



Hinckley **Methodist** Church

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

EASTER DAY

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Gwen Coley

In Holy Week the bare Cross will be placed outside the church, and on Easter Saturday the mesh will be placed around it. So, on Easter Sunday it can be decorated with flowers to symbolise the resurrection as we have done in previous years. It makes for a very effective Easter symbol.

Easter Offering Easter Offering envelopes can be found in the pews, please Gift Aid if you are able and place your donation on the plate by the Church door. The monies raised will be sent to the Methodist Church World Mission Fund.

Tuesday April 2nd 3.00pm Service of Celebration and Communion at Stapleton Methodist Church, led by Rev Andrew Lomax, followed by refreshments.

Wed April 3rd 2.00pm Chat and a Cuppa in the lounge

Saturday April 6th 10 am Coffee Morning - Scouts

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

10.30 am Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Patricia Mukurombindo

Thank you to the Ladies Guild for the Easter flower decorations in the Church windows. Everyone contributed as part of their meeting on Tuesday.

Church Anniversary Many thanks for your gifts and support last weekend. The Ukelele afternoon was very enjoyable, and the Tin Hat Ukes received just over £80 for their charity giving. There was a similar amount for church funds. The coffee morning also earned a similar amount. It is not too late for anyone to give an anniversary gift to the church - please use one of the white envelopes and if you pay tax please consider gift aiding. Many thanks, Richard

EASTER JUBILATION Tuesday 16th April 7 o'clock. Hinckley Community Choir invite you to Easter Jubilation, a short concert of the music they have been recently learning and the dedication of the Easter Offering collections from around the Circuit. It will only be for 1/2 an hour, with the opportunity to chat over light refreshments afterwards. We look forward to seeing you.

AFTERNOON TEA Due to the Lent Lunches we didn't have an afternoon tea in March. As the first Tuesday in April is Easter Tuesday and Stapleton Church will hold a service that afternoon, our next get together will be April 16th at normal time 2pm, so make a note in your diaries. Hope to see you then Liz and gang.

Mothering Sunday Thanks. Several tributes have come into the notices to the dedication of those who provided and distributed the plants. They gave much pleasure and a sense of belonging to the church community.

Ladies Guild Outing on Thursday 16th May Ladies Guild members are being picked up on Holliers Walk at 9am and going to Rutland Water, having a 45-minute trip on the Rutland Belle (£13) at 11am followed by travelling to Gates Garden Centre near Oakham for a couple of hours. The bus fare hopefully should be around £13/£15 depending on if we get a full coach load. If others are interested in joining us please add names to the list on the Church Notice Board or ring Chris Norton on 07970925409

Prayers for Sunday 31st March

(Taken from Singing the faith – Jesus Christ risen and ascended)

Mon 1st April – Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change all whose lives are messed and mangled, all who find religion strange. Christ is risen. Christ is present, making us what he has been – evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

Tues 2nd April – Put aside your sorrows, wipe your tears away, for a better time will come. There's a promise of a better day, join the laughter and the fun!

Wed 3rd April – On our journey to Emmaus, in our stories and feast, with Jesus we claim that the greatest is least: and his words burn within us – let none be ignored – who welcomes the stranger shall welcome the Lord.

Thurs 4th April – Rejoicing in Christ's promise we wait in prayer and praise, the spirit sent from heaven to set the earth ablaze; we pray with expectation, we praise with one accord, we wait for living fire, the power of the Lord.

Fri 5th April – No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life; life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Sat 6th April – One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes with certainty; honour and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with power and authority! And we are raised with him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered; and we shall reign with him, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

Sun 7th April – Go and tell others, Christ is alive! Love is eternal, faith and hope thrive. What God intended; Jesus fulfilled; what God conceives can never be killed. Come, let us worship him, endlessly sing; Christ is alive, and death loses its sting. Sins are forgiven, alleluia! Jesus is risen, alleluia!

CREATING SAFER SPACE -FOUNDATION MODULE TRAINING The Foundation 2020 (revised 2022) module is for those who need to undertake either INITIAL or REFRESHER CSS Safeguarding training.

Leicester West Methodist Circuit are running an in-person Safeguarding training session on Saturday 13th April 2024 from 10am to 1pm at New Parks Methodist Church, New Parks Way, New Parks, Leicester LE3 5QS For more information or book a place on this course please telephone Rosemary Woodland on 01530 244497 or email leicwest.safeguarding@gmail.com

PLEASE include the following information when you book – your name, your Church, your role in Church, your email address, and a contact telephone number.

Nb all those who did training before the pandemic now need an updated qualification, so this is an opportunity.

Christian Aid 2024 The CA Fair will be held on Sat 20th April from 9.30am. Donations of cakes, plants and of course bric-a-brac will be gratefully received. Unloved new items are also needed for our New stall. We'll also be selling toys and jig saws. All items can be collected and stored but are needed by 15th April for pricing.

CA Week is Sunday 12th May to Sat 18th May. If anyone would like to deliver in their street using their address for drop off, please contact me. There will also be Church collections so look out for the red envelopes.

Our CA coffee morning will be on Sat 18th May.

Please support these events to help those living on the brink of survival to push back against poverty. Margaret Pearce 07733240873 and Celia Bailey.

Coffee Morning held on 2nd March to raise money to buy trees. raised £114.80. We also received some donations so this year we have been able to donate 11 trees to be planted in the National Forest. We marvel at the wonderful world God has created and thank everyone for their support for a cleaner healthier environment.

COFFEE MORNINGS

April	13 th	Irene and Trevor
	20 th	
	27 th .	Ladies Guild

* A reminder that if you are organising a coffee morning for other than Church funds, the Church donation from 2024 is now £30.

News from The Vine Coffee and Bookshop, Hinckley

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing in their donations of good quality second hand books (of all varieties!). They are greatly appreciated and are helping us get some much needed extra revenue. Please keep them coming in and do let your friends know as well!

Another way you can help us is to become a "Friend of The Vine". "Friends" are people who are passionate about The Vine and are keen to help its ministry continue in Hinckley. They donate a monthly amount of at least £5.00 by standing order. In return they receive (along with our sincere gratitude) a newsletter each month plus two vouchers for free drinks and a 10% off voucher to spend on gifts and books in The Vine (excluding fair-trade goods). We have leaflets on the counter that tell you more or please speak to the manager if you are interested.

Our Take Note and Kids Corner books are now in stock with lots of titles for Easter (especially for children) plus lots of other exciting new titles for all ages including devotionals, biographies, novels, and Bibles – all at great discounts.

As usual we will be closed for the whole of the Easter weekend including Good Friday, Easter Saturday, and the Bank Holiday Monday.

God Bless, Jessica Harrison Manager

Circuit Well-being Walks at Bradgate Park 8th and 29th April

Meet 9.45am to 10am at Bradgate Park Newtown Linford Car Park. Car Parking charges apply. Walk starts at 10am and lasts 90 minutes. 2 walks take place - a gentle stroll along the carriageway or a ramble into the Outer Park.

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Items for the church notices may be telephoned to Gwen Coley on 01455 699278 or e-mailed to notices@hinckleymethodist.org.uk

The deadline for notices is 5pm Thursday. Please indicate for how many weeks you would like your notice included.

Prayer Requests If you have entered someone's name in the Book of Prayer, would you please remember to re-enter their name (if Prayer is still needed) at the beginning of each month.

We have a prayer chain of about 30 people who will pray regularly in response to your requests. Please telephone Sue Cooper on 613352 or e-mail Cynthia cyn.jordan@yahoo.co.uk