

# Connections



Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength:  
they will soar on wings like eagles.  
Isaiah 40:31



**Ashbourne Methodist Circuit**  
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## Letter from the Minister

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Dear Friends,

### **“They are worthy”**

My ordination took place twenty-five years ago (on 26th June) at Trinity Methodist Church, Harrogate. Surrounded by family and friends, and with a coach load of folk from the churches I was minister at in three villages in Lancashire, it was an amazingly overwhelming event – the afterglow of which I still feel today.

A minister is ordained for life. In the Methodist Church we are ordained by several representatives of the Church laying hands on the ordinand’s head. Each person represents a different part of the church. These include the President of the Methodist Conference (in my case Rev Dr Leslie Griffiths, now The Lord Griffiths of Burry Port) and an overseas Methodist representative. A “supporting” minister also shares in that moment. They are a minister who has had a significant influence on the ordinand’s life. Many years later I had the joy of being the “supporting” minister to an ordinand myself – a real privilege.

During the ordination service, the congregation is asked to declare their assent to the ordination, to which they reply for all those to be ordained “they are worthy”.

In recent weeks Alison and I have had cause to be at events at our previous appointments in Lancashire and Leeds, meeting with people whose lives we have shared with in profound and deep ways. These occasions bring back so many memories, and remind us of the journey of ministry we are on.

It has been and continues to be an enormous sense of fulfilment to be a Methodist Minister. I am grateful to the Methodist Church for the trust and support it offers to me to fulfil my calling. It makes huge demands on me and my family, but it is a calling and vocation I am still as committed to today as I was then.

We all have a calling to fulfil and a responsibility to share in the ministry of furthering God’s kingdom. Are you fulfilling your calling? For remember: “you are worthy”!

Your minister and friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Morris". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

## **Ashbourne Church Family News**

*“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”  
Colossians 3.17*

We extend our love and prayers to Sigrid Mustow and family on the death of Stuart.

There are many waiting for tests or for results as well as those who have life limiting illnesses, those who are caring for others and those with personal and family issues. Please pray for Barbara and David Hollands, Margaret Cox, Peter Richards, David Franklin, Jenny Waring, John Parry and Pearl Steeples. We are glad that some are slowly recovering, Val Rutledge, Richard Barratt, Hilary Smail and Don Cox.

Congratulations to everyone involved in ACE, which has been awarded The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service 2019. This is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities. Keep them in prayer.

Congratulations to Becky and Tim Dutton who celebrate their 30th Wedding Anniversary on 29th July and to Chris and Fiona Green who celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 4th August.

Congratulations to Mike and Emma on the birth of their first child, Owen, a grandson for Helen and John Barker. We are glad that Emily Peers has accepted a job as haematology nurse at The Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, starting in September and Joy Mallard will be starting work on the 10th July at Longcliffe Quarries Ltd. She will be doing Sales and Finance and transport administration and keeping her weekend job at Rymans till December. Congratulations to both Emily and Joy. We welcome Peter Carmen into membership at Ashbourne Methodist.

Gwenda Alcock and Betty Douce moved to Eliot Lodge, King Edward Street, on 25th June and Alma Swan moves there in early July. Pearl Steeples has now moved to St Mary’s Mount Care Home, Uttoxeter. Remember them in all the adjustments.

Remember Jonathan and Isabel Hill, our mission partners in Zimbabwe and Stephen and Suzanne in the UK, with Jonathan and Isabel hoping to visit UK this year for graduations and family reunion.

Let’s remember young people waiting to hear exam results in August; Samuel Morris and Joy Mallard, A levels, Christian Mallard, Darcey Dawson, Sam Glossop and James Thrupp, GCSE. We hope all our young people can have a good summer break ready for the new term.

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.

As well as Chaplain to Businesses in Ashbourne, Ruth Barratt is now chaplain one day per week at a GP Practice in Ilkeston. 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 24.06.19*

## **Ashbourne Circuit Directory and Prayer Diary**

A new edition of the circuit directory and diary will be produced this autumn. Please let me know if any corrections need to be made to your entry. Also, if you know of any other changes that need to be made. I will be writing to anyone who is new to the area to see if they want to be included.

