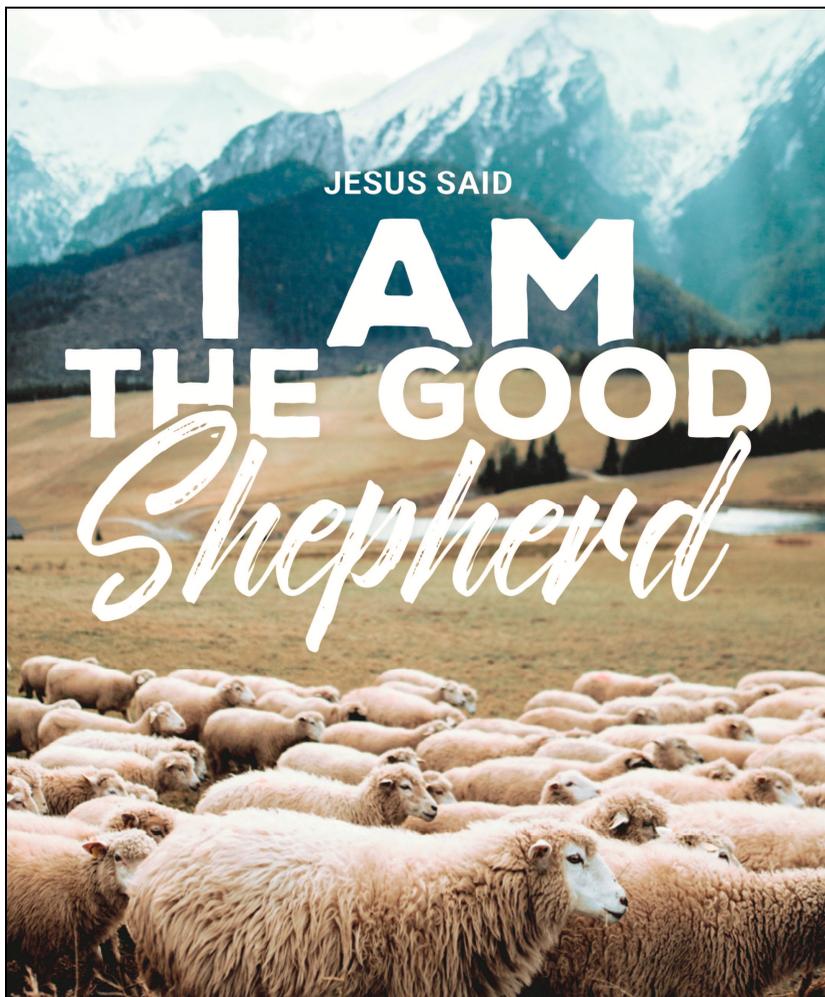


# Connections



Ashbourne Methodist Circuit  
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## Letter from the Minister

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Dear Friends,

### “God in Love Unites Us”

The Methodist Church in Britain is part way through a consultation called ‘God in love unites us’, a report for



study and consultation on which all District Synods have been asked to vote this spring. The outcome will approve, disapprove, or approve with amendments some of the key resolutions of the Conference, namely:

- that the Conference adopts the understanding of the principles of good relating contained in the report
- that the Conference adopts the understanding of cohabitation contained in the report
- that the Conference adopts the Guidance on the Understanding of Marriage contained in the report and directs its inclusion in CPD
- that the Conference consents to the marriage of same-sex couples
- that the Conference amends the Standing Orders in the light of these decisions

The full text of the Report, the Study Guide and a helpful précis can be found in our churches. Details of our local consultations can be found in this edition of Connections (page 5). As we pray with and for one another during this process, we accept that we cannot always agree, but seek to witness to our unity as we live with contradictory convictions.

This debate is not just taking place within the Methodist Church in Britain. Both our ecumenical partners and our Methodist brothers and sisters overseas are also wrestling with these issues.

As the Secretary of Conference says: “These are difficult and for some painful times. However, we remain united in prayer for one another, convinced that there is more that holds us together than causes us to differ, and confident that by the guidance of the Holy Spirit we can find a way (both in Britain and throughout the world) to live together as a Methodist family rejoicing in our common Wesleyan heritage”.

