

The Methodist Church
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MARCH

1 March St David's Day

10 March Mothering Sunday

17 March St Patrick's Day

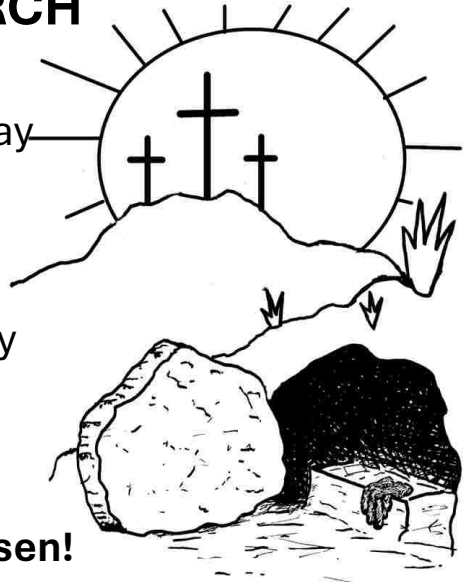
20 March Spring Equinox

28 March Maundy Thursday

29 March Good Friday

31 March Easter Day

Hallelujah! He is Risen!



NB:

★ PLEASE NOTE slight CHANGE of DEADLINE DATE ★

New Deadline - Third SUNDAY each Month

For the **April** edition the deadline is **Sunday 17 March 2024**

If you have anything you would like to share with members of the Circuit, please send to Margaret Smith: margaret@emjay.org.uk

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IT'S JUST A THOUGHT

'Jesus took Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain. And He was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them..... Then from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

Mark 9:2-9

Dear friends

In this mountain-top experience the disciples see Jesus as he really is: - the Son of God; the man from heaven. It was as though a curtain was opened before their eyes and they see for the first time the reality of Jesus' heavenly glory. This is then amplified by the Father's voice from heaven with that instruction to "listen to him". The Bible teaches us that one day all the world will see the glory of Jesus for themselves, but in the meantime it is a matter of faith. We understand it rather than know it. We might sense it in worship or a beautiful moment of creation or love, but it seems to lie beyond our everyday experience of life, yet the Holy Spirit within, constantly points us towards this heavenly reality. The glory of Jesus is not dependent on our activity or efforts, it has been a constant from the beginning of time. And the way and the times God chooses to reveal himself is not our decision, but God's. Yet, the decisions and choices we make and the way that we listen to and follow Jesus, all enhance or otherwise the chances of seeing and experiencing the glory of God in Christ Jesus.

As we continue to journey through Lent to the glorious spectacular surprise of Easter morning I was reminded by a friend, that God also reveals his glory and truth in the small things as well as the spectacular. How true that word is!

Take a moment to listen to Him and you will catch glimpses of His glory for yourself.

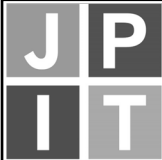
It's just a thought, **David**



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/>

Mar 3 World Day of Prayer

Mar 8 International Women's Day

Mar 21 .. UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Mar 22 .. World Water Day

Mar 25 .. UN International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and
The Transatlantic Slave Trade

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.

MUSICAL MEMORIES

A group for those with Dementia and their carers.

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee with singing and all things musical!

1st & 3rd 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

HINTON

Coffee Mornings

Please note, our coffee mornings have changed to the
SECOND Saturday Each Month, 10:00am to 11:30am
Everyone Welcome

HORNTON

Coffee Mornings

Fridays 10:30am to Noon
Everyone Welcome

EASINGTON

Ladies' Fellowship

Every Tuesday at 2:30pm.

A varied programme of Talks, PowerPoint Presentations and Quizzes, followed by light refreshment, 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 - Mar 6 & 20, Apr 3 & 17**

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

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Coffee Morning - Spring/Easter

Saturday 9 March - 10:00am to Noon

There will be a cake stall and a stall selling Easter and Springtime items.

Come along, invite your family, friends and neighbours. All are welcome.

WIGGINTON

Coffee Mornings

First Saturday each month at 10:30am.

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### Organ Concert

**by Nicholas Martin B.E.M.**

"An Evening not to be missed"

**Saturday 6 April at 7:00pm**

**Admission £5.00**

Tea and Biscuits will be served during the interval.

To book your seat please contact David Gardner ☎ 01295 271469 or Email: davidjg1@talktalk.net

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Annual Plant Sale

Saturday 4 May, 10:30am to 3:00pm

If anyone has any spare, small (7cm-8cm diameter), plastic flower pots they no longer need, we would be very pleased to have them. Round or square will be fine (we do not need any larger pots).