Please send the details to Carole Thorpe 12 Cavendish Drive, Ashbourne DE6 1SR, [cethorpe@hotmail.com](mailto:cethorpe@hotmail.com) or telephone 346535.

## **Pennies for Lent 2019**

As promised, here is a list of how the collection of Pennies for Lent has been spent:

**Mary's Meals £40** - £12.20 feeds a child at school for an entire year, enabling them to go to school and to concentrate.

**WaterAid £50** - Providing clean water, vital to survival.

**Médecins Sans Frontières £40** - Worldwide emergency medical care

**World Vision £103** - Emergency Baby Healthcare (£16), Beekeeping kit (£30), Mini School Library (£27), Toys for a Children's Centre (£16), 3 Tree Seedling kits x 2 (£14).

There were 29 individuals or families involved in the collection and we were able to spend £271! I always feel quite overwhelmed by how much was donated, but it does show the power of individuals working together. Any suggestions for future charities to donate to will be most welcome.

Thank you all so very much and God bless you all. *Pat Fielding*



Dear Friends of ACE,

It is a great honour and pleasure to inform you that ACE Youth Trust has been awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2019. This is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation. It is the MBE for volunteer groups.

This award was announced on 2 June in The London Gazette. It is a testament and tribute to the volunteering commitment and the significant contribution that ACE has made to the lives of local disadvantaged and vulnerable young people.

ACE is one of 281 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year and one of three to be recognised in Derbyshire. There will be a formal award presentation to ACE by the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire at some future date yet to be announced.

*Louise Doble, Chair of Trustees*

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## **RECENT FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

Our thanks go to all those who were involved in the June fundraising events.

### **MWIB Afternoon Tea Event**

A joyful time, by the look of the helpers, was had by all who attended. A big thank you to the Lewers for hosting the event at the beginning of June. £300 was raised.

### **Rhythm of Life Concert (see back cover)**

We had a wonderful evening with such a wide selection of music at the Rhythm of Life Concert on the 8th June. A big thank you to all who were involved and to all those who attended the evening. It was such a lively and entertaining evening. £1,000 was raised.

Thank you.

*The Fundraising Team*

## **Donations made by The Cornerstone Coffee Shop**

As part of the church's giving, the Cornerstone Coffee Shop retains 10% above the total given to the church from its income the previous year. We have, therefore, been able to distribute to various international, national and local causes to the sum of £1750. We have chosen the following charities to benefit this year:

**Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)** - in its support of relief following the devastation caused by cyclone Idai in Mozambique. Mambabu in Sierra Leone where urgent work is being carried out in two of the new wells and hoping this will be completed before the rains arrive.

**Toilet Twinning.org** - There are 2.3 billion people in the world who have no access to a loo. For women in some African countries they are vulnerable to attack or being bitten by snakes when they go to the toilet in the bush. We have bought two toilets, one in the Democratic Republic of Congo and another in Uganda. Pictures of these can be found in the Cornerstone toilets.

**ACE Youth Trust** - as some of the volunteers are involved in this project, offering support to our local vulnerable and disadvantaged young people.

**The Padley Centre in Derby** - There were over 24,000 visits by vulnerable people to the day centre last year and the Centre provided 10,000 meals plus giving out of 13 food parcels a day. Our contribution enables the Centre to operate for half a day as hourly costs are £100 which enables the Centre to be staffed, operate safely and offer support to those in need.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Coffee Shop and enables us to offer financial support to the wider community.

*Joy Watts*

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## **JMA Breakfast in the Cornerstone**

Sunday 22nd September 9.00-10.00am

The theme is Sierra Leone.

## **JMA Presentations and Mission Service**

Sunday 20th October at 10.30 am

with an international flavour and focus on Bolivia

then we will have our JMA bring and share lunch

12.00-2.00pm in the Cornerstone and our theme will be Brazil.



## Mission Matters



It was good to have Ray Amey of Operation Mobilisation (OM) with us in Ashbourne on Sunday 23rd June, bringing a lot of good Christian books with him for all age groups. I hope he was able to sell/give away plenty! Some of you may have met their Director, George Verwer, in Derby last year.

