MESSAGE FROM PAUL, OUR VICAR

Welcome to the March edition of the Bridge

This year we mark Mothering Sunday at both 9am and 11am in the Parish Church on the 11th March. If you have not been for a while this would be an ideal opportunity to join us. You will receive a warm welcome.

Following Mothering Sunday, we will remember the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ. On 25th March we mark Palm Sunday. This is the day that Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a King.

On Thursday 29th March we remember the last supper when Jesus taught on what we celebrate today as Holy Communion.

On 30th March we mark Good Friday, the day in which Jesus was crucified and buried. Members of the Methodist Church and Parish Church will come together for a service at 10am at St Peter and St Paul's, followed by a "Walk of Witness". At 6:30pm there will also be meditation at the Methodist Church.

On Sunday the 1st April we will remember the resurrection and that Jesus did not stay dead. Christians believe that Jesus is very much alive today.

Please do join us in the coming weeks. Why live apart from Jesus when you can live with him.

God Bless

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MARCH 2018

Worship at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Water Orton

9.00am	2	nion every Sunday		
11.00am	All Age Wors	hip every Sunday		
10.00am	Holy Communion every Wednesday			
9.00am and 11.00am	11th March	Mothering Sunday Service		
9.00am and 11.00am	25th March	Palm Sunday		
10.00am 30th March	Good Friday-v	with "Walk of Witness" with members of the Methodist Church		
	1st April	Easter Sunday		
Worship at Water Orton Methodist Church				
Sunday 4th March	10.30am	Rev. Farai Mapamula Holy Communion		
2.30pm "Sacred Space" at Orton Manor Nursing Home				
Sunday 11th March	10.30am	Mr G Davies		
Sunday 18th March	10.30am	Rev. A Richards		
Sunday 25th March	10.30am	Rev. I Howarth		
	7.00pm White	City Community Centre Fellowship with Rev Farai Mapamula		
Friday 30th March	6.30pm G	ood Friday meditation with Deacon Josie Flute		

'Messy Church' for young families at Water Orton Methodist Church

Sunday 18th March 3.30pm - 5.30pm Messy Church and Open Story Teller Teams invite young families to a lively afternoon of craft activities, songs, story telling and afternoon tea.

Methodist Church Contacts: Rev. Farai Mapamula - 07753443430 Mrs Gill Day - Senior Steward 0121 747 9897

THE BRIDGE



Linking People & Churches in Water Orton

WHAT'S ON AT THE LINK

BFG. Church for all ages. Every 2nd Sunday in the month *

Kiddoodle's Parent & Toddler Group for 0 – school age * Dodge Ball for 9yrs - 14yrs (*Contact Rachel on 07850409192*) Zumba & Tone Kettlebells & Cardio (*Contact Rebecca 07525 414703*)

Art Class - All ages and abilities welcome (*Contact Mark on 07774 026169*) Dance,Dance,Dance - New Beginners Adult Ballroom and Latin dance class (*Contact Dawn on 01221 783 5584*) Stretch/Yoga (*Contact Sarah 07772 432485*)

Little Baby Buntings - Mum & Baby Group for 0-3 years * WOMBATS - Mother & Toddler Group 0-School age * Slimming World (Contact Angie 07443 565571)

THURSDAY10.00am - 11.30am2.00pm - 3.30pm6.00pm - 6.00pm6.15pm - 7.10pm7.15pm - 8.15pmClubbercise (Contact Rebecca 07525 414703)

 FRIDAY
 Meet & Eat - Lunch and a chat for the retired (We are currently full) *

 6.00pm -7.00pm
 Boxercise (Contact Jason 07515 360586)

 * For more information contact The Link 0121-748-6360

WOMEN ALIVE

WOMEN ALIVE - Thursday 1st March 2018 - Kol Kinor Choir - Jewish Choir Concert. Please bring Friends, Husbands etc. Everyone Welcome.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY CONCERT - SUNDAY 22nd APRIL 2018. 3.00 pm at St Peter & St Paul's Church. With Coleshill Town Youth Brass Band and our own Church choir. Tickets £5 each to include Pimms and a cake. All profit to charity. Tickets available from Joy Newman - 0121 747 3534

PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING—Saturday May 5th 10.00am - 1.00pm at The Link, New Road. Various stalls, all profit to charity. Please come along and support us.

WATER ORTON 'CHURCHES TOGETHER' in March

Friday 2nd March 10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer at the Methodist Church Friday 9th,16th and 23rd March 10.30am Lent Study (2, 3 and 4) at the White City Community Centre

Thursday 29th March Maundy Thursday "Agape" meal and meditation at The Link. Friday 30th March Good Friday - village "Walk of Witness".

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Box Holders

On behalf of the children I thank you for your commitment and support. I'm pleased to report that box holders raised $\pounds 1,200$ during 2017, which will help to provide vital assistance for children suffering from poverty, violence and injustice in this country.

If you are not a box holder at present but would like to take part, this is how it works. We supply you with a small plastic collection box. I will ask you to fill in a small form, just name address etc. I collect the box once a year, usually from September onwards, unless you require the box to be emptied earlier. My details are on the rear of the box so you can call me to empty it or drop it into church, it will be emptied and returned to you, the date opened and amount received will be written on the base of the box.

As a registered box holder you may receive updates from The Children's Society on the vital work they do. You may also be asked to give your support by signing petitions from time to time, for example when we lobbied the government to support safe places for children that end up on the streets and justice for disabled children. If you would like a box please contact Trixie on 0121 681 0537. Again, on behalf of the children, Thank You and Best Wishes for 2018 Trixie

WATER ORTON LOCAL COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Councillors Ray Payne and David Reilly will be happy to meet you at The Robert Lloyd Room, the Parish Church, Tuesday Mornings 11.00am - noon and at The Methodist Church, on the last Saturday of each month from 10.00am to midday.

WATER ORTON WAR MEMORIAL

Thank you to all who came to the Quiz Night for the Memorial fund in February. We made £614 towards our total which was very welcome. We are getting nearer to our goal of dedicating the memorial in October, ready for Remembrance Day, 11.11.2018. There will be more fundraising events including a "Nessun Dorma Cabaret" evening with an Italian style chicken dinner, at The Link on 28th April. Tickets are £20 and will be available from Stephen Record and at The Link. On 29th September there will be a social evening at Water Orton Cricket Club, with a comedian and vocalist. Tickets will be available later in the year from Pete Coles and Paul Messenger at the Cricket Club. We are also having a stall at Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens in May, during the 1940's weekend, we hope to see you there.

REMEMBERING TERRY BOWN

Nora, Nicky and Rachel would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who kindly donated to the collection in Terry's memory. We would also like to thank all those who sent warm and thoughtful messages. We raised a total of $\pounds 1,160$ which was split between Acorns Children's Hospice and the Water Orton War Memorial Fund.

4.00pm—5.30pm <u>MONDAY</u> 10.00am - 11.30am 5.00pm - 6.00pm 6.30pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm - 8.30pm

2.00pm - 4.00pm

6.00pm - 6.45pm WEDNESDAY

10.00am - 11.30am

1.00pm - 2.30pm

5.30pm and 7.30pm

SUNDAY

<u>TUESDAY</u> 10.00am - 12noon