Whatever your opinion, I hope you will feel enabled and empowered to share in the conversations.

Your minister and friend,



## **Ashbourne Church Family News**

At the beginning of a New Year we can be reminded of Jesus' reply to the Pharisee; 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

*Matthew 22 v.37-39*

We extend our love and prayers to Jane Bowley on the loss of her mother, to the Phillipson family on the death of Mary and to the Maddock family on the death of Nerida. There are a number in the church suffering from the loss of a loved one. Phone calls and visits are welcome, especially as days seem short and nights seem long in these winter months.

We pray for those who are not well and for those who care; Carole Thorpe, Tony Adlam who is Carole's dad, Ann Overton, David Franklin, Betty Hadley, Sally Wall, Barbara and David Hollands, and Jenny Waring. Over the last couple of months a number have been under the weather but are recovering, and we are thankful for that. Many are on regular medication, some are waiting for tests, results and appointments, and others of us just keep going. But we can all be thankful to God for the care we receive, and His love to us, and for the NHS and those who work in it. We keep praying for those we know who need prayer, because we believe that God will make a difference in their lives and bring his peace.

Ruth, Joy and Christian Mallard were thankful for prayer on their visit to Kolkata and you can read more about that in Ruth's article (see page 7).

Some of our young people have been doing mock exams and we remember them as they head this summer towards: A levels for Beth Peers; and for Molly Dawson studying Child Care in Derby. Thomas Haines and Jacob Morris take GCSEs in the summer. Let's support them all in prayer.

Over the last few months we have been glad to welcome to church Nigel Smith, David Clark and Ann Payne, Tricia Barclay, Barbara Phelan and Cath and Alan Patterson. Please do make yourself known to the people you may not recognise. It is a big challenge for new people to learn so many names from the sea of faces!

Prayer continues 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 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 15.01.20*

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## **Pastoral Carers – Advance notice**

I have been able to arrange a June Open Meeting for Tuesday 23 June. This will commence with a shared meal at 7.00pm and will be followed by a talk/discussion by Rebecca Byass, District Wellbeing Officer, Nottingham & Derby Methodist District.

She is entitling her talk “The Ultimate Why - Exploring our hopes for pastoral care in church” and will focus on how we can better understand the needs of each other as we are all so different.

Please make a note of the date and time.

*Joyce Odell*

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## **Coffee Morning**

There will be a Coffee Morning at Kirk Ireton Methodist Chapel, Coffin Lane, Kirk Ireton DE6 3JW on Saturday 7th March – 10am-12noon

All are welcome!



## **“God in Love Unites Us”**

Tim’s letter this month is about the report considered last July by the Methodist Conference, regarding “Marriage and Relationships” (see page 2).

The Ashbourne Circuit has arranged two meetings to consider and discuss these proposals, as follows:

- Saturday 1st February, 10.00am - 12.30pm at Ashbourne
- Wednesday 12th February, 7.00pm - 9.30pm at Brailsford

The two meetings will be organised on the same lines and cover the same ground. The idea of holding two meetings is to give everyone who wishes to do so the opportunity to be involved. The Brailsford meeting is intended principally for chapels other than Ashbourne, but both meetings are open to all who find the time and place convenient.

Each meeting will start with an introduction which will outline the background to the Conference report: “God in Love Unites Us”.

For each part of the report there will be a brief introduction, outlining its content and the issues arising, and then discussion in small groups, with a number of questions to be considered. Each group will have a facilitator to guide the discussion and take a few notes.

### **Feedback**

At the end of the meeting, each participant will be given a feedback sheet on which to record their reactions. It is not intended these should be filled in immediately, rather that they should be taken away and considered prayerfully, and then returned later.

A summary of these views will be given to members of the Circuit who will attend the District Synod when it meets on Saturday 25th April.

### **Documents**

Before the meetings take place, those who wish to take part might find it helpful to look at the materials which are available. Copies of the document to which Tim refers have been circulated to all our chapels. If you have difficulty in obtaining them, please let us know: ([dysters@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dysters@tiscali.co.uk) or 344086).