**This is taken from their website: [www.uk.om.org](http://www.uk.om.org):**

Our purpose is to be a global community of Jesus followers, united to share God's love to those who don't know it. We aim to motivate and equip Christians to share God's love, and to strengthen and plant churches especially in areas where Christ is least known.

Today, our work varies hugely from country to country but our focus is always the same - to share the love of Christ. We want to bring Good News to the poor, to proclaim freedom for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

For over 60 years, Operation Mobilization has been bringing the message of hope through Jesus Christ to men, women, and children around the world. Though we have 5,000+ workers in more than 110 countries, we have one thing in common – we love Jesus and we want others to have the opportunity to hear about Him.

Through Bible studies, teaching students, building businesses, relief and development work, the creative arts and much, much more – by all means possible, we partner with the local church to tell people how our lives have been changed and how they too can meet Jesus!

We are a collective of people who don't fit a mould, who don't sit still, and who love the adventure of serving Jesus. We live in the remote corners and the city-centres. We feed the hungry and heal the sick.

Our work focuses on six spheres that we believe generate vibrant community: Arts & Entertainment, Business, Church, Education, Media, and Social. As we engage in each of these spheres, we identify specific ways we can build up local communities. So, whether we're working as editors or artists, caterers or coaches, mechanics or musicians, we're building up the communities where we live and serving our new friends in ways that lead to lasting transformation.

*Richard Odell, World Mission Secretary*

# *Our Creative Faith*

## *- a month of readings and reflections*

In August, many of our usual church groups and activities take a break and often we're all busy coming and going: here in Ashbourne for a week or two or off to friends, family or for our own holidays. Sometimes it feels a bit like it's easy to lose touch with each other.

This August, the idea is that as we do all those summer things – some fun, some with responsibilities; some of us in Ashbourne and some of us away – we can also share in reflections on Biblical passages.

Wherever we are, we can all join in working our way through a short devotional reading each day, knowing that our church family is doing likewise - and we're hoping that it will bring us closer together as we reflect on scripture together and appreciate one another's thoughts and prayers.

Of course, you can use the booklet at any other time you'd like – it is not dated and can be used at any time of year.

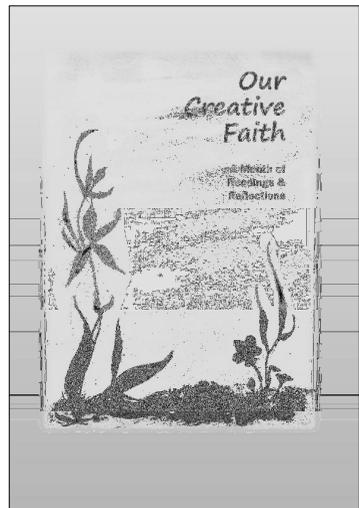
The theme we have chosen is 'Creativity' – a wide subject covering many different aspects of change, newness and renewal – with readings taken from throughout the Bible - from the first chapter of Genesis to chapter 21 of Revelation.

The booklets are now available at Ashbourne, for a suggested donation of £2.50 - £3.00 to cover the printing costs. If there is any surplus, this will go to The Link Development Project.

If you're not able to collect a booklet from Ashbourne, please let us know so we can make sure you receive one. Contact Wendy Haslam (345560) or Stuart Green (300338).

And finally, thank you to everyone who has contributed to the booklet. It is wonderful to read the reflections of such a wide range of people from our fellowship.

*Fiona Green, Wendy Haslam, Stuart Green*





## **Methodist Women in Britain**

### **District Summer Special Event – Wednesday 10 July**

At Home with Gill and Sue - This event will be held at the home of Gill Stamp at 65 Glasshouse Hill, Codnor, DE5 9QS, from 11 am – 3 pm. You are invited to drop in anytime for light lunch and cakes and a relaxing time of fellowship. No need to book, but a quick text/call to Gill 07484 132641 or Sue 07800 892721 would help with catering. Donations if desired to President's charity: Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum. All welcome!

### **Circuit AGM and Supper Evening**

This event will be held on Monday 15 July at Brailsford commencing at 7pm. The AGM will be held first followed by Supper. The menu will be ham salad and rolls followed by trifle. Our after-dinner speaker will be David Bale on Mambabu. Tickets (limited) are now available from Alma price £5.00. The proceeds from the evening will go to Mambabu. Do come along to enjoy food, fellowship and an interesting presentation.



