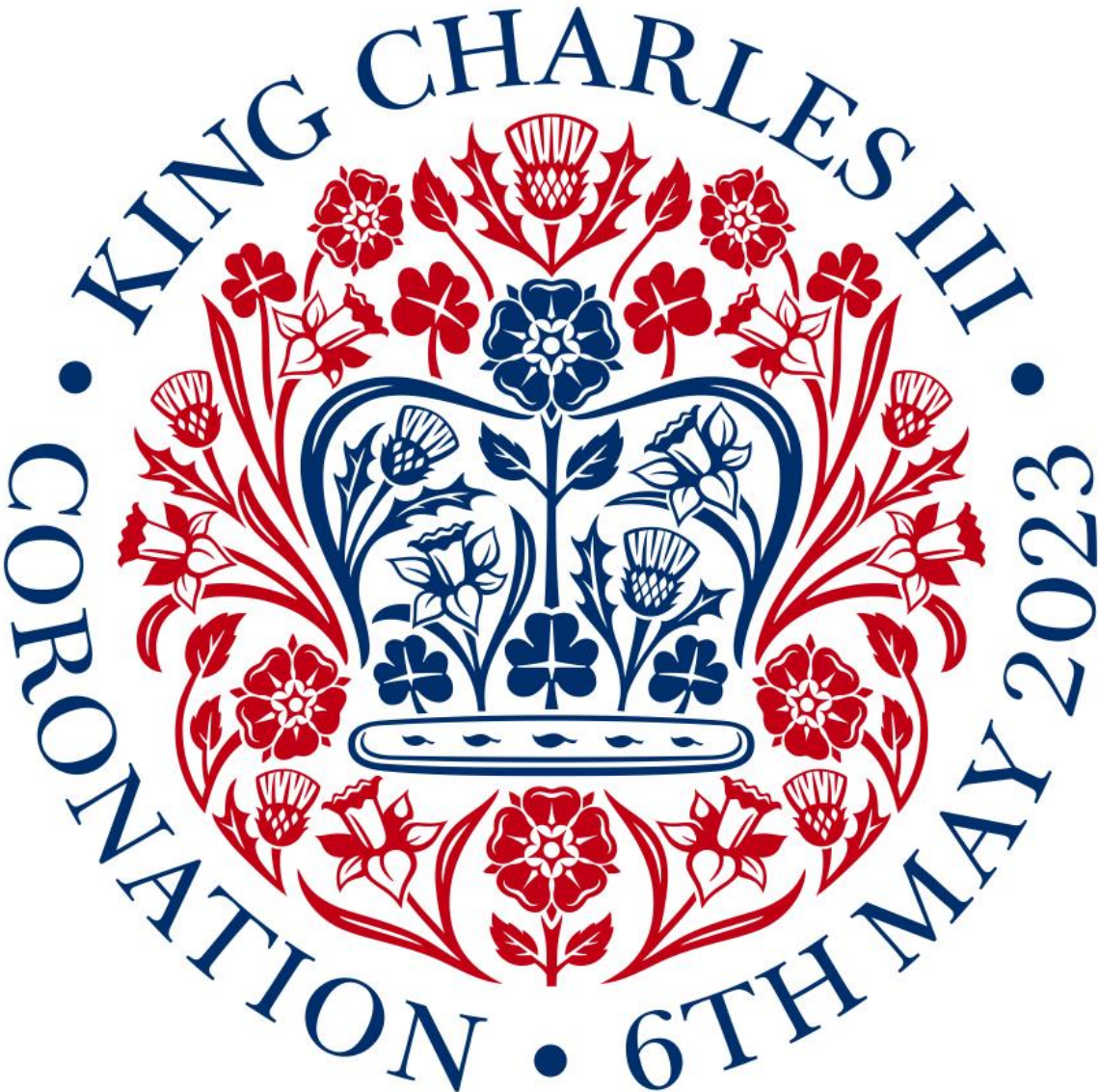


South Wigston Methodist Church

The Oracle



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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.

Safeguarding officer is Margaret Edwards with Mary Bryceland.

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Contributions always welcome.

Worship in May

Sunday 7th 10.15 Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis

The service will be held in the schoolroom and will include the Annual Church Meeting.

Sunday 14th 10.15 Andy Biggins

Sunday 21st 10.15 Café-style worship
with the local worship team



Pentecost Sunday 30th 10.15

Rev. Liam Dacre- Davis, Holy Communion.

This will be Liam's last service with us because he will be on sabbatical during June, July and August. In September he will cease to be 'our' minister and will be replaced by Rev. Frances Ballantyne.

Church events in May

Coronation Day Saturday 6th Church will be open for coffee as usual 9.30 to 11.30.

Monday 8th 11.30 to 1.30 Coronation Bank Holiday Big Lunch – see page 6.

Saturday 13th 7.30 to pm Male Voice Choir concert see page 5 and back cover.

Saturday 20th 12.00 onwards simple lunch in aid of Christian Aid – see page 8



A message from our minister

Hello Friends,

Time flies when you're having fun!

Before being welcomed here in South Wigston, I'd never been asked to write for a church magazine and I wasn't too sure where to begin. Perhaps the first letter was easy enough, because I knew that all I had to write was a simple introduction – we hadn't even met! Since then, I've been scrambling for inspiration, but not this time. This time, I know exactly what needs to be said. Quite simply, I want to say, 'Thank you.'

