Ashbourne Methodist Circuit
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Letter from the Minister

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Dear Friends,

“All change!”

I’ve said it before, and I’ll say it again – I love autumn. I marvel at the changing of the seasons, the harvest time, the reaping of what has grown in the summer months. I revel in the changing of the colours of autumn.



This year, particularly, we are experiencing another change, as my eldest son goes off to University. Things will change at home. Like many people, we are experiencing the changes that occur when our family start to move away, become more independent and start branching out on their own. There’s a lot of change going on for us all!

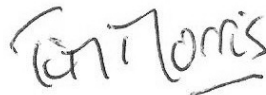
Yet the constancy of the harvest reminds us of God’s unchanging love, in an ever-changing world.

Surrounded by fields of cattle and crops, and beautiful countryside, here in Ashbourne we certainly have a lot to be thankful for! Yet we also appreciate the hard work and labour that is put in by the farming community to produce the harvest. Harvest Festival time gives us all a chance to acknowledge with gratitude all that we have, thank those who produce it and respond to those who are in need.

So I hope you have much to come and be thankful for this year. We have many people to thank, so much to be thankful for and are given the opportunity to help others.

And as some of our young people start new studies at school, college, or move to University, and for those starting new jobs, we pray that they would know the never failing love of God for them – the God who is “the same, yesterday, today and forever”, but the God who also “makes all things new”.

Your minister and friend,



Ashbourne Church Family News

“As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Joshua 1.9

As Moses’ successor, Joshua was assured of God’s presence. He was reminded to be ‘strong and courageous’ and obey the law given by Moses. He could only do that in God’s strength.

We extend our love and prayers to the family and friends of Geoff Sheriff on his death. The thanksgiving service will be at Hulland Parish Church on Thursday 3 October at 3.00pm.

We pray for those who are not well and for those who care: Margaret and Don Cox, David Franklin, Barbara and David Hollands, Wendy Haslam, Eileen Harrison, Jenny Waring and Mary Philipson. Let’s keep in mind those we know who are waiting for tests, results and appointments. Keep praying for those you know who need prayer and are not mentioned here. Those acts of kindness that so many do and others know nothing about, are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to those of you who keep me in touch with needs of others in the fellowship. If you inform their pastoral visitor or housegroup leader, then visits can be arranged. Kathleen Cork has returned home from Dove House and is grateful for the support she received while there. Dorothy Critchlow has now moved to Dove House.

Congratulations to Gemma Amott (daughter of Gareth and Val Rutledge), who completed her PGCE and from September, has been teaching English at Murray Park Community School, Mickleover. Rachel Sales, after studying for her Masters in Maths, specifically radiation dose modelling, commenced three years of study for a PhD in digital health at the University of Strathclyde in September. Josh Dutton has commenced his second year of Sports and Exercise Psychology at Loughborough and Samuel Morris began his first year studying History at Chester University while Susanne Hill completes her degree in English in Cambridge at Christmas.

We have prayed for our young people taking A levels and GCSEs and can thank the Lord that all did so well, Joy and Samuel in A Levels and Darcey, Sam, Christian and Joseph in achieving what they needed to move on to A level studies. Well done.

Congratulations to Craig Durose (son of Ruth and Stan) and Hannah Higton who were married on 13 September. Congratulations to Danny and Charlotte on the birth of Spencer Rory on 10 September, a grandson for Jeff and Sue Ffoulkes. Marion and Richard Shaw celebrate their silver wedding anniversary on 15 October.

Don't forget the prayer time in the vestry on a Thursday at 9.30am for an hour but just drop in for a shorter time if that suits you. After worship on a Sunday, there are people available to pray with you or for you.

Pray for Ruth Barratt, Chaplain to Businesses in Ashbourne and for Elizabeth Spencer, part of the Chaplaincy team at the Royal Derby Hospital. If you are in hospital and need a visit, you or a friend could let her know on 348482. Elizabeth is also a visitor at St Oswald's Hospital in Ashbourne.