**Englesea Brook  
Chapel & Museum**

The Tuesday Morning Housegroup are planning a visit to this Chapel and Museum on Friday 2 August. It is anticipated that we will leave at approximately 9.30 am. There is a small café for drinks, scones and cakes. We will be shown round the Chapel and Museum. We are taking a packed lunch to enjoy fellowship and the surroundings before coming back. Is anyone interested in joining us? If so, please let me know (343751)  
*Alma Swan*

### **Annual Church Meeting - change of date!**

This will now be held on Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm - hear about church activities, progress with the Link project and Plan for Growth, ask questions about any aspect of church life.

Church office holders will be elected for 2019-20. Do speak to Rev Tim Morris or Robert Sales if you feel you could fill a vacancy.

Everyone is welcome at the meeting, but only church members are entitled to vote. Please come!

## News from Kirk Ireton

It was lovely to see so many people in our little chapel on March 9th for our wonderful coffee morning to remember Sister Merle, when her nephew and niece both joined many visitors.

We quietly get on and welcome our preacher to the monthly services.

In June, the village held its annual Wakes parade on Pentecost Sunday. The rain tried very hard to mar the walk as we set off from the Barley Mow, but did not succeed by the time we reached the Methodist Chapel. The sun came out to welcome Rev Tim Morris as he reminded us about the history of both the old chapel facing us and the new one, having previously been the school, and of the wonderful work Sister Merle did for our village.



The parade continued with the Darley Dale Band leading us on to the village hall and Holy Trinity Church, where Canon David Truby spoke.

Thank you Tim for giving us your time on what was a very busy day for you.

*Jo Coleman*

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## Methodist Diary 2020

The hard-back Methodist Diary gives you the essential information you need whenever and wherever you need it. Contents include: Diary 2020 - One week per view, starts each Sunday with extra space for notes; Diary 2021 - Jan-Jun: two weeks per view, Jul-Dec: two months per view; 2020-2025 Christian calendar dates.

The colour options are grey, raspberry & teal blue. The interleaved edition includes an extra blank page between each week for notes. The cost is £11 for the interleaved version and £7 without the extra pages.

If you would like to order a copy please contact Carole Thorpe on 346535, cethorpe@hotmail.com or at 12 Cavendish Drive, Ashbourne, DE6 1SR.

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## Summer Circuit Event

Just a reminder that we will be holding a Summer Circuit Event at the Brailsford Institute on Sunday 14th July.

The Institute will be open from 2.30 pm with activities planned for all those who wish to take part. There is no obligation to join in with these if you just want to sit and chat.

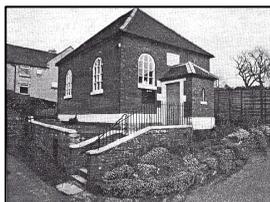
Jane and David Baker are planning a local walk around Brailsford at 3.00pm (non-strenuous). There will also be activities for the children.

The Barbecue will be from 4.30pm followed by a time of Worship at 6.00pm. We shall need to collect the number of people coming for catering purposes, so please sign up on the list on your notice board or speak to Elizabeth Hurfurt or Ken McKeown.

Please feel free to join us at any time during the afternoon to make this a great time of fellowship.

*Circuit Leadership Team*

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### **KNIVETON METHODIST CHAPEL**

warmly invite you to our

### **CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY**

Sunday July 28th at 11.00am

**Preacher: Mr John Turner**

All are welcome, refreshments served after the service

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MHA is currently looking for volunteer support within the fundraising department. They would like someone to assist with data entry and general administration.

This could suit someone looking for work experience or someone retired and wanting to stay active. They are looking for a commitment of not less than three hours per week.

For further details contact Mark Lewis, Faith Communities Manager:  
[Mark.Lewis@mha.org.uk](mailto:Mark.Lewis@mha.org.uk) Tel: 01332 221843

## **A tribute to Stuart Mustow by the Wednesday Housegroup**

There are so many things that can be said about Stuart I'm sure we could easily fill Connections! The following is a compilation of memories written by the Wednesday Housegroup which Stuart led for more than a decade.

