

South Wigston Methodist Church

The Oracle



All welcome!

Saturday 1st June 2019

Our Mission Statement

The people of South Wigston Methodist Church are called to live the good news of God's love through open hearts, open minds and open doors.

We strive to be a place where understandings of Jesus Christ can flourish.

We're called to be good neighbours to people in need, to challenge injustice, and to meet regularly for prayers, singing and learning.

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One of the ways in which we seek to put this mission statement into practice is to ensure that our church is a safe place for all who use it by following the safeguarding policies and practices of the Methodist Church. Our church's safeguarding policy is on the noticeboard in the lounge. The Safeguarding contact is Helen 07500 180517.

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You can see *The Oracle* in colour on our website.

**Rooms for Hire** A number of spaces ranging from small meeting rooms to a large hall are available for hire. For available dates and prices please contact Pat 0116 224 9368

## Services in June

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.15 Dr Miriam Stevenson  
Junior Church

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 9.00 BANG with breakfast for  
children & families  
10.15 Mrs Hazel Clarke

6.00 Circuit service at Wigston Magna led by Rev'd Jenny Impey, with Rev'd Paula Hunt preaching. This service forms part of the bicentenary celebrations. There is also a flower festival over the weekend.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 8.45 Bible breakfast  
10.15 Rev'd Fran Rhys ~ Holy communion  
Junior church

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.15 Rev'd Tony Pick  
Junior church

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 10.15 Café-style worship ~ led by the  
local worship team

### **The 2nd Wigston Girls Brigade Company**

invites you to our Awards Evening and Enrolment service.

This will be held upstairs in the church on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm.

All are invited to share in the girls' achievements.





## Letter from our minister

God named the land “Earth”, and the water which had come together God named “Sea”. And God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:10)

The snake said, “.....God knows that when you eat [the fruit of that tree] you will be like God and know what is good and what is bad.” (Genesis 3: 5)

You’d have thought it would be good for us humans to know the difference between what’s good and what’s bad; it’s one of the moans we tend to make about others: don’t they know the difference between right and wrong?! My understanding of the Genesis creation stories is that they are saying we shouldn’t think of ourselves as God. We need to recognise there’s a Creator God behind and in everything, and we need to let God be God.

The major environmental difficulties we now find ourselves in as a planet could be said to be linked to our thinking we know what’s good and what’s bad, and yet how wrong we have proved ourselves to be about that. Endless economic growth for us all on this planet is unsustainable. Fossil fuels need to be left in the ground, in favour of renewal energy resources, such as sun, wind, and water.

David Attenborough (Leicester born!) has made us all much more aware of the effect of our lifestyles on the oceans and on all that live in them. We are also more aware of the effect of the destruction of habitats such as ancient rainforests for the sake of farming and cattle-grazing and how that is leading to the extinction of animal and plant species.

It will take government action to rein in the activities of industry, but we can keep our government representatives accountable, by writing to them. We know that it was pressure from members of the public which led to “Walkers Crisps” (a Leicester firm ) agreeing to recycle crisp packets. It’s so good that a crisp-packet recycling bin has been introduced into the church lounge!

Another area we’re being made more aware of is the way that intensive farming of cattle and sheep leads to tons of methane gas, a major contributor to global warming. In Genesis 1:29 God said, “I have provided all kinds of grain and all kinds of fruit for you to eat.” If we tried to keep meat and fish for treats, rather than relying on them twice a day, we would be contributing more to the recovery of the earth and the oceans.

I am also aware that the carbon footprints of many members of the church are small, and everyone is to be commended for that! “And God saw that it was good.”

### **Beacon (Circuit magazine) Journalist required**

Do you enjoy finding out what’s going on in different areas of the life of South Wigston Methodist Church and in the community? Or would you like a reason to find out more what’s going on?

If you put together a short report three or four times a year for the Circuit magazine, “The Beacon”, this would give you an excuse to ask people round the church lots of nosey questions! If you think you could fill this role, speak to Janice or Fran.

## *Church family*

*We wish a Happy Birthday to everyone who celebrates in June*

9<sup>th</sup> June

13<sup>th</sup> Brenda F.

20<sup>th</sup> Val

29<sup>th</sup> Ian celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday

*And a Happy Anniversary to*

Trish and Trevor who celebrate on 26<sup>th</sup> June

## **In memoriam**

Marion Evans died peacefully at LOROS on the morning of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Marion gave quiet but valuable service to her church as communion steward, on hymnbook duty, at Little Angels and on other occasions throughout the year. Our condolences go to her children Wendy, Melanie, Philip and Peter, her grandchildren and other family members and friends.

## *Flower rota for June*



2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret for Eric

9<sup>th</sup> Sue & the girls for Ruth

16<sup>th</sup> Sue for Dad

23<sup>rd</sup> Janet and David

If you would like to contribute towards the flowers you can find out more from Margaret. The rota for 2019 is on the board ~ please fill in your dates.

