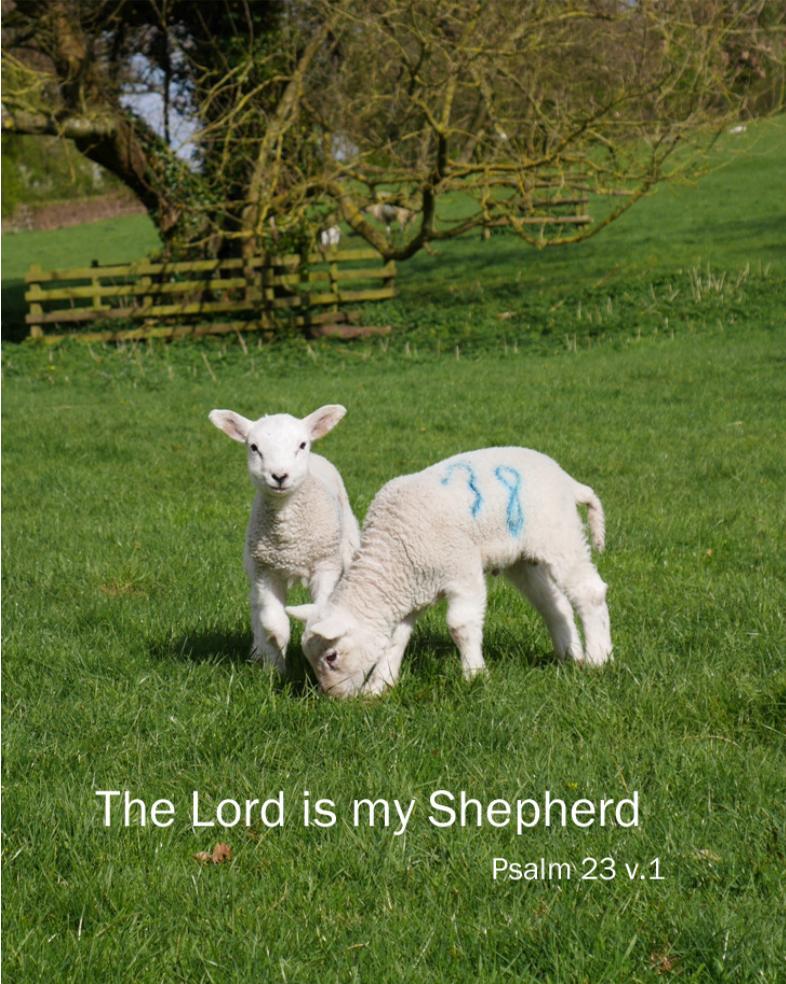


# Connections



The Lord is my Shepherd

Psalm 23 v.1



Ashbourne Methodist Circuit  
Magazine March 2019

## Letter from the Minister

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Dear Friends,

### “The journey of Lent”

Most of March is taken up with Lent. From Shrovetide through to Easter, we shall journey from pancakes to Palm Crosses, from hot cross buns to a hillside crucifixion.



Symbols are very powerful. The symbols of Lent remind us, in an unspoken way, of the journey that takes us on from our “giving up” to Christ’s “giving all”!

Our churches are visible signs that the people there are journeying through the different seasons of the year. Some places of worship won’t have flowers on the altar until Easter; others will have a garden tomb displayed; some will have a cross outside, draped as appropriate near Easter, in purple cloth and crown of thorns, then a white cloth and adorned with flowers at Easter.

The visual impact of these is there for all to see. Greater, though, is the witness in our lives of the journey we are on. Do our lives show the nature of that journey and the God we travel with? Our pilgrimage through Lent is not just about the outward and visible signs that we cherish, but about what’s going on inside us.

So I hope and pray that through our worship and fellowship, Lenten courses and lunches, both publicly and privately, other people will see the journey we are on and enable us to invite them too, to reflect on the season of Lent – the offering of God’s love and forgiveness, friendship and grace.