*Rev Tim Morris, Elizabeth Hurfurt, Helen Barker, John Dyster*



## Methodist Women in Britain

### Advent Displays

A Big Thank You to all those who helped in any way with the Advent Displays. The postcards were all superb and the Church looked magnificent. We entertained over 100 nursery/school children who all had a wonderful time looking round and learning the Christmas story, enjoying story time and taking part in activities. We could not have done it without you! Thank you very much indeed!

### Willersley Week – 23-26 March

You are invited to come and take part in a Day of Fellowship at Willersley Castle on one of the days from 23-26 March. The day commences at 10.30 am (Coffee from 10 am) and closes at approximately 3.45 pm. This year the leader will be Mrs Anne Browse, former Connexional President. The cost for the day is £17.50 which includes coffee, lunch and conference expenses. It is always a very good day. If you would like to go, please let me know as soon as possible and on which day you would like to go.

### Date for your Diary

Monday 16 March Supper Evening in the Century Hall – Speaker – Cathy Stubbs on her work in prisons.

*Alma Swan (347586)*

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### Shoe Boxes

Thank you to everyone who has given us donations or filled a shoe box for us over many years.

Unfortunately due to many changes in our personal lives and changes with Operation Christmas Child, we are not doing any more shoe boxes. However we are hoping to support another charity at Christmas time in the future.

For this last Christmas, we managed to send 163 boxes from church, 78 from QEGS school and 24 from Manifold Academy, plus £810 for the transport, so a good effort all round.

*Shoe Box Team*

**From Ruth...**

Your prayers have been appreciated for our visit to Kolkata this Christmastime. We have stayed safe and well and reconnected with people we have met previously, and the bond with the young people at the hospice is stronger too. They were so excited to know Joy and Christian were coming back. The sense of “family”, enduring prayer and personal connection was emphasised by the co-ordinator.

Gifts to support the work are valued and immensely helpful but knowing the church family in another place cares and prays is the foundation. It would be good to extend the prayer support and if anyone or a home group is interested in being a prayer supporter please contact me and I will provide information to assist.

It is a long way to go to Kolkata and costs a lot of money. We all learnt such a lot from each other. New experiences and challenges in our faith journeys are important even if a bit daunting at times! It is great to know wherever we are God calls us and uses us if we listen and follow.

Maybe this message of thanks from someone at the Cathedral Relief Service will put the visit into context:

“Dearest Ruth, Joy and Christian,

Thank you very much for sharing your time and your selves from the 19th -29th. For all of us here it was a blessed experience. I hope it remains as a lasting sense of well-being to all of us. Thank you immensely. We will pray for you and all the meaningful plans for the future. We are having rains now and the temperature in Kolkata is dipping each day. It must be freezing at your end.

Every blessing to all of you and a great New Year”

*Ruth Mallard*

**...and from Joy:**

I went to Kolkata in India on the 18th December (at 4:30am!) with my Mum and brother. We ran an educational Christmas holiday club programme for the children at the Sneyakunja Children's Home at the Arunima Hospice. These children have been affected by HIV/AIDS.

Due to the massive stigma of HIV/AIDS, they have often missed out on education, as they haven't always been allowed to go to school and experience lots of other things children should have access to. This children's home and hospice is run on donations as the government funding has been cut.

We met the Bishop of Kolkata a few times and were updated with the way things are run and visions for the future.

We also visited other projects within the slums like Pally Mangal (women's empowerment). This teaches marginalised women skills such as sewing and beauty care so they can earn money, support their families and develop dignity. The building was a tiny one with only room for the women to sit down on the floor upstairs. It wasn't tall enough for standing. The ladies were crowded in and very proud to show us what they had learnt.

Nari Dana is another city centre project for women, which produces high quality hand crafted items, providing employment when the women have qualified from the sewing courses.

These projects are all set up and run by the CRS (Cathedral Relief Service). CRS promotes and supports empowerment, education and health. It provides social care provisions in the most deprived areas of the city and some nearby villages.