## Junior Church - Forgiveness

Recently, Junior Church have been tackling the difficult subject of forgiveness. We could all think of lots of examples of when we had had to say sorry. However, it was harder to think of times when we had had to accept an apology from somebody else. Although, when pressed, it seemed that nearly everyone's dad had had to say sorry for eating their child's Easter eggs without asking!

We also watched an episode of Veggie Tales, an animated children's TV series, created by Phil Vischer and Mike Nawrocki, that aims to teach Christian moral life lessons. In the episode, Bob forgave Larry for causing him to miss a rare solar eclipse, but Larry wouldn't forgive Bob for destroying his pizza. We then spent some time creating our own forgiveness pizzas which are on display in the church lounge.

Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (New International Version)



## **Mariam, our sponsored child in Burkina Faso.**



**Please continue to donate** via the box on the counter and after café-style worship – our donations do make a difference to Mariam, her family and their community.

Mariam's latest letter (on the noticeboard) refers to the one I sent at Christmas. The gift of money which we sent was used to buy food, tea, candles and biscuits. I included a photo from Junior church – Mariam sends blessings to those in the photo: Debbie, Megan, Harriet and Cara and asks how they are getting on. She asks for our prayers for her studies, and her father's work as a carpenter. She included a drawing of a flower.

Please ask me if you wish to know more, or if you would like to write to Mariam. *Mary*

During our worship on 19<sup>th</sup> May David H. mentioned that churches in Burkina Faso have been attacked by gunmen, probably associated with al-Qaeda or similar terrorist groups. We are reassured that these attacks took place in the north of the country – Mariam lives in west. Please pray for persecuted Christians in the country and elsewhere.

You can read the reports at BBC news  
<https://bbc.in/2WjohWZC>

**Bible Society coffee**  
**morning** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June  
10 to 12 at the United  
Reformed Church (in the  
College).



## Events at our church

### Ladies' Circle

All women are welcome to come along to this group which meets on Monday evenings, usually at 8pm. On members' evenings we have a chat and a cuppa. On other evenings we have speakers or activities. Open evenings are also held when we have a special speaker ~ men are welcome to attend.

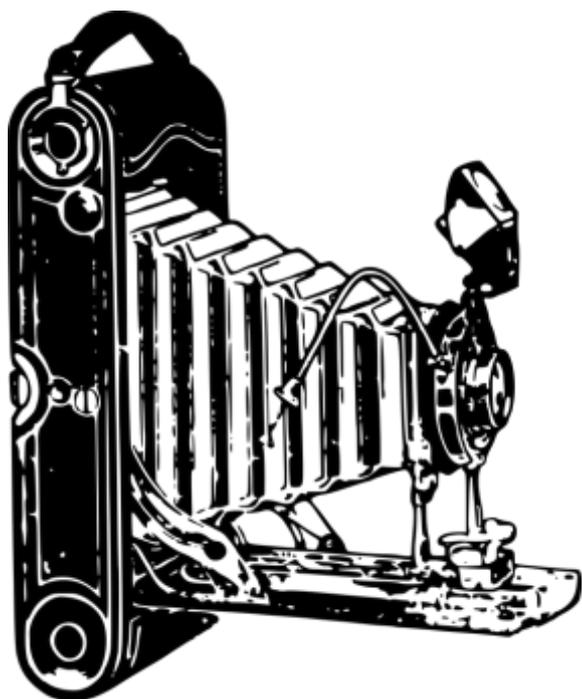
**June programme** ~ please note that only one evening starts at 8.00 – the other three start at 7.30.

3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30 Fish & chip supper with optional walk

10<sup>th</sup> 8.00 Members' evening

17<sup>th</sup> 7.30 Meal at The Manor

24<sup>th</sup> 7.30 Coffee evening for Mariam our sponsored child  
– all welcome!



### Smile please!

The comment has been made that people new to the church have difficulty putting names to faces. So we are going to have a board of people's photos – this is voluntary – if you would like to be included **TJ will be taking photos after worship on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June.**



giving  
nature  
a home

**Afternoon tea Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
3 to 5 pm**

Megan, a member of our Junior Church, is hosting this afternoon tea to raise money for the RSPB.

Come along and support Megan and the RSPB.

The RSPB is the largest nature conservation charity in the country, consistently delivering successful conservation, forging powerful new partnerships with other organisations and inspiring others to stand up and give nature the home it deserves.

Read more at [www.rspb.org.uk/about-the-rspb/](http://www.rspb.org.uk/about-the-rspb/)

## Other events

### **Age UK Oadby & Wigston**

**Cream tea** at Hawthorn House, Paddock Street, Wigston Magna on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 1 to 4pm. Tickets can be booked on 0116 288 5203 or e-mail [kstorey@hawthornhouse.org.uk](mailto:kstorey@hawthornhouse.org.uk)  
[www.ageuk.com/oadbyandwigston](http://www.ageuk.com/oadbyandwigston)

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June Pilgrimage walk**

St Wistan's Church, Wistow to St Wistan's Church, Wigston Magna, 3 hours, 4 miles.