May this Lenten season prepare us for the celebration of Easter this year.

Your minister and friend,

Handwritten signature of Tim Morris in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

## **Ashbourne Church Family News**

“For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers” says St Paul in Ephesians 1:15-16

He begins by thanking the Lord for them, and then wants to let them know that he is praying for them regularly and with thanksgiving, not just when they are having a bad time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret Allen and her family as her sister died recently and with Pearl Steeples who has just lost her brother-in-law.

Many are on regular medication and treatment, others await tests and results as others wait for or recover from surgery and some find it really hard to face the day. This month we need to remember in our prayers David and Rosalind Franklin, Sue Ffoulkes, Stuart Mustow, Barbara Hollands, Jenny Waring, Val Rutledge, Eric Williams, Pearl Steeples and Peter Richards. There are those you know who need our prayers but whose names I have not mentioned. Many people tell me they are grateful for visits, flowers, cards, phone calls, texts, lifts and food and that is a wonderful example of showing the love of God in our fellowship. Do let me know if we can pray for you.

The next few months can be really stressful for children, parents and teachers alike and last month I named those of our church family who will be taking external exams this summer. Let’s remember to thank God for them and pray as St Paul did for the Ephesians.

We have a number in our congregation who have concerns for older parents living away from Ashbourne and there are those older people who have moved to this area to be nearer their adult children. Remember those who are settling into Ashbourne now, often not easy having left lifelong friends. So if you are praying for and about someone today, thank the Lord for them and tell them why you appreciate them.

We are glad to welcome Sheila and John Hancock, Peter Carmen, Liz Hitch and Sharon Allerton to our worship services over the past few weeks.

Remember Jonathan and Isabel Hill, our mission partners in Zimbabwe. Stephen and Suzanne in the UK, graduate this summer.

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.

Elizabeth Spencer is part of the Chaplaincy team at the Royal Derby Hospital as a Chaplaincy Visitor and 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 12.02.2019*

### **Heather Broadbent**

Heather, a former member of our church, and Local Preacher in the Ashbourne Circuit, died peacefully in hospital on the evening of Sunday 3 February following a bout of pneumonia. A service of thanksgiving was due to be held on Friday 22 February at 1.30pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Penarth where she and Cecil have worshipped.

### **Rev Carollyn McDonald**

Carollyn, who is in charge of Alsop, Fenny Bentley, Parwich, Thorpe, and Tissington C of E churches, recently had a hip replacement operation. We pray for her as she continues to recover and for strength as she returns to work next month.

*Daphne Dyster*

## 'The local origins and growth of Primitive Methodism'



*Hugh Bourne*

The March meeting of the Mayfield Heritage Group will be an illustrated talk on this subject by David Leese.

As well as being of general local history interest, it will be of specific interest to those who follow Methodist history. It will take place on Monday 11th March at 7.00 pm. at the Mayfield Memorial Hall, Conygree Lane, Mayfield. Those who have been to these meetings before, please note that this is a new venue.

Entrance is £4.00 per person payable on the door, refreshments included. If anyone is interested in attending, but has no transport, please contact David or Sue (344198).

## **Ashbourne Church - Mothers' Day Posies**

Help will be needed on Saturday 30th March at 10.00am in the Century Hall to make posies for distribution on Mothering Sunday, 31st March. It should only take about an hour.

*Chris Dakin*

## **Oberammergau Passion Play 2020**

Every 10 years the people of Oberammergau perform their Passion Play telling the Easter story. It runs from 16th May to 4th October in 2020.

Carole Thorpe is planning to book a trip to see it. If anyone is interested in going with her, please contact Carole on [cethorpe@hotmail.com](mailto:cethorpe@hotmail.com) or 346535.

## **The Grid - Board Games Evening – 23rd March**

You're invited to join us in the Century Hall on Saturday 23rd March for a board games evening with Jacket Potato supper. This is being organised by The Grid and is open to all ages. There will be a variety of board games to play and it will be a good opportunity to get to know people in our Church family and have some fun!