Thank you to all who have been interested in our trip and the donations and support. It has been much appreciated.

If you want to hear more about the trip or see some pictures please let me know.

*Joy Mallard*

## **Coffee Morning**

in aid of the Arunima Hospice and  
CRS (Cathedral Relief Service – social project work) in Kolkata, India.

Saturday 29th February 10.00 am to midday  
at 38 St. Oswald Crescent, Ashbourne, DE6 1FS.

Bring and Buy stall – cakes, plants, jam, unwanted gifts etc. welcome.

Ruth, Joy and Christian will be happy to see you and serve you with coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cold drinks plus cake and biscuits.



## **The Final Day**

The watery sun tries valiantly to shine through stubborn cloud,  
With hands outstretched in supplication he stands before the crowd.

They gaze in awe at the figure there and each in their own thought,  
Some pray, some stroll around, some cry at the feelings he has wrought.

His wings, his head and body glint and colours splatter his frame,  
A monument for hope and change from violence and crime.

Invoking peace, dispelling hate, love drips from his gentle hands,  
Built from surrendered weapons, the awesome Knife Angel stands.

*I wrote this poem on the final day of the Knife Angel in Derby  
Sally Hamer 29.10.2019*

This spectacular 27 feet high sculpture is made from around 100,000 bladed weapons collected in knife amnesties during police surrenders across the country. Relatives of those killed by knife crime were invited to engrave the blades with names and messages for their loved ones as part of the sculpture.

The Knife Angel has visited many cities in the UK and was at Derby Cathedral throughout most of October.

Are you **passionate** about **people** & **planet** ?

The **Ashbourne One World Group** exists to raise awareness of world development issues by organising events and talks. We're part of Ashbourne Churches Together and, since we started in 1984, we've been organised a huge number of events:

- We were part of the successful Jubilee 2000 campaign for the cancellation of third world debt, which ultimately led to rich countries promising to write off US\$110bn of debt.
- 2004 saw llamas in Ashbourne town centre as people had the chance to walk with the llamas as well as find out more about South America!
- In 1986, our "Talking World" helped explain living conditions for people around the world.
- In 2019, we brought Phosphoros Theatre Company to Ashbourne to perform their hit play, "Pizza Shop Heroes", a show all about the experiences of child refugees.

Our plans for 2020 include Ashbourne's first "One World Festival", an exciting new event which will celebrate our links with the wider world, and an evening exploring whether we should be bothered about climate change.

The group also raises funds for Christian Aid through our cake stall at the Tissington Well Dressings, and have raised over £50,000 for the charity since 1984. Our cake stall this year will be on 21-25th May.

**We really need your help!**

We are looking for people to get involved in the group – we're very friendly and we meet 3-4 times a year to plan our events.

Most urgently, we need help with Tissington Well Dressings as John & Liz Hurfurt will be stepping down from coordinating the cakes. We need someone who's available during the Well Dressings to take delivery of cakes and make sure we have enough cakes each day from our team of willing bakers (you don't need to do any baking yourself).

If you think you might be interested, please contact *Stuart Green* on 01335 300338 or [stuart@greenofashbourne.plus.com](mailto:stuart@greenofashbourne.plus.com)

## Asylum Seekers in Derbyshire

Those seeking asylum in the UK have experienced untold horrors in their home countries, fled their homes and travelled with great difficulty across the world to find safety here.

Host Derby provides temporary accommodation with volunteer hosts in their own homes, offering a lifeline for vulnerable individuals. Hosts are supported to welcome an individual in their home, from a few days to a few months. Guests are supported to access the right help and move on with their lives. All hosts receive training and are matched with the right person who needs their support. Each host family can decide how long they host people for, and how often they take a new guest.

Host Derby is run by Upbeat Communities, in partnership with The British Red Cross, Derby Refugee Advice Centre, Metropolitan Housing, Derby City Mission and Derby City of Sanctuary.

If you have space in your home and would like more information about whether this is something you could help with, we'd like to invite you to meet with Delphis from Host Derby on Wednesday 5th February at 7.00pm in The Cornerstone.