Joyce Odell, Pastoral Secretary 17.09.19

Edith Redfern (26.1.1926 – 9.8.2019)

For many years, Edith was a member of our church and a regular attender at the Sunday evening service, until a few years ago when she became increasingly housebound. Apart from attending her sister's thanksgiving service, as far as I am aware the last time she came was about three years ago when I brought her to the MWiB Advent displays.

We arrived just as a group of school children came to see an "Open the Book" performance. She was thrilled to return to "her" church, to see the displays and the children. Each time I visited her, she always asked for news from church and asked after people she had known. As a pastoral visitor one is privileged to share the ups and downs of the lives of those we visit. The people we visit can become our friends, and it then becomes a mutual sharing and support. This was certainly true in Edith's case.

Edith lost her husband Bob some years ago, and was the last of six siblings, but has been supported by her son Robert, other members of her extended family and friends from church. As a church we pray for them at this time and give thanks for a long life well lived.

Daphne Dyster (latterly her pastoral visitor)

Parables for 2019

In September, The Grid looked at two of Jesus' parables, and wrote a version set in 2019, to get the same message to a modern audience. Jesus used situations that were familiar to his listeners, but gave a counter cultural message which may have shocked them, which we have tried to mimic. The original versions and Grid versions are reproduced below:

Luke 15:4-7

AD30 ish: If any of you has a hundred sheep, and one of them gets lost, what will you do? Won't you leave the ninety-nine in the field and go look for the lost sheep until you find it? And when you find it, you will be so glad that you will put it on your shoulder and carry it home. Then you will call in your friends and neighbours and say, "Let's celebrate! I've found my lost sheep."

AD2019 ish: An employer has 100 people working for him. One day, only 99 arrive for work, so the boss leaves work and goes to his house to make sure he is OK. When he finds out that he just overslept, he is happy and goes in for a chat and cup of tea. He says "I am so happy that my employee is not sick or injured, as I had feared, Let's celebrate!"

Jesus said, "In the same way there is more happiness in heaven because of one sinner who turns to God than over ninety-nine good people who don't need to."

Luke 15: 8-10

AD30 ish: What will a woman do if she has ten silver coins and loses one of them? Won't she light a lamp, sweep the floor, and look carefully until she finds it? Then she will call in her friends and neighbours and say, "Let's celebrate! I've found the coin I lost."

AD2019 ish: A woman has 100 pairs of designer shoes. When she's about to go out, she can't find her hot pink pair, so she turns the house upside down looking for them. After she finds them, she messages all of her friends saying "I have found the shoes I lost, let's go out and celebrate!"

Jesus said, "In the same way God's angels are happy when even one person turns to him."

The Grid

To all JMA members



JMA Presentations and Mission Service

We are having our annual JMA presentations on Sunday 20th October in our special mission morning service. Come along, wear your JMA badge and receive a new award badge and certificate.

JMA members will join the church family for the bring and share lunch after this service rather than going into Cornerstone for our lunch and JMA speaker.

Why not invite the people who donate to JMA so they can see our JMA presentations as well and learn more about JMA and World Mission?

God bless you and thank you for being JMA members – learning, praying and serving the worldwide church of Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all who support JMA and our children and young people too.

Ruth Mallard



Methodist Women in Britain

District Day – Tuesday 15 October

Our next District Day will be held at Willersley Castle on Tuesday 15 October from 10.30 am until 3.45 pm (Coffee from 10.00 am). The cost for the day is £16.00 which includes coffee, lunch and conference expenses. The speaker will be Tim Baker from All We Can. I am sure this will be a very interesting day. If you would like to go, please let me know asap. *Alma Swan (347586)*

Date for your Diary

Wednesday 6 November Supper Evening in the Century Hall

Harvest - what harvest?

Gerard Manley Hopkins, the late Victorian religious poet, commenced one of his most powerful poems “Hurrahing in Harvest” with the words “Summer ends now!”

For him summer ended then because the cornfields were being cut and the corn being placed in stooks. The latter not a word we use often today, for arable techniques have changed several times since then.

Radio 4 informed me that 1st September was the first day of calendar autumn but, astronomically, it is the first day after the equinox, 22nd September.