The idea for the evening came when we were studying 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 about the body of Christ having many parts. We realised that we do not know all of the parts of the body of Christ here in Ashbourne, which can make it difficult to offer our gifts, and know what other people's gifts are, and to know who to speak to. So the aim of our Board Game evening is to get to know everyone at Church better! We do hope that you will come.

To help us with catering numbers, please get a ticket from one of the young people (or Catherine Green) before Sunday 17th March. Donations towards the cost of the food and the Link Development Fund would be most welcome on the night.

## **The Grid - Poetry**

One Sunday morning in early February we were studying 1 Corinthians 13, all about Love. We have used this piece of scripture to inspire us to write our own poems, which we would like to share with you.

### **Church Agape**

No matter how decorated the windows are, with colourful cloths and vibrant colours – it is just another display.

Even if confectionaries and cakes are baked fresh each week – it is just another cake.

If the songs are sung in tune and the instruments are played in time – it is just another song.

Love tries to get through.

Love should set aside the singing, baking and displaying.

Love should be the topping to the cake, the chorus of our song, the aim of our display.

The love for everyone around us, in our Church.

The love that never fails, the love that never breaks.

Our love, God's love, the Gift of Love.

*Anon*

## School Agape

If I do all my homework every day but forget to love my friends, I'm just another student.

If I do extra work and listen in all my lessons, but do not listen to my family or friends, I'm just another worker.

If I hand in my book every lesson, respond to all feedback and answer all the questions, but do not help the person sat next to me, there is no point in me doing any of it.

Love listens to all.

Love stops working to chat to friends.

Love helps all around them.

Love doesn't wish it was that good at Maths.

Love is nice to all it meets.

Love doesn't shout at people.

Love gives all things, trusts all things, likes all things and toughs all things through.

All things will one day break, but not love.

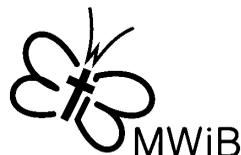
*Anon*



It is time for me over the coming weeks to gather in the MHA Collecting Boxes. If you have one could you let me have it anytime between now and the 22nd March, so that I can enter all donations into the account by the end of the financial year. If you are unable to get your box to me, please let me know and I will come and get your box at a convenient time.

*Tom Parkinson,  
Ashbourne Circuit MHA Representative (324918)*

## Methodist Women in Britain



It's often said that things "go in threes" and so it is with MWiB in March 2019.

As a District we are extremely privileged to be joined by who I think of as the "two Jills of Methodism" (both recent Vice Presidents of Conference) at our two District events.

**On Saturday 2 March**, Dr Jill Barber, Project Manager at Englesea Brook chapel and museum, will be the guest speaker at the morning only meeting at Ashbourne Road church in Derby. Her theme will be the 'Hidden Voices' of early Primitive Methodist women evangelists. Their stories are fascinating and generally little known, painstakingly researched by Jill.

If you have never been to an MWiB meeting, or heard Jill speak, why not hop on the Swift bus and come along? Jill is gifted communicator, passionate about the work of Englesea Brook and its role in current mission and evangelism. There's an option to stay for a fish and chip lunch from the nearby fish shop, to be ordered on arrival.

**Towards the end of the month, Monday 25 - Thursday 28 March**, we will be joined at the Willersley Days of Fellowship by Jill Baker, inaugural MWiB Connexional president, another much loved speaker. Now based in Glasgow, Jill's focus recently has been on Pilgrimage and she offers as a title, 'In a good place?' as an opportunity to think about the importance of place in our own lives. What have been the special places in your own life? How does place relate to spirituality and the pilgrim Spirit? A day away in a beautiful place to reflect, pray and seek to discover a renewed 'good place' in God.

Again, if you've never been before, why not give it a try? Speak to Alma or myself for more information and advice on transport and which day to choose.

And sandwiched in between, at the **Circuit Supper Evening on Wednesday 20 March**, it will be my privilege to share the story of women within Methodism and how they have always sought different ways of meeting together, under the title, "Transforming the world from the Kitchen?"