This has been arranged by the **Ashbourne One World Group** (part of Ashbourne Churches Together) who have been working with Upbeat Communities to help support the refugee families who are living in Ashbourne.

*Catherine Green*

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

*Matthew 25:34-40 NRSV*

## Christmas Angels 2019

Some months ago, Craft & Chat decided to do Christmas Angels for a third and – for now! – final time in December 2020.

We were joined by lots of other people, including Ashbourne Churches Together, knitters from St Oswald's, from WI and of course people from our own church. (And yes, some people did crochet angels too!) The grand total was 1289 angels – all done to the same pattern but often turning out very individually and in different sizes.



A few days before putting the angels out in the town we held an 'Angels Blessing Service' led by Rev Maggie Rode. People from different contributing groups spoke very movingly about what knitting the angels has meant to them. One clear thread was that what often starts as a way to 'keep busy' whilst the telly

is on, often becomes much more meaningful and you begin to feel part of something bigger that God can use. People who took their knitting on holiday found that it opened up conversations with strangers about the knitting and the love and faith it seeks to share.

We woke up to heavy rain on the morning planned for putting out the angels. But we all duly turned up at the Cornerstone ('Angels HQ' for the morning!) and after tea and toast the rain had stopped. A whole range of people interacted with us and with the angels and many were just overwhelmed by it. There was a carer who took an angel for those they would see that day. Another was a paramedic who would put their angel in their cab when they were on duty over Christmas. One person was so desperate for an angel that they drove down to town in their pyjamas!

But overall we just prayed the angels on their way to homes where there would now be a visible symbol of God's love at Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who has encouraged us, prayed for the outreach, knitted, crocheted, tagged, made cups of tea – we couldn't do it without you!

*Clare Sales and Fiona Green*

## **ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE!**

*We often enjoy singing lustily the chorus to Singing the Faith no.409: "Let us build a house where love can dwell". This welcome sign first seen at Coventry Cathedral (origin unknown) spells out in more detail what this might mean:*

### **Welcome!**

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, comfortable or dirt poor.

We extend a special welcome to wailing babies and excitable toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself.

You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing', just woken up, or just got out of prison.

We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a warm welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.

We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, and junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery and those who are still addicted.

We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps, or don't like organised religion.

We offer a welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell or are here because Granny is visiting and wanted to come to Church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither.

We welcome those who are sick in body or mind, and those who are sick at heart.

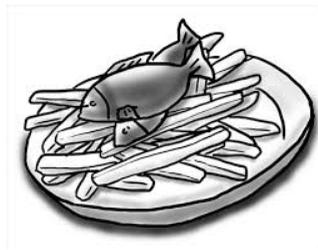
We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids, or got lost on the High Street and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters.... and YOU!

*Contributed by John Micklethwaite*

## **Fish & Chips Church**

We held our first Fish & Chips Church on the Monday between Christmas and the New Year. The idea was simple: do some quizzes and puzzles, do some worship and then wait for the fish & chips to arrive from the shop!



We thought perhaps 15 or 20 people might join us for a bit of fun when it's too cold to venture far outside.

We were overwhelmed and thrilled when in fact 43 people sat down to lunch in Century Hall. People were asked to book in advance which was a good decision because the chip shop had to order extra supplies to cater for us!

It turned out to be an all age occasion with guests from 9 to 90 - not all of them were people from our church, which was lovely (thank you to everyone who invited their friends to come along). We sang carols together, prayed, chatted and enjoyed the puzzles.

The fish & chips didn't arrive quite on time (traffic!) but were piping hot when they came. Suddenly the room became very quiet as we all tucked in with great enthusiasm! (see photo on the back cover)

Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day. Thank you too to everyone who came along and supported the new venture. It was great to share fellowship and food together. In answer to the question a lot of people asked - yes, we'd love to do it again and the date is Tuesday 18th February.

*Fiona Green and Helen Barker*

## **Fish & Chips Church**

### **Tuesday 18th February 11:30am–1:30pm**

Join us in the Century Hall for a sociable Fish & Chips lunch straight from the shop! Enjoy a chat, singing and a quiz in the 'dull grey days' of February.