12.30 pm start at St Wistan's Church, Wistow

3.30 pm end at St Wistan's Church, Wigston Magna

Followed by free cream tea / refreshments at the King's Centre, Wigston Magna

Information from Matthew 07754 961997

[wigstanpilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:wigstanpilgrimage@gmail.com)

### **Wigston Magna Methodist Church Flower Festival**

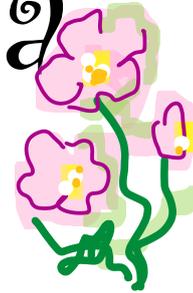
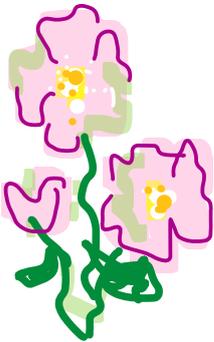
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 10 to 4 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 12 to 4

Admission by donation.



MHA Aigburth Residential Care Home

# Cream tea



Saturday 15 June

2pm until 4.30pm

Summer garden walks

Cakes, Avon stall, plants, *The Pound Stall*\*(!)

Admission £3 to cover tea (refills) and scores

In aid of Aigburth Amenity Fund

(apart from the \*£1 stall which is still raising money for the garden!)

## **“Wigston – a mix of memories”**

is the third DVD from the Greater Wigston Historical Society and is now available from the Age UK Shop, Paddock Street, Wigston Magna. Price £10.

The DVD has been produced by Mike Forryan and is narrated by Dave Andrews of Radio Leicester.

The DVD includes

The Vanishing Village

The Wigston Folk Museum

1939 Wigston Magna Carnival

1939 South Wigston and Glen Parva Carnival

Wigston South Railway Sidings

## **Do you realise that you may live in a conservation area?**

The first Conservation Area in England was designated in 1967 and according to English Heritage, there are now over 8000. A conservation area can be defined as a tract of land that has been awarded a protected status, due to either its natural features, its cultural heritage or its ecological value, to ensure that it is protected for years to come.

South Wigston Conservation area was designated in 1989.

If your home is in a conservation area there will be restrictions as to what you can do to it, as far as it affects the outside of your property. In view of these restrictions, any improvements, extensions or repairs you make are likely to take more time, involve more paperwork, and cost more money.

Our Church is situated in the conservation area.

There are two listed buildings within the conservation area – St Thomas' Church and The Old Vicarage on Blaby Road.

Details of all conservation areas in the Borough can be viewed at: [www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/conservation\\_areas](http://www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/conservation_areas)



## **If**

If you can start the day without caffeine,  
if you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches & pains,  
if you can resist complaining and boring people with  
your troubles,  
if you can eat the same food every day and be grateful  
for it,  
if you can understand when your loved ones are too  
busy to give you any time,  
if you can take criticism and blame without resentment,  
if you can conquer tension without medical help,  
if you can relax without alcohol,  
if you can sleep without the aid of drugs, then you are  
probably....

the Family Dog!

*(Source unknown, with apologies to Kipling)*

## **Spell check**

I have a spelling chequer, it came with my pea sea, it  
plainly marques four my revue miss steaks eye cannot  
see.

Eye strike a quay and right a word and weight for it to  
say, weather I am wrong oar write, it shows me strait  
away.

As soon as a mist ache is maid it nose bee fore two  
late, and eye can put the error rite, it's rarely, rarely  
grate.

I've run this poem threw it, I'm shore yore pleased to  
no, it's letter perfect in its weigh, my chequer tolled me  
sew. (Sauce unknown)

## **The Church**

**Services:** Sundays 10.15

**Junior Church:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 10.15 to 11.15

Sarah V. 288 1576 (Not on when BANG & LWT are held)

**BANG** for children and families: with breakfast

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 9.00 am (Not during July & August)

**The Local Worship Team (LWT) leads cafe-style** modern worship on the last Sunday of each month at 10.15 (Not during July & August)

### **FELLOWSHIP & OTHER GROUPS**

**Ladies' Circle:** Mondays 8.00 pm ~ all women welcome

**Knit & natter:** Tuesday 2 - 4 just come along and enjoy a cup of tea in good company.

**Coffee morning:** Saturdays 10.00 to 12.00 noon

### **CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

**Girls' Brigade:** Thursday evenings (Term times)

Donna Jobling 278 7152 2ndwigstongb@gmail.com

**Outside groups which use the building include:**

**Busy Bugs Playgroup:** Nina Bevans (Term times)

**Let's Walk South Wigston:** meet on Saturdays at 9.15 for an hour's walk. Contact Judith 0116 286 2625 judithnorth64@yahoo.co.uk

**Wigston & District Male Voice Choir** [www.wigstonmalechoir.org](http://www.wigstonmalechoir.org)

**If you came along &  
enjoyed**



**You can drop in for a  
drink & cake every  
Saturday morning from  
10 to 12**

**There's always someone to have a chat with,  
or space to just sit**