To whet your appetite.....

Did you know that, during 2015, hundreds of artefacts relating to women's meetings/projects/events etc etc were collected and transported to Epworth Old Rectory, where they were carefully catalogued and collated by researcher Sarah Braidell?

Or have you heard of Caroline Wiseman?

All will be revealed!

I look forward to seeing you at any or all the above.

For see times etc, see page 19 or contact me on 07800 892721 or [grannysue1952@hotmail.com](mailto:grannysue1952@hotmail.com)

*Sue Leese (District MWiB president)*

## **Green Box**

### **Toothbrushes (and their packaging), toothpaste tubes and lids(and their packaging).**

The Strawberry Farm (who collect the crisp packets) also has a wheelie bin to collect the above; it will be collected by TerraCycle once full.

ALL MAKES of toothbrushes and toothpaste and their packaging can be accepted (toothpaste boxes now often have some shiny surfaces which means they cannot go in the normal Blue Bin collection). The heads of electric or battery toothbrushes can also be donated, but not the electrical parts.

There is a collection box for these items in Natural Choice health food shop. The more people who use this facility the better, so please spread the word!

If you have any queries, do get in touch and I will do my best to help.

*Pat Fielding*

## **You have a part to play**

I found this poem and think it's a great encouragement to everyone to play a part in the 'Plan for Growth' being discussed at the moment - no matter how small we think our part is.

*Becky Dutton*

Each one of God's children  
Has a special part to play,  
Whether it be great or small,  
You are needed every day

If your part seems very small,  
Don't feel you're insignificant  
Don't feel that you can't offer much  
And you wouldn't make a difference

These gifts that God has given,  
He longs for you to share  
You're just as important as anyone,  
So don't be in despair

The only one who matters most  
Is watching for your part,  
With much anticipation  
And excitement in His heart

So do not disappoint Him  
By not taking your cue,  
Though you think it unimportant,  
This part is made for you

The parts that we've been given  
Isn't based on size at all,  
But rather on the abilities  
And the gifting of the Lord

For each part is important  
To make the whole thing work,  
So do your part with enthusiasm  
And know that you have worth.

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# INSPIRATIONAL INTERGENERATIONAL IDEAS



from Lizzie Hackney and Mark Hackney,  
Intergenerational Missioners  
in the Hereford Diocese  
Saturday 6th July at 10.00am  
in Century Hall

Our new 'Plan for Growth' states that we are an 'inclusive, intergenerational church' and, while knowing that we can always do better, we like to think we are quite good at being inclusive and intergenerational. But what exactly do we mean by an 'intergenerational church' and what more can we all do to improve in this area?

Lizzie Hackney is an expert on the subject, and an inspirational speaker and it is hoped that a great many people will come to her workshop, not just those who work with young people, old people or any other group of people.

All will be welcome. Please put the date in your diary.



## The Real Easter Egg

The 2019 Milk Chocolate Real Easter Egg, includes a large 24 page Easter story-activity book, a prize competition and a super thick milk chocolate egg (150g) with a lovely creamy taste.

35% cocoa – Palm Oil free.

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Price £3.99 each.

Place your orders by 8 April please, with  
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**Mission  
Matters**



**BOOK AID**

PROVIDING CHRISTIAN LITERATURE IN AREAS OF NEED

A big thank you to all who have contributed books to Book Aid over recent months and years. I hope to have another collection to make in the spring – ‘spring cleaning’ and all that! So if you want to start having a sort-out now....

To give you an idea what Book Aid is about I have reproduced below extracts from an email I received from them recently.

See pictures on <https://book-aid.org/pdf/update-33.pdf>

*Richard Odell, World Mission Secretary*

### **Changing times for Book Aid**

I've recently taken over the leadership of Book Aid so allow me to introduce myself. I'm the eldest daughter of Bob and Ada Hiley and as part of the family I was aware, but only from a distance, that Book Aid must be facing some challenges with future leadership as my father just kept getting older! In 2014 I was working as a solicitor but increasingly felt the call of God on my life to lay that aside and make myself available for Book Aid. Thank you to all of you who have supported the mission of Book Aid through the years, and all who continue to do so now.