£5 for your fish & chips and a piece of cake afterwards.  
Tea and coffee on arrival. All welcome!

It's fine to turn up on the day, but it would be useful to be able to let the shop know roughly how many portions we'll be ordering.

*Phone Helen Barker (300728) to book*

## The Cornerstone 'Clock'

From time to time on social media we see old photographs of the building which we now call The Cornerstone. The building has had a variety of uses over the years, Labour Exchange and Driving Test Centre being amongst them. At one time it was due for demolition but was saved by its Listed Building status.

Over the last 20 years it has been used as a coffee shop - and so we get to the 'Clock'. All we see of a clock is its hands and face, we see nothing of the springs and cogs that are essential to make the hands go around, and that is the same as The Cornerstone.



When you enter the coffee shop you are instantly aware of the counter and of the two people who welcome you in, the 'Hands and Face'. Your attention may be drawn to the noises going on behind them, of people working in the background, making sandwiches and washing up, some of the 'Cogs'.

But there are many more 'Cogs and Springs' that you don't see. Volunteers who fold napkins, those who make the cakes, people who clean and those who do the laundry, people who organise rotas and those who prepare the accounts, those who do the shopping and those who collect stock from the wholesalers. And it goes on.

All of these 'Cogs' come together to make The Cornerstone work like 'Clockwork'. It is my privilege to say a big 'Thank You' to you all for all you do, because without you the 'Clock' would not work.

We always need more 'Cogs' in The Cornerstone and if you feel you would like to help please get in touch with Pat Fielding (01335 345695) or Eric Williams (01335 346155).

*Eric Williams*



## Renewal and Rebellion

Faith, Economy and Climate

7 March 2020

The Riverside Centre, Derby

Our environment is in crisis, inequality is growing, and yet our economic system seems fixated on endless growth, while politics is paralysed and coarsened by division.

How do we need to change our political and economic assumptions in order to meet these challenges? How can we model new ways of living ourselves, and as churches? How does our hope in God's future empower us to live a hopeful, abundant life on a finite planet?

**The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT)** is made up of the Baptist Union, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, working together for peace and justice.

**Renewal and Rebellion: faith, economy and climate** is JPIT's 2020 national conference. It invites you to join in looking at the big challenges we all face – rethinking economic structures and taking radical steps towards climate justice, and how we can all act – in faith, for people and for planet.

### Speakers include:

Ed Miliband, MP and co-host of 'Reasons to be Cheerful' podcast

Katherine Trebeck, Wellbeing Economist

Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD

Anthony Reddie, Director of Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture

Ross Greer, Green MSP

Revd Lucy Berry, Poet-in-Residence

Sat 7th March 9:45am–4.00pm The Riverside Centre, Derby, DE24 8HY

Tickets £10.00 (unwaged free if booked before 7th March)

### More details from:

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/whats-new/conference2020>

## **GREEN BOX**

### **REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE - Single-use Plastic and Refills**

For a long time there has been much emphasis on Recycle, but we urgently need to come back to the first and most important part of the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle slogan - which is Reduce! This means changing the way we think and operate, but I feel we all need to make an effort. One of us won't make any difference, but millions of us will!

Single-use plastic may not seem a major part of the Climate Emergency to some, compared to fossil fuels, but it is certainly having a major impact on our oceans. Most of our plastic is sent abroad for recycling where they cannot cope with the volume. So we all have to find ways of not buying single-use plastic unless there really is no alternative.

One way is to take a container, plastic or otherwise, to be refilled - and there are a number of possibilities in Ashbourne.

**You can take a container of any size to be refilled at the following outlets:**

#### ***David Neill***

Washing-up liquid, All purpose cleaner, Laundry washing liquid and softener.

#### ***Natural Choice***

Wide variety of Herbs and Spices.

Washing-up liquid, Multi-surface cleaner, Floor cleaner, Bathroom cleaner, Bleach substitute, Laundry liquid and Softener. Shampoos, Conditioners, Body wash, Liquid hand soap.