Contact Cynthia Idle ☎ 01295 278138

GREATWORTH

Art Group

every 2nd and 4th Monday

(except Bank Holidays)

1:00pm to 3:00pm

Any medium and all abilities are welcome.

No experience is necessary.

£3 a session

ADDERBURY

Knitting Group

1st Monday each month, 2pm to 4pm

Everyone is Welcome.

Bring your needles to enjoy a natter while knitting.

CROPREDY

Coffee Mornings

2nd Friday each Month, 10.30am - Noon

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

Weekly Coffee Morning

Thursdays at 10:00am

All are welcome

Riding Lights Theatre Company Presents

THE NARROW ROAD

By Paul Birch

Powerful Theatre on the Journey to Easter

Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford

New Inn Hall Street, Oxford OX1 2DH

Monday 4 March, 7:30pm

Admission Free - *retiring collection to cover costs*

Tickets: tickets@oxfordmethodists.org.uk



World Day of Prayer

a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

Theme for 2024: "I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love"

Ephesians 4:1-3

Written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine

1 March

The Banbury Service this year will be hosted by

The Salvation Army at 2:00pm

66 George Street, Banbury OX16 5BH

All are Welcome

Jesus and You

Before U were thought of or time had begun, God put U in the name of his Son.
And each time U pray, you'll see it's true, you can't spell out Jesus and not include U.
You're a pretty big part of his wonderful name, for U he was born; that's why he came.

And his great love for U is the reason he died. It even takes U to spell crucified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand he rose from the dead, with U in his plan?

The stone rolled away, the gold trumpet blew

and the word resurrection is spelled with a U.

When Jesus left earth at his upward ascension,

he felt there was one thing he just had to mention.

"Go into the world and tell them it's true that I love them all – Just like I love U."

୧୦୦୦ **FLOWER QUIZ** ୧୦୦୦

Example: Always left outWALLFLOWER

Optician's Flower

Tandem Riders?

Smart Animal

End of the Rainbow.....

Fastidious Sprinkler.....

What poor spinsters might wish to do.....

Red again.....*all mixed up*.....

Sounds cold to me.....

May crush them.....jumbled

Shepherd's Flower.....

Foggy Affection.....

What Mrs Tell said?.....

Cunning Gauntlet

Used at the Greyhound Track

A big one.....in a muddle.....

It's a fiddle

Witch's transport.....

Shines in the Holy Land.....

Elizabeth always working

Good for kissing.....

Card game for fantasy creatures

Has she been in a fight?

Toilet fastener

Fire stoker's implement

PRAYING for PEACE and JUSTICE throughout the WORLD

At 8:00pm each day, let us continue to lift our voices in prayer,
trusting in God's faithfulness and His desire to see justice and peace prevail.



MARCH LECTIONARY READINGS

Third Sunday in Lent - 3 March

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Fourth Sunday in Lent - 10 March

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

*or for **MOTHERING SUNDAY***

Exodus 2:1-10 or 1 Samuel 1:20-28
Psalm 34:11-20 or Psalm 127:1-4
2 Corinthians 1:3-7 or Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:33-35 or John 19:25-27

Fifth Sunday in Lent - 17 March

First Sunday of the Passion
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Sixth Sunday in Lent - 24 March

Second Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday

Entry into Jerusalem

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1 – 15:47
or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

Monday in Holy Week - 25 March

Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

Tuesday in Holy Week - 26 March

Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

Wednesday in Holy Week - 27 March

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3, John 13:21-32

Maundy Thursday - 28 March

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday - 29 March

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1 – 19:42

Holy Saturday - 30 March

Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
1 Peter 4:1-8
Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

Easter Day - 31 March

Acts 10:34-43
or Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8



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

Every Day, at 8:00pm, pray for Peace and Justice throughout the world

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

Fortnightly

Wed 6 & 20 Mar...9:30am Coffee & Games Morning Easington 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

Fri 1 March..... 2:00pm World Day of Prayer Service Salvation Army
 Mon 4 Mar..... 7:30 'The Narrow Road' ... Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford
 Thu 7 Mar 7:30pm LPWL Meeting Shipston MC
 Sat 9 Mar 10:00am Easter/Spring Coffee Morning Easington MC
Sun 17 Mar.... New Deadline for contributions to the April Circuit Newsletter
 Thu 21 Mar 7:30pm Circuit Meeting Hinton MC
 Sat 6 Apr 7:00pm Organ Concert Wigginton MC
 Sat 4 May 10:30am-3pm Annual Plant Sale Wigginton MC



British Summer Time begins on
Sunday 31 March
 Remember to put your clocks FORWARD
 before going to bed the night before.