*Christine Pulford, Interim Director*

### **This is what Book Aid is all about**

The focus originally was on Africa and the vision was to support Christian bookshops that were closing down at a rapid rate because of difficulties in their countries. The aim was to see a continuous supply of books to Christian bookshops which would then sell the books at locally affordable prices thereby helping to secure their continuation in these areas. The need for Christian books continues and our Container Partners particularly request BIBLES. Book Aid cannot supply enough. Especially sought after are the King James Version or New King James Version. If you have Bibles not being used we would love to have them to send abroad – good condition is preferred of course!

## **Book Aid Kenya Mission**

Philomena Mulandi heads up the work of Book Aid Kenya Mission which came about from the 25th Anniversary vision of Book Aid UK in 2012. Since February 2016 Book Aid Kenya Mission is now a Container Partner of Book Aid UK in its own right. As well as the book house in Mombasa they have been blessed with a town centre shop on a well frequented mall in a prime Mombasa shopping area at a low rental.

Philomena reports that new laws passed recently mean that there is a huge demand for Bible study materials as anyone seeking to be a pastor must undertake Bible training. As Book Aid Kenya Mission develops pray with us for their safety and that they will continue to grow and flourish.

## **Challenges facing partners in Nigeria**

Book Aid has a number of partners in Nigeria with whom we have worked closely for many years. Since January 2016 under the new President, economic changes in Nigeria have made life financially extremely difficult for our Partners. Many have been able in the past to send donations to support the work of Book Aid UK, but this has almost completely stopped due to the fall in the oil price and the government's restrictions on foreign exchange. A number of partners have explained how difficult life is financially and this has an ongoing effect on Book Aid.

Those who have been Book Aid Overseas Partners for some years have seen their shops built up to stability. By contrast we were so pleased to welcome as a Container Partner in 2015 Grace and Light under the leadership of Tassie Ghata working in the north of Nigeria. Grace and Light is an expanding ministry to people with AIDS. Tassie came to the London warehouse with one of Grace and Light's Trustees, Jo Ann Sweeney, in Feb 2016 to discuss the bookshop just built in their compound.

Tassie's plans are for bookshop staff to be recruited from some of the former AIDS patients to provide them with work and also to provide affordable Christian literature in the locality. The container that was sent in 2015 had met with numerous problems on arrival in Nigeria and had cost much money to release from the port. The container had been underwritten by George Verwer, founder of OM, and Book Aid is immensely grateful that George Verwer provided much needed financial support to achieve the result. Tassie told of the heartache and frustration involved in getting the container to its destination. However the quality of the books she saw on opening the container had overwhelmed her and filled her with relief. She was visiting Book Aid to

request a further container and to explain how having books in such good condition is so important.

## **Zimbabwe**

A container sent with high hopes to SU Zimbabwe in January 2016 'hit a brick wall'. On arrival in Harare the container was impounded at the dock and placed in a bonded warehouse with a demand for US \$10,000 to be paid for release. Our partners did not have that money and the container continued to be locked away until, a year later, it was released! We and our container partners had spent a year praying for its release, unable to pay the tax imposed. Eventually we heard that they won their case against the company who agreed to allow the books to leave the port.

## **Container facts**

• 322 containers have been sent abroad in 29 years. • Up to 100,000 books per container • Around 32 million books and Bibles have gone from the UK • 4 pallets of Bibles packed per container • Each container holds 20 pallets • 604 boxes of Books/Bibles per container

## **Refugee crisis in Italy**

In 2015 we received a plea from a pastor ministering to African refugees in a camp outside Rome. He was desperate for Bibles and asked if Book Aid could help. We were delighted to send him some boxes of Bibles just before Christmas 2015 and he wrote: 'We are happy to let you know that we received the boxes of bibles you sent to our ministry. It is in fact a tremendous blessing to our ministry.'