### **Margaret Wright writes:**

I wouldn't know where to start where Stuart is concerned! He led the home group for many years before handing to over to Ken and Margaret Sharples. One memory that always sticks in my mind is the way he said, "that's all good stuff" after someone had made a contribution - usually when he was sitting on the floor. He somehow made the group into a very happy and contented group of people and nobody felt intimidated to voice their opinions. Bless him.

### **Rosemary Webb adds to this:**

I always found Stuart incredibly approachable - he never made anyone feel stupid. Given all his achievements he could have been very different. While he was homegroup leader, on several occasions I observed him being quite aggressively challenged by another individual, but he was always extremely gracious in return. And of course, he always had that lovely twinkle in his eye and so you knew he was about to pull someone's leg!

### **Eric Williams recalls:**

Stuart had a mischievous side and had great rapport with members of the Housegroup, he gave most of them nicknames or at least would pronounce their names as tongue twisters, quite often I would be greeted with a shout of "Good Morning Enricio" as he passed our gate on his way to fetch his daily paper, which of course was even more effective if I had my back to him! Most amusing was his greeting to Arthur Watts who Stuart would always address as "What Ho!"

### **Liz Maudsley adds:**

So much has already been said of his warmth, passion, mischievousness, encouragement and generosity, wisdom, his nick names for everyone, that I don't have much more to add. But in my mind's eye I can still see him, in the early days of the Housegroup, sitting on the floor, always willing to give up his seat, and from that humble position his words seem to have greater impact.

Also, he was never afraid to just break into prayer or song (a vivid memory is of him singing hymns with gusto whilst washing up in Cornerstone) and his prayer for every individual was that God would 'Put His hand on them for good'.

Everything seemed more energised when Stuart was around. I believe he lived the spirit life, he feared God, loved Jesus and walked closely with the Holy Spirit. I feel amazingly blessed and privileged to have had my life touched by him. I will never forget him.

**Jenny Williams remembers:**

During Housegroup meetings Sigrid was quite often a target as Stuart made some remark or other, but he was always on thin ice and Sigrid knew exactly how to react, or should I say deal with him, to the great amusement of the Housegroup. A couple of years ago it fell upon Eric and I to lead our Housegroup, it was made much easier with the help guidance and continuing support of Stuart. I will greatly miss his friendly face beaming through the glass at our back door as he rang the bell, (Of course everyone else was coming in through the front door!)

**Mr Chris Morris writes:**

Stuart was one of those special people who always made you feel great having met up with them. I appreciated his deep faith, sound Bible exposition and knowledge, but at the same time he was a warm human being, with a great welcoming 'Hello, Mr Chris, lovely to see you – put it there brother' (hand shake).

Behind the loud bravado was a great humility, and I admired the way he understood and related to all generations and was up to date with so much thinking. He never seemed like an old man. One of those most important influences in my life – for certain.

Stuart had a big personality and an astounding faith, he touched our lives has left us with a wealth of happy memories and cherished moments. His legacy will always be with us.

So, on behalf of our Housegroup and Church congregation, we say goodbye to Stuart in the way he always finished his sermons:

“And all the people said AMEN”

*Eric & Jenny Williams.*

## **The Stuart Mustow**

### **I will remember**

I learned a lot on Monday 17th June at the thanksgiving service for Stuart's life, indeed, I was taking notes to add to this valediction, and in doing so was scribbling so many notes on a piece of paper, and as there was so much, I eventually could not keep track and gave up!

What I noted was, "love of family", "firstly his beloved wife Sigrid, (that must have been some chocolate cake Sigrid!), children, grandchildren, and of friends", "humour", "faith" "positivity", "ribald comments", "surveyor" "civil engineer", "Birmingham Airport", "music", "honours", "concrete", to name but a few. So many items, almost as varied and complex as the Gravelly Interchange, (Spaghetti Junction to you and me!) that I believe, from past comments, he had more than a hand in.

While listening to the tributes paid to Stuart from family, friends and Ed Cox, who spoke more of Stuart's rock hard belief in his faith, I could only think of a few things from times past and thought of the blessings I had, as a preacher, and as part of the fellowship of a house group that I was a partaker at the home of the Staniforths, when one could sit, listen and soak up the tremendous theology that came out from such great people at such meetings, and/or services.