I want to say thank you for welcoming me wholeheartedly and making it easy for me to feel part of the family. I want to thank you for teaching me so much about God's love in the way that I have seen you love one another. I want to thank you for your honesty, your encouragement, your faithfulness, and your willingness to let me to do things differently (even when that meant nobody knew any of the hymns!).

You've managed to put up with me for almost two years, and it feels like we only just got started! There is so much challenge and opportunity ahead of you, and I look forward to following your story from a short distance away. We may not have had all that much time together, but it also feels as though we've journeyed far. We've experienced loss and

we've seen new beginnings. I've sat with you as you have laughed and while you have cried. Together, we have been in the presence of God, and you have been a blessing to me.

Thank you,

Rev Liam

As a church community we were pleased to welcome Rev. Liam and he more than fulfilled our expectations. He has helped to improve relationships with Busy Bugs, especially through the Friday coffee mornings. Liam adapted communion services to make them more relevant and his prayers have been inspiring. We are sad to be 'losing' Liam earlier than planned and wish him well as he serves Bishop Street and the University of Leicester chaplaincy, together with the wider Circuit. Protocol means that Rev. Liam will not preach or officiate at South Wigston during the Methodist year 2023-24.

*Wigston & District
Male Voice Choir Concert*

Saturday 13th May

7.30 to 9.00

South Wigston Methodist Church

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! £6

Buy your ticket at church, or contact Mary 0116 281 2625

mail@swmchurch.org.uk

Cash, cheque payable to "South Wigston Methodist Church"
or BACs – details from Mary or Trevor.

Tickets will also be available on the door.



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A RIGHT ROYAL KNEES UP!



It's the community celebration for The Coronation!

BANK HOLIDAY BIG LUNCH

MONDAY 8TH MAY

11.30 TO 1.30

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Church family

Au revoir

On Sunday 23rd May we said farewell to Beryl who is moving to be with her family in South Wales. Janet presented Beryl with a card signed by church folk and spoke about Beryl's many years of support for church activities including the youth club and The Players. Beryl was at various times a steward and a communion steward, a member of Young Wives, which became Ladies' Circle and, in more recent years, the Knit & natter group. She was also a faithful supporter of church events such as the Christmas Fair. We wish Beryl well as she moves to pastures new and she will be in our prayers.

Happy Birthday to

2nd Harriet

9th Estelle

25th Sue H.

Church Flowers If you would like to have flowers in church to celebrate a special occasion, or in memory of someone, please contact Margaret E. 0116 278 6616.

7th Janet

14th Pat for David

21st Brenda Kind

28th



Thank you for your support for Mariam and her family in Burkina Faso.

We support them via Compassion.



Christian Aid Week 14th – 20th May

This year Christian Aid is focussing on Malawi, a landlocked country in South-Eastern Africa.

Your gifts will help farmers in Malawi to plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for their crops and build a better future for their children.

The impact of the recent cyclone Freddy in Malawi has been devastating. Floods have washed away crops, 500,000 people have been displaced and hundreds have lost their lives.

Christian Aid Week is at its most powerful when disasters happen. Donations to Christian Aid help to provide relief and support, as well as helping long term development projects.

We are holding a lunch on Saturday 20th May from 12 noon onwards. This will be soup and a roll, a sweet and tea or coffee. There will also be envelopes for your free will offering.

My next quiz is for Christian Aid and will be ready by May 14th. This is on **“Things to do with Schools.”**

Brenda

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Even my quizzes are copyright and cannot be used without my permission.

Mary was quite right not to print the article I submitted from "World in Action," The Bible Society Magazine. However, I contacted the Bible Society to ask if we could use the article. I had a reply saying "Yes, as long as we acknowledged the source."

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Scripture in the kitchen

From the Bible Society Magazine *World in Action*

There are hundreds of references to food and drink in the Bible and some of today's healthiest choices were part of the diet in Biblical times, such as fish, olive oil, garlic, pomegranates and of course milk and honey.

God initially prescribed a plant-based diet comprised of herbs and fruit (Genesis 1.29), but after the flood he blessed Noah and his sons (9: 1-3) and widened the menu considerably by saying "Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you."

Moses didn't mince his words in Leviticus 11 by laying down strict dietary laws. For bacon bap lovers back then it was bad news, as pigs were a no-no (11.7), Fish fans were delighted

that they could eat anything in the water (11.9), but there was a catch, so long as it had fins and scales. Prawn cocktail? Forget it

Now we can make our own decisions on what to eat. And we thank God for providing us with food.

“They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence”. Luke 24: 42-43.

out of the Sea of Galilee, a fresh- water lake. Jesus ate a very simple meal when he reappeared to his followers after he had risen, showing them, he was real and not a ghost! In some versions of the Bible, they gave him honeycomb with the fish.

Simon Bartz

Magazine editor.

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A child's grace before meals

Thank you for the world so sweet,

Thank you for the food we eat,

Thank you for the birds that sing,

Thank you God for everything. Amen

The picture on the next page is titled *Grilled fish for the risen Lord*.

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Detail from a stained glass window in Lille Cathedral, France

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SAT 13TH MAY 7:30-9:00PM

Tickets available on the door or in advance.
Payment can be made via cash, cheque or Bacs.
Contact 0116 281 2625 or mail@swmchurch.org.uk.
All proceeds go towards supporting church funds.