## **What next?**

The big question currently for Book Aid is 'How should we continue this work?' Most importantly we desire to know the Lord's leading. Book Aid has known many, many good years. But like other mission groups times are challenging financially. For us, there are also logistical challenges in collecting across the entire UK. In spite of the many cutbacks made recently, humanly speaking it looks like strategic action is needed. These questions exercise the Director and Trustees. They are questions on the mind of the team too.

## **Pray with us for:**

- Containers to reach our partners and arrive safely through customs.
- Wisdom and peace over decisions about the future
- For volunteers so we can process more books

## Talking of God together.....

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Our Monday evening housegroup recently followed the studies in a little book 'Talking of God Together' which is published by the Methodist Church. We found it a very useful resource, the idea of the book being that, if we become more confident to speak about our faith with each other in a small group, it becomes more natural to talk about our faith with others. Many times people might ask us: "Does God care about the hurting world? How do you know that God is listening? Have you ever heard God speaking?" It is not easy to answer these questions. The studies led us through thinking about various aspects of God: A Present God, A Listening God, A Caring God and A Speaking God.

### **I want to share with you the session 'A Speaking God'**

We explored a variety of ways in which God speaks into our world today. We all experience God in different ways and these are the varied ways in which our group felt that we hear God speaking today:

- Through His word - the Bible is our inspiration and where we hear the voice of God through the ages
- Through His Son - hearing the words of God through the words and example of Jesus, we learn of God's love
- Through nature and creation - wondering at the intricacies and beauty of the world, God tells us of his care for the world
- Through other people - we often feel God speaking through the experiences and faith of others
- Through music - for some music and singing bring God's voice very close
- Through circumstances - through things that happen to us in life, good and bad, we may feel God's presence
- Through prayer - in prayer we try and listen for God to speak into our hearts

We certainly found this reflective study very encouraging and can recommend it to others. The book is available in Ashbourne Church Office to buy (£1.99) and can be used as a group or individually.

*Helen Walker*

## Coffee Morning

at Kirk Ireton Methodist Chapel, Coffin Lane, Kirk Ireton DE6 3JW  
Saturday 9th March – 10am-12noon



On what would have been  
Sister Merle Wilde's 98th Birthday

A morning to come together,  
celebrate and remember Sister Merle  
and raise funds for charity

**All welcome**

## 73 COWS

Jay Wilde, Sister Merle's nephew, who owns Bradley Nook Farm in Hulland Ward, recently had a documentary made about his struggles with conscience and the farming industry. This fifteen minute film won the Best Short Film category at this year's BAFTA awards. The cows now live at the Hillside Animal Sanctuary in Norwich (see article in Ashbourne News Telegraph of 13 February).



*Jay and Katja on the right*

## **REFUGEES - a poem by Brian Bilston**

They have no need of our help  
So do not tell me  
These haggard faces could belong to you or me  
Should life have dealt a different hand  
We need to see them for who they really are  
Chancers and scroungers  
Layabouts and loungers  
With bombs up their sleeves  
Cut-throats and thieves  
They are not  
Welcome here  
We should make them  
Go back to where they came from  
They cannot  
Share our food  
Share our homes  
Share our countries  
Instead let us  
Build a wall to keep them out  
It is not okay to say  
These are people just like us  
A place should only belong to those who are born there  
Do not be so stupid to think that  
The world can be looked at another way

**Now read from the bottom to the top!**

*Contributed by Joyce Odell*



## **The Methodist Church Safeguarding**

The Methodist Church is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its life and ministry. Safeguarding is about the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will:

- promote the welfare of children, young people and adults
- work to prevent abuse from occurring
- seek to protect and respond well to those that have been abused.

### **‘Safe to Grow’ - District Safeguarding Day - Saturday 16 March**

This will be a day to review practice, find support and be resourced to work with young people. However, the principles are generally applicable and relevant also to the safeguarding of vulnerable adults.