For all of us, autumn and harvest will mean different things - all significant in our own experience.

It used to be that autumn started the day when, as a choir boy in our North Staffordshire parish church, the final evening harvest service ended and we were all given an apple (fruit not phone). As a circuit Methodist minister in North Lincolnshire, one year I had 26 different harvest services in schools, chapels, village groups etc belonging to the eight villages I covered! That definitely felt like the end of summer. Now it is when the last cobs of sweet corn will be gathered from the allotment.

Whatever - the year’s harvest is not only a process of gathering, but the event and fact of having been harvested.

Jeremiah said to the people of Israel “Summer is past and we are not yet saved.”

The scriptures tell us that God’s plan and purpose is that we all might be “safely gathered in” into God’s final harvest, by accepting His Son, and as Manley Hopkins reminds us in the same poem, “Down all that glory in the heavens to glean our Saviour.” He who alone, as Jesus the Christ, is God’s harvester.

Rev David Leese



'Angel Knit-In'

Monday 21st October 2.00-4.00 in the Cornerstone

Come along and help create some of this year's angels. In 2017, 830 angels went into the streets of Ashbourne and in 2018, we sent out 1444. Help us to make 2019 a bumper year!

It's our third and final year of angels – so it's your last chance (for a while at least!) to use your knitting needles to offer God's love to the town at Christmas.

Tea, coffee, biscuits, patterns, wool and needles all available on the day.

For more information call Clare on 01335 342321

Mustard News

Hi All,

Hope you all had a good break over the summer! Here is the programme for Mustard through to next year! Welcome to the new Year 7 people who we are looking forward to seeing this year.

For the first part of the year we'll be following a course that has been developed by Christian Aid called 'Belong' which aims to help 11-18s engage with social justice issues. We hope to welcome Rev. Foday Kamara who is the Christian Aid Youth Engagement volunteer for this area. Don't worry if you miss a session, they're all individual, so you can join in the next one.

Mustard has a Facebook group site where we'll keep you up-to-date with what's happening and any last-minute changes to the plan. Please let Catherine or Wendy know if you'd like to join it.

If you want to know more, just get in touch,

See you soon,

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Mustard programme – Sept 2019- January 2020

15th Sep	6.30pm	Praise!	Praise is an informal service in the Century Hall, led by the band and sat at tables eating cake! Come and join the mustard table!
22nd Sep	6.30pm	Social	The first introductory session of Belong, including a meal
29th Sep	6.30pm	Cornerstone	Belong session 1
6th Oct	6.30pm	Cornerstone	Belong session 2
13th Oct	6.30pm	Cornerstone	Belong session 3
20th Oct	6.30pm	Praise	Praise in the Century Hall,
27th Oct			No Meeting - school holidays
3rd Nov	6.30pm	Cornerstone	Belong session 4
Saturday 9th Nov		Sleepover	Sleepover in Gateway on Saturday evening. More details to follow
17th Nov	6.30pm	Praise	Praise in the Century Hall,
24th Nov	6.30pm	Cornerstone	Belong session 5
1st Dec		Brailsford area	Safari meal around Brailsford area. More details to follow
8th Dec	6.30pm	Cornerstone	Belong session 6
15th Dec	6.30pm	Praise	Praise in the Century Hall
22nd Dec	6.30pm	Church	Carols by Candlelight followed by the Mustard Christmas Meal
29th Dec			No Meeting - school holidays
5th Jan	6.30pm	Cornerstone	Belong session 7
12th Jan	6.30pm	Cornerstone	Belong session 8
19th Jan	6.30pm	Praise	Praise in the Century Hall
26th Jan	6.30pm	Cornerstone	Belong session 9

Fundraising Dinner

with special after dinner speaker

Lydia Slack

Ashbourne Golf Club

Friday 18th October 2019

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Dress Smart Casual

Enjoy a three course dinner, followed by our entertaining after dinner speaker, Lydia Slack, who will share stories of her time growing up on a Peak District hill farm, surrounded by hills, animals and not many people.

