

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

August is still summer... but we do start to sense a change in the seasons. The days are drawing in a bit... and we may see groups of swallows, and other birds that migrate, lining up on telegraph wires preparing for their journey to their winter homes.

It's not just birds that are migrating, either! As we know, each August a certain proportion of Methodist ministers "migrate" to new Circuits. This year Roger and I are on the move to Weston-Super-Mare, and Rev Jimi and his wife Miri arrive in mid-August. I'd like to thank everyone at Markfield for your welcome, for the tremendous creativity and warm fellowship in this place, and I'm sure we all wish Jimi and Miri every blessing as they settle in.

So why *do* Methodist ministers keep moving? It's true that moves are less frequent than they were: the Church is more aware these days of the needs that partners, children and Circuits have for stability. But God also calls us to a journey- as another hymn puts it, "pulls the tent pegs up again" when we risk getting *too* settled. Change can be unsettling, setting out into the unknown can be scary- yet we also all know what a stagnant pond, with no outflow, gets like- especially in summer. Moving is reminding me that my own gifts are valued *but* a small part of God's big picture. I also look back on other things that made me think "I can't" at the time- but by God's grace, I could.

So, in this time of change, let us give thanks for what has been and look forward to all that will be- knowing that God goes ahead of us on the journey.

With love in Christ,

Judith

Service details for August

6th August

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship - Led by Mrs Margaret Day

Worship Leader: Ian Barrs

Duty Stewards: Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Rosie Woodland

13th August

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Mrs Linda York

Duty Stewards: Hazel Brewer & Ian Lay

Welcome Steward: Ann Lay

20th August

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Ian Lay (Change to plan)

Duty Stewards: Hazel Brewer & Roderick Lay

Welcome Steward: Ann Lay

3.00 p.m. CTiM United Service at Ulverscroft Priory

27th August Service to welcome Rev Jimi Kaci

2.30 p.m. Circuit Welcome Service - Led by Rev Helen Cameron

Duty Stewards: Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Ann Holloway

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
6 th August	<i>David Woodward</i>		<i>Ann & Ian Lay Iris Bown</i>
13 th August	<i>Margaret Silverwood</i>	<i>Diane Briers</i>	
20 th August	<i>Margaret Silverwood</i>	<i>Iris Bown</i>	<i>Janet Forrester, Ann Lay Gill Gibbins</i>
27 th August	<i>David Woodward</i>	<i>The Bown Family</i>	

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 07597 402650, or our Pastoral Secretary, Kerry Sharpe, on 07979 607099.

REGULAR MEETINGS

HOME FELLOWSHIP

There will be no Home Fellowship meetings in August, but they will resume in September.

MUSIC CAFÉ – Thursday 10th & 24th August from 2.00 to 4.00. We warmly invite you to join us for an afternoon of music, singing & friendship.

“COME FOR A CUPPA” Every Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00

Come and meet each other for a cuppa and a chat. There is no charge.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARKFIELD - CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 10.00 – 12.00

Toasted teacakes Tombola “White” Stall Cakes

This will be at our church and we hope that it will be as well-supported as in previous years. Each church will be responsible for a stall and there are boxes in the porch for your donations of items for the tombola & the “white” stall.

Cakes will be gratefully received on the day.

HARVEST PLOUGHMAN’S LUNCH

SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER at 12.00

Tickets priced £8 will be on sale at the end of the month.

DIARY DATES

AUGUST 15th - WAYS & MEANS MEETING at 10.30 in the schoolroom.

To finalise the arrangements for the Ploughman’s Lunch and to start planning the Christmas Tree Festival. Please come if you feel you can help in any way.

SEPTEMBER 6th 7.30 - CTiM MEETING

Please send items for the **SEPTEMBER** notices to Linda & William Walmsley by **20th AUGUST**

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