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**BANBURY CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER**

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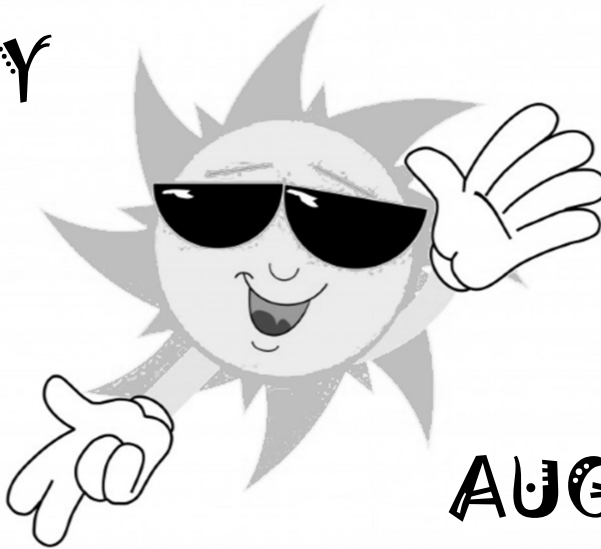
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**JULY**



**AUGUST**

**DEADLINE - Third SUNDAY each Month**

For the **September** edition the deadline is **Sunday 18 August 2024**

If you have anything you would like to share with members of the Circuit, please send to Margaret Smith:

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## PPF

Dear friends,

Several years ago, amongst all the various adverts on television was one for **PPF**; like all adverts it made bold claims. If you applied this fertilizer to your garden it could transform it from a dry barren wilderness to one of abundance, colour and beauty. It is good for everything that grows!

If only it was that simple!

It seems to me, however, that sometimes in life we could all do with a little extra **PPF** in our life to bring our colour and beauty.

What about an advert that says if you would like a life of good spirit, deeds and challenge, apply some **PPF - Purpose, Prayer and Fellowship**. It is good for everything that grows.

Or, if you would like a church that is full of beautiful worship, service and impact on the community, a centre of love and friendship, apply some **PPF – Praise, Partnership and Faith**. It is good for everything that grows.

A few weeks ago, I spoke to one of our neighbours who had had a fantastic display of tulips earlier in the year. She explained that in order to ensure a similar display next year the bulbs needed lifting and drying off before being replanted in the Autumn. This way, not only will the display be as good as the previous year, but even better.

What may be good for tulips might be good for us. Every now and then we too benefit from being dug out of our complacency and challenged with new ways of growth, another **PPF - Peace, Progress and Fulfilment**.

God is a good gardener. He knows that for his Kingdom to grow we need to shake of old habits that stifle us and to replant us in the compost of his teaching so that we might become **PPF - Purposeful, Passionate and Fruitful**.

It's just a thought! **David**

**Methodist Leaders Issue Election Call to  
LOVE, PRAY and VOTE**

The President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference, Rev Gill Newton and Deacon Kerry Scarlett, have released a statement to encourage you to love, pray and vote in this year's general election.

*“Our hope is that this will be an election campaign where people will be able to discuss and disagree with kindness, where truth will be upheld, and where the needs of people who are vulnerable will be honoured.”*



**Welcome Service for New Chair of District**

**Rev Sonia Hicks**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 2:30pm**

Park Avenue Methodist Church

Northampton, NN3 2HT

**Answers to Last Month's Quiz - Let's be brief**

- Example:** Desire jealously = Envy .....Answer is **NV**
- 1 Hot powder (spice) = Cayenne..... **KN**
  - 2 Town in Germany = Essen..... **SN**
  - 3 Without contents = Empty..... **MT**
  - 4 Said of some eyes = Beady..... **BD**
  - 5 Mouldy state = Decay..... **DK**
  - 6 Climbing plant = Ivy..... **IV**
  - 7 Composition = Essay..... **SA**
  - 8 Honey maker = Bee..... **B**
  - 9 Mediterranean = Sea..... **C**
  - 10 Colourful bird = Jay..... **J**
  - 11 Feeling unwell = Seedy..... **CD**
  - 12 Not difficult = Easy..... **EC**
  - 13 Wigwam = Teepee..... **TP**
  - 14 County = Essex..... **SX**
  - 15 Very cold = Icy..... **IC**
  - 16 Surpass = Excel..... **XL**
  - 17 Too much = Excess..... **XS**
  - 18 Vegetable = Pea..... **P**
  - 19 A drink or light meal = Tea..... **T**
  - 20 A question = Why..... **Y**



### **Worship on Thursday - 11.00am**

You are invited to meet up and join with friends from across the circuit for a short informal act of worship, including Holy Communion,

#### **Thursday mornings at Marlborough Road Methodist Church**

The service is led each week by one of our local circuit ministers.



### **JOINT PUBLIC ISSUES TEAM**

CHURCHES WORKING FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

#### **Public Issues Calendar**

*For further information see <http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/>*

Aug 9..... International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

Aug 12.... International Youth Day

Aug 22.... International Day commemorating the victims of acts of violence based on religion or belief

Aug 23.... International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

*The Public Issues Calendar collects together observances in the year when Christians and those across wider society might focus their attention on certain movements towards peace and justice.*

### **ADDERBURY**

As many of you will know, Adderbury Chapel will be closing at the end of September.