Tickets priced £35

available by calling

Ken McKeown (01335 300462) or

Jon/Rosemary Webb (01335 360308)

Proceeds will be split between Ashbourne Methodist Church's Link Development Project & Reviving Roots, a grass-roots social enterprise, set up to tackle drought vulnerability in the Kingdom of eSwatini (a project Lydia is involved in).



REVIVING ROOTS

You are invited to join us for the

kids@cornerstone Harvest Festival
Tuesday 1st Oct 10.30am – 11.00am

After last year's fantastic celebration, we will again be having our
kids@cornerstone Harvest Festival service in Church

During the summer, kids@cornerstone have been creating
a colourful farm picture for us all to enjoy
as part of our Church's Harvest Festival displays.

Everyone is invited to come and join us,
to encourage the children and their carers and
celebrate the Harvest together as a wider Church family.

Please come and join us!

Shoe Box news and dates:

Please support the work of Shoe Boxes to provide gifts with love for children at Christmas:

- Coffee morning Wednesday 16th October 10 am to 12 noon in The Cornerstone to raise funds towards the cost of Shoe Boxes.
- Sunday morning stall after the Sunday morning service at Ashbourne on both 27th October and 3rd November for selling all goods suitable for the Shoe Boxes.
- No toothpaste or sweets in the boxes, please
- Shoe Box blessing service on Sunday 17th November at 10.30am.

For more details please speak to *Chris Dakin* (345280) or the Shoe Box team

Phosphoros Theatre, in association with Ashbourne Churches Together One World Group, presents:

Pizza Shop Heroes

We're going to tell you our stories how WE want to.

You're not here to judge if we're credible or not.

*I am not here to make your conscience feel better.
I don't need you to feel sorry for me.*



Shortlisted for the Amnesty Freedom of Expression Award 2016, this unique company stars four refugee young men who made the arduous journey to the UK on their own as children from Afghanistan, Eritrea and Albania. They have told their 'stories' repeatedly to the Home Office as part of seeking asylum and it is the desire to reclaim them that grounds Phosphoros Theatre's innovative work.

From the precinct of a pizza shop we embark on a journey across time and continents to explore how they got here, where they're going and what they've learnt along the way.

Powerful, celebratory, affirming, authentic; this is theatre that puts refugees centre stage.

Join us at Ashbourne Methodist Church on Saturday 19 October 19:00 – 21:30 for this free, community performance, including a Q&A with the actors after the show.

All tickets are free, but there will be the opportunity to make a donation on the night. Proceeds will be split equally between Upbeat Communities and Phosphoros Theatre.

Tickets can be booked online at www.phosphorostheatre.com/productions

or call 01335 300338

We hope you can join us for this special performance – and please encourage friends and neighbours to come too.

A film review? "Risen"

Yes, not a book review, but a film review. It came about after I had finished a few things on the farm, had a shower, and was relaxing in the front room and noticed in the television listings this film, "Risen", and the quote that caught my eye was, "A Tribune is sent to find the body of Jesus after the resurrection"!

I noted that there was only twenty minutes to half an hour to run, but I turned on to see it. What I saw impressed me, so I watched out for its repeat, as with "Freeview" it is usually on the following week, which it was and set the recorder.

"Risen" turned out to be, in my opinion, very good. Not a typical, "Gung Ho" Hollywood travesty, but a film, I believe made in Spain, with only three actors that I knew, Joseph Fiennes (Shakespeare in Love) as the Tribune, Clavius; Tom Felton, (Draco Malfoy in the Harry Potter films) as Lucius; Peter Firth (Spooks) as Pilate.

Jesus, (Yeshua ~ Joshua as used in the film), was played by a New Zealander, Cliff Curtis, who has roots as a Maori, and part of the Ngati Hauri and Te Arawa Tribes. I note this to say it's the first person I have seen, in films, who I think, could look like Jesus! (Not the usual blue eyed, brown haired European!)

"Risen" starts with the Tribune quelling a violent disturbance, thinking his work is done, heads home. Where Pilate has one last task for him: to oversee the end of a crucifixion and ensure the crucified are dead and there's no further problems - as it seems Caesar is due for a visit!

