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Service details for June

5th June Pentecost Sunday Flower Festival

NO MORNING SERVICE

4.00 p.m. Songs of Praise

Duty Stewards: Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Ann Holloway

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service - Rev Joy Langford

12th June

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Rev Steve Clark

Duty Stewards: Iris Bown & Ian Lay **Welcome Steward:** Zoe Tur-Ribas

6.30 p.m. Circuit Service at Epworth Methodist Church

Led by Rev Helen Bell & Rev Joy Langford

19th June CTiM United Service

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship at St. Michael's Church6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Judith Lincoln

26th June

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Rev Judith Lincoln **S**

6.00 p.m. Taize Prayer

Duty Stewards: Hazel Brewer & Roderick Lay

Welcome Steward: Ann Lay

6.30 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service - Justin Moulder

3rd July10.00 a.m.NO SERVICE AT OUR CHURCHUnited Service at Bardon Chapel

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
5 th June	Rebecca	Flower Festival	
	Goldring		
12th June	Rebecca		Ann & Ian Lay
	Goldring		Iris Bown
19 th June	United Service		
26 th June	Margaret	Kim Tubby &	Janet Forrester Ann Lay
	Silverwood	Wendy Billing	Jill Gibbins

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

In the film "The King's Speech", there is a scene in which, following his brother's abdication, the new King George VI tells his wife and two young daughters the news. A look passes between the new King and 10-year-old Princess Elizabeth...and her expression can best be described as "rabbit in the headlights" as she realises the implications of this news. She will, after her father, be next in line. A lot for any 10-year-old to take in, even a princess.

So how did our Queen get from being that terrified young girl, to the Queen who is so much loved and respected today, and whose Platinum Jubilee (the first ever in our history) we celebrate this year? Part of it will be her upbringing, the sense of duty and service instilled in members of the Royal Family from birth, or her innate personality. But the Queen has also spoken of her Christian faith, and how that has sustained her through many personal and national challenges.

The Sunday of the Jubilee weekend is also Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' first followers. They were ordinary people, many of them were frightened and confused, thinking "What do we do next?" Yet the Spirit gave them power to do things they had thought impossible, to share the Good News with people in ways that they understood.

Today, God may call us to do tasks that seem too big for us, sometimes we may feel out of our depth. But if we are open to the Spirit, just as those first disciples were, just as the Queen is and has been, who knows what God might do through us?

With love in Christ,

Judith

UPCOMING EVENT – A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

"SOUL JOURNEY" - FRIDAY 1ST JULY 7.30

This concert will be quite different to the usual.

It will be a blend of music and poetry from contemplatives and mystics with the **Alma String Quartet**.

From plainsong to gospel, celtic to ragas. Evocative melodies and melting harmonies woven with words that invite you to stillness, wholeness and joy.

Karen invites you to

"Join us on our search towards reconnecting with the Divine, the earth and our deeper selves."

Friday 1st July 7.30pm Markfield Methodist Church Tickets £10 - Available from Ann Lay 01530 242166 or Karen Silverwood 07739 555015.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or had a family bereavement, please contact our Minister, Rev Judith Lincoln, on 0116 2313957, or our Pastoral Secretary, Kerry Sharpe, on 07979 607099.

Items for the **JULY** notices should reach Linda & William Walmsley by **19**TH **JUNE**

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FLOWER FESTIVAL

 3^{RD} , 4^{TH} , 5^{TH} JUNE

To make the weekend a success we need you! So......

Please come!

We hope that our Flower Festival weekend will be a fitting tribute to The Queen: acknowledging her service & dedication to our country and the Commonwealth. Come & enjoy the beauty of the flower arrangements & find time to relax & chat with a slice of cake & a cuppa. Treat yourself to a bacon butty on Saturday morning. Don't miss out!

Donate a cake

Betty & Janet would welcome a few more cakes for their stall. Thank you to all who have already promised a cake.

Volunteer for refreshments and/or welcoming duty

Thank you everybody who has already signed up. There are just a few gaps on the refreshment rota.

Tell others

Take the opportunity to invite your friends and neighbours who may not have been inside your church before. Welcoming them to the Flower Festival could break down barriers & build up friendships.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

"QUEEN, COUNTRY & COMMONWEALTH"

We invite you to join us in celebrating

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 10.30 – 4.30 SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 10.30 – 4.30

CAKE STALL & TOMBOLA A.M.

CARDS

BACON BUTTIES 11.00 – 1.00

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 11.00 – 3.30

"SONGS OF PRAISE" - 4.00

FREE ADMISSION * REFRESHMENTS

Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to play a part in our Flower Festival - in whatever capacity. We trust that it will be a time of fellowship & friendship, & an opportunity for outreach to others in our community.

SONGS OF PRAISE − 4.00 SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

Please note there is no morning service on this day. Instead, you are invited to "Songs of Praise" which will draw our Flower Festival to a close. Please join us as we

"Thank Him for all that is past, & Trust Him for all that is to come".

FAITH LUNCH – SUNDAY 12TH JUNE

We look forward to welcoming Rev Steve Clark back to Markfield on 12th June when he will lead our morning worship. We hope that most of our congregation that day will be able to stay for the faith lunch which will follow at 12.00. You'll have the opportunity to have a chat with Steve & Sue & enjoy fellowship as we eat together.

It's not too late to sign the list in the entrance porch to indicate that you are coming, and tick whether you'll bring a savoury or dessert.

Please bring your contributions on the day, well-wrapped on a plate or in a dish, so that we can receive them at the door & "store them" during the service. The food will be set out in the schoolroom while you enjoy the usual after-worship social time & drink in the church.

MUSIC CAFÉ 9th & 23rd June 2.00 – 4.00

Don't be on your own – have a change of scenery & join us for an afternoon of music, singing & friendship - with a cuppa.

All for £1.50.

SUNDAY 3rd JULY

We have been invited to attend morning worship at the Bardon Park Chapel on Sunday 3rd July and at the last church council it was decided that we would accept. Therefore there will be no service at our own church on that morning. The service at Bardon Park starts at **10 a.m.** and we hope that as many of you who can will be there. If there is anyone who wishes to go and would like a lift or who is able to offer a lift please let me know ASAP so that we can make arrangements. If you are not sure where Bardon Park chapel is, it is the chapel set back at the Bardon roundabout on the A511. *Iaw Lay*

HOUSE FELLOWSHIP

We are hoping to begin House Fellowship meetings again this month (June). It has been such a long time since we were able to gather together due to Covid restrictions but we feel that it is now safe for us to meet as long as we are careful. The House Fellowship is open to anyone and is an opportunity to look at God's word and discover its relevance for us today.

We usually follow a theme from a study book which provides questions for us to ponder on and discuss. Those who have attended in the past not only find interesting and challenging conversation but also reap great comfort from the fellowship within the group itself.

Our first meeting will be on **Tuesday 14th June** starting at 5.30pm and lasting about sixty minutes. The venue as yet has not been decided but as soon as I know I will announce it. We then meet again on the fourth **Tuesday, 28th June**. Why not come along and give it a try, you will be made very welcome. If you need any more information about the House Fellowship please ask Ann or Ian Lay.

News from Rev Judith

As many of you may know, my initial 5 years in this Circuit come to an end in the summer of 2023, so I have had to decide whether to ask for an extension, or move on. After a lot of thought, prayer and discussion with loved ones and our District Chair, I have decided to enter stationing (i.e. move on next year). I have greatly enjoyed my time in Leicester West, I will really miss you all, but I feel that God's will for the next stage is that I move on. I shall in the meantime continue to serve the Circuit to the best of my ability, and enjoy my remaining time here.