I have been asked to assist in making a comprehensive list of items that are not 'fixtures and fittings', for appraisal by the stewards and Circuit Superintendent who may then deem them ready for disposal when the Chapel closes.

Having had several chapels in the circuit close, those remaining have probably accumulated all the paraphernalia they require, but you may wish to discuss whether you would like any 'nice to have' items that may be on my lists when they are produced and verified.

To this end, would you please discuss your possible needs with your colleagues and indicate any interest you (or any other organisation you may know of) may have.

After a meeting of chapel members at the end of June, the list will be edited and available for your perusal. A copy may be obtained from me at [theorganman@btopenworld.com](mailto:theorganman@btopenworld.com).

Thank you for reading this announcement.

**John C. Webb**

Adderbury Methodist Church

## EASINGTON

### **Ladies' Fellowship - Every Tuesday at 2:30pm.**

During July and August we have informal afternoons of tea and chat,  
usually finishing at about 4:00pm.

Whether you would like to come regularly or just occasionally you will be most welcome.

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### **Fortnightly Meet Your Neighbour**

#### **Coffee and Games Mornings**

**Wednesdays at 9:30am - July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21**

Even if you do not live close by, you are still our neighbour and will be most welcome

## MARLBOROUGH ROAD

### **Weekly Coffee Morning**

**Thursdays at 10:00am**

All are welcome

## CROPREDY

### **Coffee Mornings**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday each Month**

**10.30am - Noon**

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### **Fairport Week**

We will be serving

**Tea, Coffee**

and

**Delicious Homemade Cakes**

**Thurs 8, Fri 9 and Sat 10 August 2024**

**10am - 3pm**

Please come and support us so that we  
are able to continue worshipping in this  
delightful chapel

## HINTON

### **Coffee Mornings**

**Second Saturday Each Month**

**10:00am to 11:30am**

Everyone Welcome

## GREATWORTH

### **Art Group**

**every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday**

(except Bank Holidays)

**1:00pm to 3:00pm**

Any medium and all abilities are welcome.

No experience is necessary.

**£3 a session**

## HORNTON

### **Coffee Mornings**

**Fridays 10:30am to Noon**

Everyone Welcome

## WIGGINTON

### **Coffee Mornings**

**First Saturday each month at 10:30am**

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### **Fund Raising for Ukraine**

Please could you consider donating 1p, 2p  
& 5p coins that you don't have a use for to  
our fund raising for Ukraine.

They may be dropped off at Wigginton  
Methodist Chapel at the Coffee Mornings -  
details above.

With our grateful thanks  
David and Cynthia Gardner

## MUSICAL MEMORIES


A group for those with Dementia and their carers.  
Come and enjoy a cup of coffee with singing and all things musical!

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays each month,**

**10:30am to 11:45am in St Francis Church**

For more information call Janet ☎ 01295 368238

or e-mail stfrancischurchbanbury@gmail.com



**Saturday 6 July 2024 at 6:30pm**  
**MAYC Orchestra and Singers and OneSound**  
together again for a  
**50 Anniversary Reunion Concert**  
**Coventry Central Hall**  
CV1 2HA

Bringing together members of *One Sound* and *MAYC Orchestra Singers*  
from across fifty years

Tickets: £5 (Free under 18) - Also available on the door

Contact us on [os50threunion@gmail.com](mailto:os50threunion@gmail.com)

## Lessons from a Flock of Lessons

**Fact:** As geese flap their wings they create an 'uplift' for the birds that follow. By flying in a 'V' formation the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

**Lesson:** People who share a common direction and sense of community get where they are going quicker and more easily when they lift each other up along the way.

**Fact:** If a goose falls out of formation it feels the drag and resistance of flying alone, so quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

**Lesson:** If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those headed where we are all going.

**Fact:** When the front goose tires it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies in the point position.

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**LESSON:** It pays to share leadership and take turns doing the hard work.

**FACT:** Geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up the pace.

**Lesson:** It is important that our honking be encouraging. Otherwise, it's just – well, honking.

**Fact:** When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it either dies or is able to fly again.

**Lesson:** When one of us is down it's up to others to stand by us in our time of trouble.

### What's going on in Heaven?

A newly arrived soul in Heaven was met by St Peter who took them on a tour around Heaven. They walked side-by-side into a large work room filled with angels.

St Peter stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received."

The soul looked at the section, it was terribly busy with many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

They continued the tour and reached the second section.

St Peter told the soul, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them".

The soul noted again how busy it was. There were many angels working hard at that station because so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally, at the farthest corner of the room, they stopped at a very small station. To the surprise of the soul, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing.

"This is the Acknowledgement Section", St Peter told the soul.

"How is it that there's no work here?" asked the soul.