The task is done, but later the Sanhedrin want the tomb sealed, remembering the prophecy of the now dead Nazarene. This is also done.

On the third day the tomb is found empty, the stone looks blown away, and the guards gone. Clavius is ordered to find the body, and sets out to do so, upsetting a lot of people, Pilate included.

On one raid he follows Mary into the house, where he finds the disciples and Jesus! Jesus disappears, and the disciples, remembering His words set out for Galilee, along with the Tribune.

Pilate, thinking he has been betrayed by the Tribune, send out a squad led by Lucius to find Jesus and the Tribune. At Galilee, they meet Jesus again, as per the story in John of the catch of fish and the breakfast by the lake.

The Tribune is full of questions and talks to Jesus over what he has seen, and it ends with Jesus talking to Peter and leaving this world.

I found it a most absorbing portrayal of this part of Jesus' life and that of the disciples. Scripture, where used, was fairly accurate. The only concern I had, was when the Tribune was examining the interior of the tomb, the shroud looked too much like the one in Turin, and I did wonder whether the reigning Caesar ever did visit Israel. Otherwise, I felt I could and have shared it with Christian folk that I know.

I recommend it to you all, keep an eye out for it, and once you have seen it would welcome your views.

Tom Parkinson



Nottingham and Derby Methodist District

Bible Festival

Life Lessons in Mission from Luke

Tuesday 22nd-Thursday 24th October 2019

@Littleover Methodist Church, Constable Drive, Littleover,
Derby, DE23 6EP



with *The Rev'd Paul Smith*

Evening Meetings, 8.00-9.30pm

Tuesday — The Calling of Disciples, Luke 5:1-11, 27-32

Wednesday — The Church in the Community, Luke 6:17-26

Thursday — The Commissioning of the Church, Luke 10:1-20

Lunchtime Meetings

Wednesday, 12.00-2.30pm — The Community of the Church, Luke 9:18-27 (Circuit Staff Teams and Employees and open invitation to District. Soup and Roll Lunch)

Thursday, 12.00-2.00pm — The Caring of the Church, Luke 10:25-37 (Civic, Community and Ecumenical Church Leaders. Buffet Lunch)

Information from
The Rev'd Chris Briggs,
District Mission Enabler
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A Place to Visit: Bethesda Chapel, Hanley

We first heard of Bethesda in 2003 when it was featured on the BBC programme 'Restoration'. It had lain neglected for several years and was consequently in a terrible state with a leaking roof and had been badly vandalised. The chapel came first in the Midlands public vote to win new funding, but nationally was pipped to the post by the Victoria Baths in Manchester.

Like most people we switched the telly off and rather forgot about it.

Then this year the chapel popped up on the list of places available to visit during the annual Heritage Open Days in September.

How much has happened since that 2003 programme? Lots: the chapel has been supported by the Historic Chapels Trust and English Heritage. The roof is now sound and the interior is beginning to be restored. Concerts and exhibitions are now held there.

When you walk in, the scale of the Chapel amazes you. Built in 1797 by the breakaway New Connexion, it could apparently seat 3000 people at its height. Standing in the pulpit quite literally took your breath away as you looked around at the huge number of balcony seats – and you thought of all the people who had preached there.

The volunteers were very friendly and welcoming, happy to share not just the history of the Chapel but also their own experience of being in the congregation many years ago. There was also a fascinating display about how the young men of the Chapel were involved in the First World War. Their stories were told and there were original letters from the chapel to the men at the front.

Overall, this was an incredible place to visit. A sense of place and a sense of faith. There are Open Days throughout the year – details on their website <http://www.bethesda-stoke.info/>

See the photo on back cover.

Fiona and Christopher Green

Mission Matters: Yeldall Manor

Yeldall Manor is a residential rehabilitation centre near Reading, in Berkshire. Since 1977, it has been helping men overcome drug and alcohol addictions and return to society to live new lives - drug, alcohol and crime-free.

Many lost jobs and families because of their addiction and, although they tried to stop, the withdrawal symptoms were so severe that their past efforts failed.