#### ***The Cheddar Gorge***

Spices, Breakfast and Earl Grey teas, Coffee beans, Muesli, Penne, Chickpeas, Cannellini beans, Brown basmati rice, Self-raising white flour.

***Refills on the Road*** – a refill stall on the Thursday market.

Dried fruit, Nuts, Pasta and rice, Beans, grains and pulses, Cereals, Tea and coffee, Herbs and spices.

Household cleaners, Washing liquids, Soaps, Shampoos and Body wash.

*Pat Fielding*

## **Cheque fraud: Date your cheques “2020”**

How you date your cheques in 2020 could make you vulnerable to fraud.

That’s why some law enforcement agencies have warned consumers to include the full year - 2020 - when they take out their chequebooks and write a cheque. The same advice goes for other financial documents.

For example: when you write a cheque, you include the month, the day, and the year. You might abbreviate the date like this: “6/01/20.” That’s a short-hand way of writing “6th January, 2020.”

But here’s the problem: Fraudsters could easily change the year by adding two digits. For instance, the date “6/01/20” could be changed to “6/01/2021”.

The safer approach, according to the authorities, to dating the cheque would be to write out the full year “6/01/2020.” That way, fraudsters would have a harder time changing the year.

Is the risk of cheque-date fraud great? Probably not. But taking precautions now could save time and effort later if a fraud were to occur.

*Carole Thorpe*

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## **Approaching Worship In Lent**

Do you preach or lead worship?

Join us for an evening of shared preparation for Lent:

- Problems and possibilities
- Use of language
- The lectionary
- Themes

Monday 10th February 7:15-9:30pm in the Century Hall, tea and coffee from 7:00. All welcome.

For more information contact Fiona Green 01335 343011  
[onesmallflock@btinternet.com](mailto:onesmallflock@btinternet.com)

Places are free to book, but do let us know you are coming so that we can provide materials for everyone.



## Forthcoming events

Date	Event	Contact
Sun 26 Jan 6.30pm	<b>United Service</b> at St Oswald's with Rev Alan Griggs, Agricultural Chaplain	
Tue 28 Jan 4.00–6.00pm	<b>Ossie's Kitchen:</b> community café for an intergenerational social eating experience. Three courses for £3/£1 St Oswald's church centre	Nigel Rode 664159
Tue 28 Jan 7.30pm	<b>ACT termly meeting</b> at All Saints Hall. All welcome.	Felicity 301147
Wed 5 Feb 10.00am	<b>Carers Count</b> At St Oswald's Church Centre	
Wed 5 Feb 7.00pm	<b>Volunteer meeting</b> to assist asylum seekers in Ashbourne at The Cornerstone (see page 11)	Catherine Green
Thu 6 Feb 7.00-8.00pm	<b>Prayer United</b> – All Christians in Ashbourne united in prayer for our town. At Elim Church	Di Lambert
Thu 6 Feb 7.00-7.30pm	<b>Julian Meeting</b> in St Oswald's Chapel: contemplative reading, prayer and silence.	Nick Taylor 324656
Tue 25 Feb	<b>Ossie's Kitchen:</b> as Tue 28 Jan	
Sat 29 Feb	<b>Christian Life and Witness Course</b> At Elim Church	
Thu 5 Mar	<b>Julian Meeting:</b> as 6th Feb	
Fri 6 Mar 11.00am	<b>World Day of Prayer</b> At Ashbourne Methodist Church	
Wed 11 Mar 12.00-1.00pm	<b>Prayerwalk.</b> Meet at the Runway Café on the Airfield Industrial Estate.	Amanda Marshall 07557 567751

## **From the Editors**

Thank you for all your varied contributions.

Please send us items for the next edition **March 2020**, including photos of church activities. We are unable to include items which are copyright unless permission is obtained from the copyright-holder.

Last date for contributions: **Wednesday 12th February**

Publication date: **Sunday 23rd February**

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*

## **AND FINALLY,**

A Vicar and a taxi driver died and both turned up at the Pearly Gates at the same time. St Peter welcomed them in and said he would take them to their allocated accommodation.

They got to a lovely house with a big garden and St Peter turned to the taxi driver and said, "This is for you".