"So sad," St Peter sighed, "after people receive the blessing they asked for, very few send acknowledgements."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessing?" asked the soul.

"Simple," St Peter answered, "Just say, "Thank you, Lord"."

"What blessings should they acknowledge?" asked the soul.

St Peter replied:

"If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change in a dish you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness you are more blessed than

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the millions who will not even survive this week.

If you have never experienced the fear of warfare, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation you are ahead of 700 million people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare.

If you can hold your head up and smile, you are more blessed than all those in doubt and despair.

If you can read this article you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all."

Have a good day, count your blessings, and if you want, pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.

**For the attention of Heaven's Acknowledgement Section:**

"Thank you Lord!" "Thank you for giving me the ability to share this message and for giving me so many wonderful people with whom to share it."

**Love is a Special Way of Feeling...**

It is the safe way we feel when we sit on our mother's lap with her arms around us tight and close.

It is the good way we feel when we talk to someone and they want to listen and don't tell us to go away and be quiet.

Love is found in unexpected places...

It is there in the quiet moment when we first discover a beautiful thing...

when we watch a bird soar high against a pale blue sky...

when we see a lovely flower that no one else has noticed...

when we find a place that shelters us and is our very own.

Love starts in little ways...

It may begin the day we first share our thoughts with someone else...

or help someone who needs us...

or, sometimes, it begins because, even without words, we understand how someone feels.

Love comes quietly...

But you know when it is there because suddenly...

you are not alone any more...

and there is no sadness inside you.

And remember...

The love in your heart wasn't put there to stay, for love isn't love until you give it away.



## BOOKS of the BIBLE - WORDSEARCH

With thanks to Jenny Tustian

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### From the Editor's Desk:

If you do, hear or read anything over the summer that you think may interest our readers, please write a little report to share your experience and/or thoughts with friends around the Circuit.

**Margaret Smith**

## LECTIONARY READINGS

**7 July**

***Continuous***

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

***Related***

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm 123

**14 July**

***Continuous***

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

***Related***

Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85:8-13

**21 July**

***Continuous***

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalm 89:20-37

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

***Related***

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23

**28 July**

***Continuous***

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm 14

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

***Related***

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-18

**4 Aug**

***Continuous***

2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a

Psalm 51:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

***Related***

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm 78:23-29

**11 Aug**

***Continuous***

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

***Related***

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

**18 Aug**

***Continuous***

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

***Related***

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:9-14

**25 Aug**

***Continuous***

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

***Related***

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm 34:15-22



## DATES for your DIARY

Further details elsewhere in this newsletter

Tip: To keep the dates readily available, pin this page to your home notice board.

See the Circuit Preaching Plan for information on Regular Sunday Services

### EVENTS and MEETINGS AROUND the CIRCUIT

#### Weekly

Tue.....2:30pm .....Ladies' Fellowship ..... Easington MC  
 Thur ..... 10:00am .... Coffee Morning..... Marlborough Rd MC  
 Thur ..... 11:00am .... Informal Holy Communion Service ..... Marlborough Rd MC  
 Fri..... 10:30am .... Coffee Morning..... Hornton MC

#### Monthly

1st Sat..... 10:30am .... Coffee Morning..... Wigginton MC  
 2nd Sat..... 10:00am .... Coffee Morning.....Hinton MC  
 1st Mon..... 2:00pm ..... Knitting Group ..... Adderbury MC  
 1st & 3rd Mon.. 10:30am .... Musical Memories ..... St Francis  
 2nd Fri..... 10:30am .... Coffee Morning..... Cropredy MC  
 2nd & 4th Sat.. Nights ..... Street Pastor Patrols ..... **Please pray for them**  
 2nd & 4th Mon.. 1:00pm ..... Art Group..... Greatworth

#### Other Events

Sat 6 Jul..... 6:30pm ..... MAYC/OneSound Concert ..... Coventry Central Hall  
 Wed 10 Jul.... 9:30am ..... Meet Your Neighbour Coffee Morning..... Easington MC  
 Wed 24 Jul.... 9:30pm ..... Meet Your Neighbour Coffee Morning..... Easington MC  
 Sat 3 Aug..... 2:30pm ..... Rev Sonia Hicks Welcome ..... Park Ave MC, Northampton  
 Wed 7 Aug.... 9:30pm ..... Meet Your Neighbour Coffee Morning..... Easington MC  
 Thu 8 Aug..... 10am-3pm . Tea/Coffee & Homemade Cake ..... Cropredy MC  
 Fri 9 Aug..... 10am-3pm . Tea/Coffee & Homemade Cake ..... Cropredy MC  
 Sat 10 Aug.... 10am-3pm . Tea/Coffee & Homemade Cake ..... Cropredy MC  
 Wed 21 Aug .9:30pm ..... Meet Your Neighbour Coffee Morning..... Easington MC

### **PRAYING for PEACE and JUSTICE throughout the WORLD**

As we continue to trust in God's faithfulness and desire to see justice and peace prevail, let us continue to pray at 8:00pm each day for peace with justice everywhere, and for the safety and security of the most vulnerable and marginalised.