For while Stuart's faith was deep and well founded, I never once heard or saw him in any way want to keep it hidden under, to use the old Bible word, "a bushel", but he was more than willing - no, not just willing but eager and passionate - to share it with all those who came into contact with him and all those around him, of whatever age, of whatever stage in their journey of faith.

If one wanted a mentor on the road of faith to show the way, there was no one more eager to put out his hand and offer whatever help was needed than Stuart Mustow - yes, the Stuart Mustow that I will always remember!



I can imagine Stuart as one of Gideon's band in Judges Ch 7, after smashing the jars, raising the torch, and he being the loudest to cry,

"For the Lord and Gideon!"

But above all, Stuart was a man of, and for, the Lord Jesus, as his Lord and Saviour. The Lord was truly written on his heart and his soul. With all the passion, all the faith and belief Stuart had, he believed the words in John 20 v.30-31:

"Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing, you may have life in his name!"

I end with words that, yes, I have said before when parting from one of the faith, but for Stuart I make no apology for repeating them now!

"Farewell old friend, until we meet again, for I am assured by your faith we will, indeed, meet again!"

*Tom Parkinson*

### **Extracts from an obituary of past president Stuart Mustow published by the Institution of Civil Engineers:**

He stumbled upon engineering as a career after a neighbour and friend, Phillip Newby, who worked in local government, told him it was possible to get engineering apprenticeships with some authorities including time at college. That advice led to him becoming an Engineering Learner at Oldbury Borough. This ultimately resulted in a BSc from Aston University and Associate Membership of the ICE by age 27. The rest of his career was spent working in local government, including stretches as deputy borough engineer at Wolverhampton, city engineer at Stoke on Trent before becoming County Surveyor at the newly-created West Midlands County Council in 1974, a role he kept until the combined authority was abolished by then prime minister Margaret Thatcher in 1986.

The authority had sweeping powers running regional services such as transport and emergency services from Coventry to Wolverhampton as well as acting as government agent for the M5 and M6 motorways and owning and operating the rapidly expanding Birmingham Airport.

This included designing and project managing construction of a new main terminal on a new site that provided links to the West Coast Main Line railway and the NEC exhibition centre. The terminal opened by the Queen in May 1984.

But it was his actions following discovery of defective concrete in bridge beams at St Chad's Circus and eight other locations on the Birmingham Inner Ring Road for which he is most known. In July 1978 Mustow recommended that the responsibility for maintenance of the road be taken from Birmingham City Council and given to WMCC, a measure approved by the Department of the Environment and seen as a loss of face for Birmingham Council.

Upon abolition of WMCC, he retired from local authority work at this point to become a consulting engineer with Atkins. He also appeared on radio and television programmes and in satirical magazine Private Eye.

In 1990 he was invited to become a succeeding vice president of the ICE, an invitation he described as entirely unexpected, but one that proved to be the start of a very worthwhile conclusion to much of his career. He was given the role of foreign affairs VP at a time when the Institution was involved in a great deal of work on natural disasters and their implications and in his time a valuable report on mitigation was published and well received.

He became President in November 1993 where he made steps to secure greater recognition of the role of the civil engineer in society and made changes to the ICE's annual report such that it made reference to an annual survey of the attitudes of its members.

*Written by Mark Hansford, contributed by Stephanie Cole*

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## **Ashbourne Show Saturday 17th August**

The Circuit's stall at the Ashbourne Show is part of our outreach & witness to the community. Are you able to help serve tea and coffee or just to chat with people? Lots of help is needed to set up, assist during the day & dismantle at the end.



Please contact Carole Thorpe on [cethorpe@hotmail.com](mailto:cethorpe@hotmail.com) or 346535 if you are able to help.

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## Award for Jonathan Baker

On Thursday June 20th we were very privileged to be invited to Derby Cathedral to the service of Church School Awards. To share in this service with David, Jane, Jonathan and Sophie Baker was very enjoyable, and to see Jonathan get one of the awards was very moving.

He had been put forward by his teacher from Brailsford Church of England School for being a shining example of hope for all. Throughout his many difficulties, he has always been very determined, showing much aspiration whatever he has gone through. He has achieved so much at school and also at Brailsford Methodist Chapel with his musical talent.