The Vicar thought if a lowly taxi driver gets a house like this I should be getting a mansion! He followed St Peter down the street to a row of 2 up 2 down terraced houses and St Peter said, "This is your house".

The Vicar was very disappointed and said to St Peter, "Why do I get a house like this when I devoted my life to God".

St Peter replied, "We allocate according to results. Whenever you stood up to give a sermon everyone fell asleep, but whenever anyone got in this man's taxi they started praying!"

*From Tom Parkinson  
(with thanks to Caroline Poultney and  
The South Devon Herd Book Newsletter!)*

## Ashbourne Circuit Church Services

### Sunday February 2nd

Ashbourne	10:30	John Dyster	
	18:30	Praise – Paul Taylor	in Century Hall
Brailsford	10:30	Rev Tim Morris	United Service at Methodist
Parwich	14:30	Peter Dawson	

### Sunday February 9th

Ashbourne	9:15	Café style	in Century Hall
	10:30	Rev Tim Morris	
	18:30	Ann Parkinson/ Rev Tim Morris	Communion
Brailsford	10:30	Diana Whitmill	
Kniveton	14:30	Ruth Barratt	

### Sunday February 16th

Ashbourne	10:30	Lorraine Hawkins	
	18:30	Praise – Jeff Ffoulkes	in Century Hall
Brailsford	10:30	Paul Taylor	All Age
Parwich	10:00	Tom Parkinson	United Service
Tissington	10:30	Rev Tim Morris	Covenant, Communion

### Sunday February 23rd

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev Tim Morris	Communion
	18:30	Tim Dutton	
Brailsford	10:30	Fiona Green	
Kirk Ireton	18:30	Rev Tim Morris	
Kniveton	11:00	John Dyster	

### Sunday March 1st

Ashbourne	10:30	Fiona Green	
	18:30	Praise – Rev Tim Morris	in Century Hall, Communion
Brailsford	10:30	John Dyster	United Service at Methodist
Parwich	14:30	Rev Tim Morris	

## Dates for your diary and your prayers

### February

Sat 1st	10:00	“God in Love Unites Us” at Ashbourne (see page 5)
Sun 2nd	15:30	District Youth event - Arnold Methodist Church
Mon 10th	7:15	Approaching Worship in Lent (see page 18)
Wed 12th	12:30	Brailsford Lunch Fellowship
Wed 12th	19:00	“God in Love Unites Us” at Brailsford (see page 5)
Tue 18th	11:30	Fish & Chips Church (see page 14)
Tue 25th		No Ashbourne Lunch because of Shrovetide Football (see Tue 3rd)
Sat 29th	10:00	Coffee Morning for Kolkata (see page 8)

### March

Tue 3rd	9:15	Circuit Leadership Team meeting
<b>Tue 3rd</b>	<b>12:30</b>	<b>Ashbourne Church Lunch</b>
Wed 4th - Thu 5th		CRE Exhibition at Stoneleigh
Wed 4th	19:30	Local Preachers meeting
Fri 6th	11:00	World Day of Prayer at Ashbourne Methodist
Thu 7th	10:00	Coffee Morning at Kirk Ireton (see page 4)
Tue 10th	10:00	Tissington Church Council
Tue 10th	14:00	Kniveton Church Council
Wed 11th	12:30	Brailsford Lunch Fellowship
Mon 16th		MWiB supper (see page 6)
Mon 23rd		Willersley Week (see page 6)
Tue 24th	19:30	Ashbourne Pastoral meeting
Wed 25th		Presbyterial Synod
Mon 30th		Easter Experience for Ashbourne Schools
<b>Tues 31st</b>	<b>12:30</b>	<b>Ashbourne Church Lunch</b>

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

**For more information, see the Circuit website:**  
**[www.ashbournemethodist.org.uk](http://www.ashbournemethodist.org.uk)**

### **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 &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 (343174)</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: 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)*



**Walking Group on the Cromford Canal - November 2019**



**Christmas Concert - St Agnes Fountain - December 2019**



**Fish & Chips Church - December 2019**