The conference will be held at Littleover Methodist Church from 10.00am until 4.00pm. All are welcome and should bring a packed lunch.

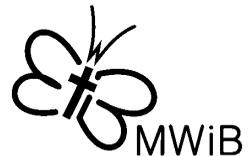
Please let Carole Thorpe know if you would like to join the group that is going. Transport can be arranged. Contact [cethorpe@hotmail.com](mailto:cethorpe@hotmail.com) or telephone 346535.

### **Rev Susan Mclvor**

Susan is the District Safeguarding Officer for the Nottingham and Derby District. She will be visiting the Ashbourne Circuit twice in April:

- On Sunday 7th April, Passion Sunday, she will be conducting the morning service at Ashbourne church at 10.30am.
- On Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm she will be leading a reflection and training evening. Further details to follow. This event is being arranged by John and Helen Barker, who are the Circuit Safeguarding officers.

## Methodist Women in Britain



### District Day – Saturday 2 March

This will be held at Ashbourne Road MC, Derby, which is easy to get to as the Swift Bus stops outside! The day will begin with registration (£2.00) and coffee from 10.30 am. This will be followed by a short business meeting and then our speaker, Dr Jill Barber of Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum. A fish and chip lunch is available (order on the day) (chips from £1.90 and a small fish and chips for £4.80). Do come along and enjoy fellowship with ladies from around the District.

### Supper Evening – Wednesday 20 March

This will be held in the Century Hall commencing at 7.30 pm. The menu is home made soup and rolls followed by apple crumble and ice cream, all for £5.00. Tickets will be available shortly from the usual sellers. Our after dinner speaker will be our own Sue Leese on 'Transforming the World from the Kitchen' Proceeds for Circuit MWiB funds. All welcome!

### Willersley Week – 25-28 March

Come and enjoy a day of fellowship in the beautiful surroundings of Willersley Castle! The day commences at 10.30 am (coffee from 10 am) until approximately 3.45 pm. The cost is £16.50 which includes coffee, lunch and conference expenses. The Leader this year is Mrs Jill Baker who will give us an interesting day and much to think about. To book in please contact me and say which day you would like to go. Do come!

### Reflective Morning – Saturday 13 April

This will be held at Tissington Chapel and be lead by Cathy Stubbs. It will run from 10 am until 12 noon. (Coffee from 9.45 am) Please book this in your diaries NOW!

*Alma Swan (343751)*

### **JMA (Junior Mission for All)**

#### **Lunch event**

Sunday 3rd March 2019

12.00 noon in Cornerstone

For all JMA members and friends

*Further details from Ruth Mallard*



<p><b>Ashbourne</b>    <b>Together</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">   <b>ACT Is for all of us in all our churches</b> </p>
<p>Friday 1st March 11.00am</p>	<p>World Day of Prayer at St Oswald's Church. This service has been prepared by the Women of Slovenia <i>Contact: Nancy Bell (347915) or Gwen Rose (342834)</i></p>
<p>Tuesdays in Lent at 12.30</p>	<p>Lent Lunches: 12th March: Elim Pentecostal Church 19th March: St Oswald's Church 26th March: All Saints Church 2nd April: Methodist Church 9th April: Dovedale House, Ilam DE6 2AZ <i>Contact: Sue Schulz (350365)</i></p>
<p>Good Friday April 19th</p>	<p>Walk of Witness Meet outside Sainsbury's at 12.15 to walk silently through Ashbourne, bearing witness to the cross of Jesus Christ. Concludes in Victoria Square with a short service and refreshments.</p>
<p>Wednesday 3rd April</p>	<p>Alpha Course: an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through talks and discussions. Run by Elim Pentecostal Church on Wednesday evenings. <i>Contact: Elim Office (344338)</i></p>

## From the Editors

We are grateful to all who have sent items for this magazine.