During the two-part programme, residents find a place where the staff and other residents welcome and accept them. They try to be like a family and, like good parents, offer both love and discipline.



Work is an important part of the main Yeldall Manor programme - helping in the grounds, on maintenance of the house or in the kitchen.

Counselling and group sessions help residents face up to problems in their lives, which have often been 'hidden' by the drinking or drug-taking: many suffered childhood abuse or other traumas which need to be gently addressed.

Above all, Yeldall believes that the best means of achieving true freedom from addiction is by rehabilitation through Christian discipleship to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. They never insist on such a commitment, but pray that all residents will make this commitment for themselves and follow God's ways when they leave.

Here is a recent testimony from a former resident:

Tony shared:

"I came to Yeldall broken and trapped, exhausted from living a life of fear. Fear of loss, fear of rejection, fear of what people thought of me and fear of being alone... I had no hope, no faith and no trust in God, myself or anyone else.

“The hurt I experienced as a child from losing my dad was really difficult to deal with and created a perception that I had no power or love in my life. Drugs, alcohol and crime filled the void inside me. Filling this void became my obsession: I became selfish and self-centred to the core, doing and becoming everything I thought I’d never be. I walked further into hell and took my family with me. The cycle of using continued, trying to mask the guilt and shame of who I’d become...

“Through coming to Yeldall, I’ve managed to appreciate and accept love and grace, from when Helen came to visit me in prison, to being offered a place through Bursary funding. It’s been an unforgettable year of transformation. The relationship I have with God and the Word is developing: it has come to life for me, living and breathing. It’s a miracle how much has been healed and restored in such a short time: relationships, family, opportunities and, through the story of my transformation and God’s grace, the judge who sentenced me has now been moved to help other people.

“I thank God for the hearts of everyone involved with the place, especially the discipleship of Joseph, my counsellor Becky, Richard and many more. People have really gone the extra mile to help and support me. I hope to carry a piece of this place and what I’ve learned in my heart as I move forward. Thank you, God, and thank you, Yeldall Manor.”

Literature about Yeldall Manor is available on the Mission shelf in the foyer at Ashbourne Methodist Church.

John Dyster

Circuit Directory 2019

A new directory will be produced during the autumn which is for internal use within Ashbourne Methodist Circuit only. They should not be left in public places and destroyed when a new one is published.

All the families in the directory were originally asked if they wanted their details printed and signed a form to give their permission. Now due to the data protection rule changes, there is a need to check if everyone is still happy for their details to appear. You may have any of the following removed from the directory: a) name, b) address, c) phone number(s), d) email address, e) pastoral responsibility).

Please contact Carole Thorpe at 12 Cavendish Drive, Ashbourne DE6 1SR, cethorpe@hotmail.com or 346535 if you wish to make any amendments to your entry. Anyone who is new to the church will be contacted by Carole to complete a form with their details.



*This is the confidence we have in approaching God:
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
1 John 5:14*

Date	Event	Contact
Wed 2 Oct 12 noon	Prayers United – The Empire Club, local Christians praying together for our area. Soup/roll served afterwards	Felicity 07561-326908
Sat 5 Oct 10am – 3pm	Identity Ladies Conference: Ladies united to praise God freely and learn more about Him. Let us spoil you with lunch, gifts and wonderful company. Guest speakers: Teen Challenge joining us as we arrive expectant to learn more of who God is.	Elim Church identity@eliminth edales.church 344338
Wed 9 Oct 10.30am	CAP Money course: a free short course that makes managing your money simple (3 week course)	Elim 344338
Thu 17 Oct 7 - 9 pm	Seminar: Working with secondary schools St Oswald’s Church: free	Parish office 343052
Fri 18 Oct 7pm	Fundraising dinner with guest speaker Lydia Slack at Ashbourne Golf Club. Tickets £35	300462
Sat 19 Oct 7.30 pm	Evening recital by the Witchell Trio. St Oswald’s church	Parish Office 343052
Sat 19 Oct 8pm	“Pizza Shop Heroes” theatre performance organised by ACT One World group at Ashbourne Methodist Church. Free tickets, but book early. Shortlisted for the Amnesty Freedom of Expression Award 2016, this unique emerging company stars four refugee young men who made the arduous journey to the UK on their own as children from abroad.	300338
Mon 21 Oct 2 – 4pm	Angel Knitting workshop. The Cornerstone. Free. Refreshments, patterns, wool and needles available. This will be the last year (for now) that the heavenly host will descend on Ashbourne, so please join in whilst you have the chance.	Clare Sales 342321

