

South Wigston Methodist Church

The Oracle



Bible month *The Book of Revelation* June 2023

Cover picture: The Last Judgement from the “Cloisters Apocalypse”
French 13th century

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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.

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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Worship in June

Sunday 4th 10.15 John Aldridge

Sunday 11th 10.15 Rev. Gordon Webb – Holy communion

Sunday 18th 10.15 Dr Douglas Beoku-Betts with Jo Kay

Sunday 25th 10.15 Café-style worship

June is Bible Month and the preaching each Sunday will be on the book of Revelation.

Week 1: The Church then and now (Revelation 1-3)

Week 2: The triumph of the Lamb (Revelation 4-5)

Week 3: Witness, worship and waiting (Revelation 10-13)

Week 4: Heading home (Revelation 17-22)

You can find links to resources, including YouTube videos, at www.methodist.org.uk/biblemonth



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Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis

Ministerial Sabbatical (A period set aside every seven years, for a minister to have a 3 month break from their normal duties).

Liam's sabbatical will fall during June, July and August. He will be using his sabbatical to rest and reconnect with his family. This is the reason he has chosen to take his sabbatical over the summer (to coincide with the school holidays). The sabbatical will also provide Liam with greater time to read and write as he explores the role of doubt as a positive aspect of faith. His research will hopefully lead to the creation of devotional/worship resources.

As you already know Liam will not be our minister at South Wigston after his sabbatical. He will have pastoral care of Bishop Street MC, and will be involved in the chaplaincy team at the University of Leicester. We said Farewell to Liam at his final service with us on Sunday 28th May.

We look forward to welcoming Rev. Frances Ballantyne as our minister from September.

Rev. Liam's final service was on Sunday 28th May – Pentecost. We said “au revoir” and Brenda gave a moving speech while Nicholas presented Liam with a “Sorry you're leaving” card and a gift. Liam took a picture of the congregation, then he was persuaded to join in while Stuart took a photo. (Janice was on the left, and June & Trevor were on the right and missed the shot!). Both photos can be seen in the church lounge.



The Church family in June

Happy Birthday to

6th June

13th Brenda F.

29th Ian S.

Happy anniversary to Trish & Trevor who celebrate on 26th.

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.

4th Sue & girls in memory of Granny

11th

18th Margaret D for John's birthday

25th



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

We support them via Compassion.

Her latest letter is on the noticeboard.

A message from *All We Can*

Thank you for supporting the joint *All We Can* and Methodist Church in Britain emergency appeal for people in Ukraine, following Russia's invasion.

Your donation has helped us to work with humanitarian aid partners, as well as the United Methodist Church In Ukraine and the countries surrounding Ukraine, to meet the immediate needs of those impacted by the crisis.

Since the middle of March last year, rapid emergency assistance has been provided in Poland and West & Central Ukraine including: trauma-sensitive mental healthcare delivered by psychologists and mental health professionals; Psychological First Aid training for staff and volunteers, and essential bathroom items and bedlinen for those fleeing the violence.

Thank you for your support and for working with us to see every person's potential fulfilled in the midst of conflict.

Visit methodist.org.uk/ukraine to find out more.

Christian Aid Week in May

We held a soup & dessert lunch on 20th May which raised £70. Including this and the envelopes over £260 was raised. About £100 is to come from the sale of Brenda's quiz.

The Coronation Big Lunch on Monday 8th May was a great success with the lounge filled with adults and children who enjoyed sausage or bacon cobs, and a variety of other delicious food. Although this wasn't a fund-raiser "40 was received in donations for Menphys.

My Dear Church Family. That's what you are, and will always be. I am sorry that I have to say Farewell to you all, and I will miss you so much – BUT I have to move to Wales to be near to my family. My son Peter, daughter-in-law Hannah, grandsons Evan (6) and Rhys (3), and granddaughter Grace when she visits from Reading. They have been too far away to see me very often and give me the support I now need at nearly 84 years old!! I will live with them to start with and will then get my own place eventually. Hopefully some sort of retirement apartment.

Thank you for your love and friendship over all the years. We have shared so many happy and sad times together. I was 4 years old when I first started the Sunday School – so 80 years is a very long time to be a member! I have many memories: Clem Bass's Junior Choir, Youth Club, Ladies' Circle, playgroup helper, Girls' Brigade helper, Jaffa Club, and of course the Drama Group which I joined at 15, and retired at 70 years. What times we had doing all those plays, pantomimes, and then the big musical shows etc. They certainly kept me going after my Bill sadly died in 1991. Over the past months life has been traumatic and emotional selling my house, and I have prayed to our Lord to help me in this mammoth task – and He has always been there for me. I can honestly say that there has only been

“one set of footsteps in the sand”

Thank you again for the lovely card, God bless you all.

With much love

Beryl X

Scripture in the kitchen ~ David's Blessed Buns

A recipe from the Bible Society's Beth Read (Reprinted with permission.)

And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts. Then he distributed among the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed, each to his own house. 2 Samuel 6.18-19 (ESV)

Ingredients

100g brown sugar	200ml warm water
1tbsp yeast	100g plain flour
1tsp butter	100g raisins

Salt and your choice of spices such as ginger, cinnamon, almond essence or mixed spice.

1 tbsp honey (optional)

Method – makes 8

1. Mix the sugar, yeast and water together and leave in a warm place for 30 minutes, so that the yeast can start to activate.
2. Stir in the flour and butter and knead for 5 minutes.
3. Add your choice of spices and flavourings and then knead and shape into 8 round buns.
4. Place on a greased tray and bake in the oven at Gas 6 (200° C) for 20 minutes until risen and a nice colour.

5. Lovely toasted with butter while reading or singing your favourite psalms.

Church library

Thank you to those who have brought books for the church library,

I have just finished reading one of the books, "Breakout" by Fred Lemon. Fred was a violent criminal who found Christ when he was in Broadmoor Prison.

His law-abiding wife spent a short time in prison herself when she was unwittingly caught up in one of his criminal activities.

What must it have been like to be married to such a man, and to forgive him and stand by him? I am about to find out, as my next book from the library is "My Rough Diamond." Written by Fred's wife Doris, who was persuaded to give her side of the story. *Brenda*

Circuit Family Worship Let's talk about PRAYER

Craft!

Food!

Music!

Prayer!

Saturday 10th June 3 - 5 pm

Uppingham Road Methodist Church.178 Uppingham
Road.LE5 0QG

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

For more information contact

Deacon Sharon on 0116 277 0317

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As the largest charity care provider for older people in the UK, we offer some of the highest quality care, accommodation and support services throughout Britain. Our mission is to inspire the best care and wellbeing at every stage of later life.

Founded by members of the Methodist Church in 1943, today we support:

- **3,896** older people living in our care homes, many receiving specialist dementia or nursing care
- **2,763** older people living independently in retirement living communities, with access to social and leisure facilities and flexible care when needed
- **11,476** older people living independently in their own homes with the support of our community services across Britain.



Our nearest MHA home is Aigburth, Manor Road, Oadby LE2 2LL

The home will be open on Friday 30th June and Special events are held throughout the year.



Music in the Garden
with the Wigston Band!

At Wigston Framework Knitters Museum
on Saturday June 10th 7pm

Tickets: £10 per person

Book early to reserve your place and enjoy music,
refreshments and nibbles on a summer evening!

Call: Bill 07977 169440 or email: wigstonfwkmuseum@live.co.uk

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