The new Bishop of Derby, the Rt Revd Libby Lane, gave out these awards to eight other children, all very worthy winners, and she spoke about having hope and how all these children had been very inspiring in different ways.

This September Jonathan starts his new school, Anthony Gell at Wirksworth, and we know he will approach this with his most lovely smile and greeting he has for everyone.

One of my favourite hymns I sang as a girl was: *Jesus wants me for a sunbeam*. And Jonathan, that's just what you are - a lovely sunbeam, that shines for so many people.

*Thank you from Chris and John Dakin*



Our church's ministry continues to grow and develop, and we rejoice in the many gifts that people use to fulfil God's work. People give their time generously in doing the work and in praying for it.

Jennie Ferry will shortly be stepping down from the Church's Leadership team and we are very grateful for the work she has done. She intends to become a Worship Steward, and we thank for her ongoing commitment.

If you're new to the church, there are lots of ways you can get involved in our mission and ministry. We realise that you might not always know who to speak to, so please feel free to have a chat with Rev Tim or Robert Sales.

We have a few roles that we are currently looking to fill. If you're interested in finding out more about any role, please have a chat with the named contact – with no obligation or pressure.

### **The Cornerstone Coffee Shop**

More volunteers to work in the coffee shop are always welcome. There are a range of roles including washing up, making drinks, serving customers, preparing sandwiches or making cakes.

Feel free to talk to Pat Fielding (345695) or Joy Watts (342542).

### **Leadership Stewards**

We have a team of Leadership Stewards who act on the decisions and policies of the Church Council, share the vision of the church and seek to involve others in the realisation of that vision. We pray for the work of our Church and meet regularly to review progress and plan future work.

We are currently looking for a Leadership Steward for Youth. This role will involve being a source of support for activities for children & young people and being a contact for Safeguarding in relation to youth activities.

We are also looking for a Leadership Steward for Resources, who will work alongside the Resources Team. This team has oversight of our finances, our property and most importantly the people who give their time to work for our church.

To find out more, please speak to Robert Sales (342321).

## **Worship Stewards**

We have a good group of worship stewards, but would like to find one more to join the team. Working on a rota basis, you would help to make sure everything runs smoothly at our worship services.

For more info, speak to Robert Sales (342321).

## ***Ashbourne Soapbox Race “On a Wing and a Prayer”***

Our church has got a place in the first Ashbourne Soapbox Race, which will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 8th September. About 70 soapboxes will take part, racing down the market place and along St John Street to finish under the Green Man sign.

The theme for our soapbox is “On a Wing and a Prayer” and work is underway on the preparations for the race.

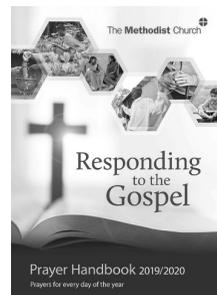
It would be wonderful for as many people as possible from the church to come and support us on the day. As a church, we are very active in our local community, and this is a new event where we can engage with people in a different way from normal.

If you would like to be involved in building the soapbox or in designing fancy dress costumes, please get in touch with Stuart Green on 01335 300338.

Keep an eye on the weekly notice sheet for more details as we have them.

## **“Responding to the Gospel” Methodist Prayer Handbook 2019-20**

An order for copies of the Methodist Prayer Handbook will soon be sent off. This resource will help you with your prayer life and the cost is about £3.50. If you would like a copy, please contact Carole Thorpe on 346535, cethorpe@hotmail.com or at 12 Cavendish Drive, Ashbourne DE6 1SR.





*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*

**ACT monthly prayer meetings, open to all, will be held at venues in and around Ashbourne as follows:**

- Wednesday 7th August at 12 noon – Ashbourne Methodist church
- Thursday 5th September at 7.00 pm – Tissington Chapel
- Wednesday 2 October at 12 noon – The Empire Club, followed by a soup and roll lunch

We look forward to joining together in prayer for 2019, seeking God's will for Ashbourne and the surrounding villages. *Brian Hawkins*

### **Father John Guest's Retirement Party**

Saturday 7th September 2.00–5.00pm

Ashbourne Elim Church, Waterside Retail Park, DE6 1DE

All those who are friends and would like to come along are welcome.