Date	Event	Contact
Sat 26 Oct 7–9.30pm	Daleian Singers in concert 'Best UK' choir winners. Proceeds to Careline £8 including refreshments. St Oswald's church	Nigel Rode 664159 Careline 210353
Tue 29 Oct 4 – 6pm	Ossie's kitchen: Community Café for an intergenerational social eating experience. Three courses for £3/£1 St Oswald's church centre	Nigel Rode 664159
Thu 7 Nov 7pm	Prayers United (ACT monthly prayer meeting) at Elim church, with communion	Di Lambert 661238
Fri 15 Nov 7.30pm	Evening Talk by John Bell (Iona Community) at The Maltings, Wirksworth. "Singing our way into or out of Belief." Free but booking essential. There'll be singing as well as listening.	Paulheppleston5 @gmail.com
Tue 26 Nov 4 – 6pm	Ossie's kitchen: Community café for an intergenerational social eating experience. Three courses for £3/£1 St Oswald's church centre	Nigel Rode 664159

Approaching Advent Worship Monday November 11th 7:30-9:30 in the Cornerstone

Do you preach or lead worship?

Join us for an evening of shared preparation for Advent 2019

- problems and possibilities
- the lectionary
- themes
- all age

Tea and coffee from 7:15 All welcome

For more information contact Fiona Green 01335 343011
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Places are free to book, but do let us know you are coming so that we can provide materials for everyone.

From the Editors

We are grateful for all your contributions.

We would welcome items for the next edition, including photos of church activities – **November 2019**

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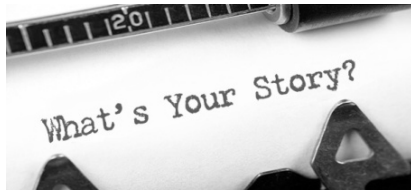
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Publication date: **Sunday 27th October**

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If this is not convenient, please contact us on 01335 344086

In September *Connections*, Rev Tim Morris wrote about “moving stories”. Telling and hearing stories is a key way of expressing and exploring our faith.



We can all say something about God’s part in our life, and our stories can be told in many ways.

This magazine is one of the ways stories can be shared. We would like to receive some stories for future publication in *Connections*: perhaps how you came to faith, or a particular episode in your life when you felt near to God, or maybe how you were part of someone else’s faith journey.

It doesn’t have to be terribly long - ideally no more than two pages of the magazine (about one side of A4).

Like Tim, we look forward to reading your stories, and pray that through them we can all be encouraged to move on together, in our own lives and as a Christian community.

Daphne and John Dyster

Ashbourne Circuit Church Services

Sunday October 6th

Ashbourne	10:30	Robert Sales	
	18:30	Praise – Rev Chris Briggs	in Century Hall
Brailsford	10:30	Rev David Leese	Harvest Festival, United Service at Methodist
Parwich	14:30	Rev Tim Morris	Communion

Sunday October 13th

Ashbourne	9:15	Café style	in Century Hall
	10:30	Rev Tim Morris	
	18:30	Lorraine Hawkins/ Rev Tim Morris	Communion
Brailsford	10:30	Fiona Green	
Kniveton	18:30	Rev Mark Broadhurst	Harvest Festival

Sunday October 20th

Ashbourne	10:30	Tim Dutton/ Richard Odell	JMA/Mission
	18:30	Praise – Tim Dutton	in Century Hall
Brailsford	10:30	Sue Leese	All Age
Parwich	10:00	Robert Sales	United Service
Tissington	10:30	Rev Tim Morris	Communion

Sunday October 27th

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev Tim Morris	Communion
	18:30	Ruth Barratt	
Brailsford	10:30	John Dyster	
Kirk Ireton	18:30	Fiona Green	
Kniveton	11:00	Peter Dawson	

Sunday November 3rd

Ashbourne	10:30	Fiona Green	
	18:30	Praise – Sue Leese	in Century Hall
Brailsford	10:30	Lorraine Hawkins	United Service at Methodist
Parwich	14:30	Church of England	United Service

The details in **Bold** are changes to the usual plan.