We would welcome contributions for the next edition – **April 2019**

We would also like more photos: we can include these in colour on the back cover, or in black and white inside.

Please note we are unable to include items which are copyright, unless permission is obtained from the copyright-holder.

Last date for contributions: **Wednesday 20th March**

Publication date: **Sunday 31st March**

If possible, please e-mail us at [dysters@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dysters@tiscali.co.uk)

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

*Daphne and John Dyster*

## Ashbourne Circuit Church Services

### Sunday March 3rd

Ashbourne	10:30	Paul Taylor
	18:30	Praise – Peter Dawson
Brailsford	10:30	Ruth Barratt
Parwich	14:30	Rev Tim Morris

### Sunday March 10th

Ashbourne	9:15	Café style
	10:30	Fiona Green
	18:30	Rev Tim Morris
Brailsford	10:30	Rev Tim Morris
Kniveton	14:30	Ann Parkinson

### Sunday March 17th

Ashbourne	10:30	Tom Parkinson
	18:30	Praise – Jonathan Webb
Brailsford	10:30	Diana Whitmill
Parwich	10:00	Peter Dawson
Tissington	10:30	Rev Tim Morris

### Sunday March 24th

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev Tim Morris
	18:30	Ann Parkinson
Brailsford	10:30	Rev Mark Broadhurst
Kirk Ireton	18:30	Lorraine Hawkins
Kniveton	11:00	Diana Whitmill

### Sunday March 31st

Ashbourne	10:30	Robert Sales
	18:30	Ruth Barratt
Brailsford	10:30	Rev Tim Morris

### Sunday April 7th

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev Susan Mclvor
	18:30	Praise – Robert Sales
Brailsford	10:30	Fiona Green
Parwich	14:30	Steve Haines

### Lent 1

Theme Preach 4 – Our Calling  
in Century Hall  
United Service at Methodist  
United Service, Communion

### Lent 2

in Century Hall

Communion

### Lent 3

in Century Hall  
All Age  
United Service

### Lent 4

Communion

### Mothering Sunday

All Age

### Passion Sunday

in Century Hall  
United Service at Methodist  
United Service

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

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## Dates for your diary

### March

Fri 1st	11:00	Women's World Day of Prayer @ St Oswald's
Sun 3rd	15:00	Parwich Church Council
Mon 4th	19:30	Local Preachers meeting
Tue 12th	10:00	Tissington Church Council
Tue 12th	14:00	Kniveton Church Council
Wed 13th & Thu 14th		CRE Exhibition at Manchester
Sat 16th	10:00	District Safeguarding Day at Littleover
Sat 30th	10:00	District Synod

### April

Mon 8th	19:30	Brailsford Church Council
Sat 13th	10:00	MWiB reflective morning @ Tissington
Thu 18th	19:00	Maundy Thursday communion service, Ashbourne
Fri 19th	10:30	Good Friday service @ Ashbourne
Fri 19th	12:15	ACT Walk of Witness through the town
Sat 20th	11:00	Walk at Milldale
Sat 20th	14:00	Service at Milldale Chapel
Sun 21st	8:00	Early morning Easter Communion @ Ashbourne
Mon 29th	19:30	Circuit Meeting at Brailsford

## CRE – Christian Resources Exhibition

CRE is coming to Event City in Manchester on 13th March from 10am until 8pm and 14th March from 10am until 4pm. It is a one-stop shop for church supplies, resources and ideas. If anyone would like to go, then a group booking can be made and transport arranged. If you would like a ticket please contact Carole Thorpe on [cethorpe@hotmail.com](mailto:cethorpe@hotmail.com) or 346535.

## **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 (343751)</i>
	12.30pm	Luncheon Club: last Tuesday in month. Century Hall <i>Contact – John &amp; Elizabeth Hurfurt (342859)</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>
Fri	19.30pm	Housegroup: fortnightly <i>Contact: Nick Flux (07764988479)</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)*



Jonathan Hill with group at Mzimyathi, Zimbabwe