Please let me know by 31st July if you are able to join us so we can

organise the catering. Kevin Hurst, [hurst122@sky.com](mailto:hurst122@sky.com),

Tel: 01335 348795 17 Taylor Court, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 1BZ

*If you would like to contribute towards a shared gift for Fr John please send a cheque made payable to PJ Guest c/o the above address.*

### **From the Editors**

We have survived the first year! We are grateful for all your contributions which have made this possible.

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

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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 July 7th

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev Crispian Acher	MHA
	18:30	Praise – Rev Chris Briggs	in Century Hall
Brailsford	10:30	Rev Tim Morris	United Service at Methodist, Communion
Parwich	14:30	Ann Parkinson	United Service, Church Anniversary

### Sunday July 14th

Ashbourne	9:15	Café style	in Century Hall
	10:30	Rev Tim Morris	
	18:00	<b>At Brailsford</b>	
Brailsford	18:00	<b>Circuit Service</b>	<b>Brailsford Institute</b>
Kniveton	18:00	<b>At Brailsford</b>	

### Sunday July 21st

Ashbourne	10:30	Paul Taylor	
	18:30	Praise – Jeff Ffoulkes	in Century Hall
Brailsford	10:30	Rev Mark Broadhurst	All Age
Parwich	10:00	C of E	United Service
Tissington	10:30	Robert Sales	

### Sunday July 28th

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev David Leese	Communion
	18:30	John Dyster	
Brailsford	10:30	Ruth Barratt	
Kirk Ireton	18:30	Graham Penny	Chapel Anniversary
Kniveton	11:00	John Turner	Chapel Anniversary

### Sunday August 4th

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev Tim Morris	
	18:30	Praise – Lorraine Hawkins	in Century Hall
Brailsford	10:30	Sue Leese	United Service at Methodist
Parwich	14:30	Robert Sales	United Service

### Sunday August 11th

Ashbourne	9:15	Café style	in Century Hall
	10:30	Tom Parkinson	
	18:30	Rev Tim Morris	Communion
Brailsford	10:30	Rev Tim Morris	
Kniveton	14:30	Peter Dawson	

## Ashbourne Circuit Church Services (continued)

### Sunday August 18th

Ashbourne	10:30	Ruth Barratt	
	18:30	Praise – Gareth Rutledge	in Century Hall
Brailsford	10:30	Steve Haines	All Age
Parwich	10:00	Rev Tim Morris	United Service
Tissington	10:30	John Dyster	Chapel Anniversary

### Sunday August 25th

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev Tim Morris	Communion
	18:30	Ann Parkinson	
Brailsford	10:30	Peter Dawson	
Kirk Ireton	18:30	Rev Tim Morris	
Kniveton	11:00	Tom Parkinson	

### Sunday September 1st

Ashbourne	10:30		
	18:30	Praise	in Century Hall
Brailsford	10:30	Lorraine Hawkins	United Service at Methodist
Parwich	14:30		United Service

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

## Dates for your diary and your prayers

### July

Wed 10th	11-3	MWiB District Day at Codnor
Thu 11th	19:30	Relationship talk- Nuthall Methodist Church
Sun 14th	14:30	Circuit Fellowship Event at Brailsford Institute with
	16:30	Barbeque (please book a place)
	18:00	Followed by worship
Mon 15th	19:00	MWiB AGM and supper at Brailsford
Tue 16th	19:30	Relationship talk- Langans, Burton on Trent
Wed 17th	19:30	Ashbourne Annual Church Meeting

### August

Fri 2nd	9:30	Outing to Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum
Wed 7th	noon	ACT Prayer Meeting at Ashbourne Methodist
	19:00	Milldale Summer Service – Lorraine Hawkins
Sat 17th	9:00	Ashbourne Show

### September

Thu 5th	19:00	ACT Prayer Meeting at Tissington Methodist
Sat 21st	10:00	District Synod at Riverside Church

### **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>
	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 &amp; Paul Taylor (342897)</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)*



**Open the Book story of Jeremiah down the well, at Ilam on 5th June**



**Rhythm of Life Concert on 8th June (see page 5)**