Dates for your diary and your prayers

October

Wed 2nd	12:00	ACT Prayers at Empire Club
Wed 2nd		Brailsford Ploughing Match
Wed 2nd	19:30	Ashbourne Church Council
Thu 3rd	19:30	Gateway Committee meeting
Sat 5th		Derbyshire Churches Together at Matlock
Mon 7th	19:30	Brailsford Church Council
Tue 8th	14:00	Joint Church Council at Tissington
Mon 14th	19:00	Kniveton Harvest Festival sale
Wed 16th	14:30	Ashbourne Learning and Caring Group meeting
Wed 16th	19:30	Kirk Ireton Harvest Supper
Thu 17th	19:30	Circuit Meeting at Ashbourne
Mon 21st	10:00	Kirk Ireton Church Council
Tue 22nd		Start of Bible Festival at Littleover
Thu 24th	19:30	Ashbourne Leadership Team meeting
Thu 31st	10:00	Ashbourne Messy Church

November

Wed 6th	19:30	MWiB Supper in Century Hall
Thu 7th	19:00	ACT Prayers at Elim Pentecostal
Sun 17th	10:30	Ashbourne Shoebox service
Sun 17th	10:30	Brailsford Shoebox service
Thu 28th		MWiB Advent Displays at Ashbourne

Ashbourne Church Activities

Sun	18.30pm	Mustard (Youth Fellowship)
Mon	10.00am	Housegroup: weekly <i>Contact – Gareth Rutledge (418519)</i>
	14.00pm	Craft and Chat in The Cornerstone <i>Contact – Clare Sales (342321)</i>
	19.30pm	Housegroup: weekly <i>Contact – Helen Walker (343910)</i>
Tues	9.00am	kids@cornerstone <i>Contact – Clare Sales (342321)</i>
	10.00am	Housegroup: weekly <i>Contact – Alma Swan (347586)</i>
	12.30pm	Luncheon Club: last Tuesday in month. Century Hall <i>Contact – John & Elizabeth Hurfurt (342859)</i>
	13.00pm	kids@cornerstone (not 3rd Tuesday of the month) <i>Contact – Clare Sales (342321)</i>
Wed	9.30am	Walk and Talk Group: weekly <i>Contacts – Chris and John Dakin (345280)</i>
	19.30pm	Housegroup: fortnightly <i>Contact – Eric and Jenny Williams (346155)</i>
Thu	9.30am	Prayer Meeting: weekly <i>Contact – Brian Hawkins (310353)</i>
	19.30pm	Housegroup: weekly <i>Contact – Jeff Ffoulkes(300443)</i>
	19.30pm	Housegroup: weekly <i>Contact Jo & Paul Taylor (342897)</i>
Fri	19.30pm	Housegroup: fortnightly <i>Contact: Catherine Green (300338)</i>
Thu, Fri, Sat	10.00am	The Cornerstone Coffee Shop <i>Contact – Pat Fielding (345695)</i>

Brailsford Church Activities

Tues	9.30am	Coffee Shop: weekly
Wed	12.30pm	Luncheon Club: monthly (2nd Wednesday)

Hulland Church Activities

Wed	19.30pm	Bible Study: monthly (1st Wednesday) <i>Contact – John Dyster (344086)</i>
Thurs	14.15pm	Women's Fellowship (1st Thursday)

Tissington Church Activities

Fellowship Group
Contact – Richard Odell (419319)



Ashbourne Soapbox Race 8th Sept 2019 – the winners!



Bethesda Chapel, Hanley. Poppies cascade to commemorate the men of the Chapel who fought in World War 1 (see page 15)