



# Newsletter

Sunday 21st August 2011

## Wellington Methodist Church and Centre

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Welcome to Wellington Methodist Church! At the top of New Street, the church seeks to serve town and people and offers good news for all. If you are here for the first time or just visiting the area you are welcome. Please feel at home and if you would like to know more about the work of the Church please ask, or fill in one of the contact leaflet sheets to join the mailing/email list. Do stay and join us for tea and coffee after the service.

### Services for Sunday 21st August

10.15 a.m      Holy Communion - Rev Peter Clarke

### Mid-week Worship (Thursday)

9.30 am          Holy Communion - a 30 minute service for anyone in town.  
In the Sanctuary. All welcome.

### Services for next Sunday

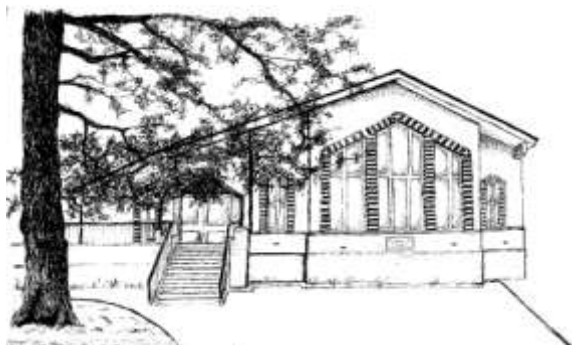
10.15 a.m      Morning Worship Mrs Annette Thomas

### Our prayers

We remember those who have recently been bereaved. We think of those

**who are unwell, in hospital or recovering at home. Gwen Lord's family**

Gwen passed away last week in a home in Shrewsbury.



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## WEEKDAY PROGRAMME

Thursday 25th August  
9.30 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Coffee Morning

Friday 26th August  
10.00 am Craft and Chat  
Sewing Cards /Handbag cards

Saturday 27th August  
10.00am Coffee Morning -

## DIARY DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

### Church Council

There will be a brief Church Council Meeting today after Morning Service

### World Church Boxes and JMA boxes

As it is coming to the end of the financial year, if you are a holder of a world church box or a JMA box please could you hand them in for counting as soon as possible. Thank you for help.

Barbara Murray/Rachel Murray

### Collection Envelopes

Your new packs of envelopes are now available. Please take your own, and, if you wish you might like to take a pack for a friend or someone you visit.

If you are not in the envelope scheme and would like to join, please contact Elwyn Jones 01952 641644

### Help needed

If anyone could help by signing up to do a Thursday Coffee Morning I would be most grateful. Thank you Barbara

### Rwandan Young Peoples Visit

Many thanks to all who donated so generously to the 20p appeal over the last few weeks. A total of £196.14 was raised to help with expenses for the young visitors when they visit our district in November

### Cornish Cream Tea

At Church House, 50 Deepdale, Hollinswood on 29th August (Bank Holiday Monday) from 2.30—6.00pm. Entry £3.00 with proceeds to Church Funds.  
All welcome. Bring a friend.

### Weekly Collection

Last Sundays collection (14th August) was £488.29

## Ladies Club

Will resume on *Tuesday 6th September* with a party to celebrate their 50th birthday and will revert back to Wednesday meetings the following week. Ladies Club will be closed now over the summer - details of coffee evenings will be announced nearer the time.

## Coming in September

TCAT will be doing two more taster classes for us in September. Computers for the terrified will be on Friday mornings and there will be another Photoshop taster course on a Wednesday morning. If anyone is interested or would like more information then please contact Barbara Murray in the office.

## Big 'O' Party

The date has been set for the party - Saturday October 15th Starting at 7.00 pm. It will be an open social everyone who is free is invited to join us.

Thanks Tina

## Food for Thought

There will be no Food for Thought on 25th August or 1st September. Food for Thought resumes on 8th September with Chris Penn

## Bi-annual promise

**Our bi - annual promise ( to 'gift' baby knitwear for premature babies at PRH/RSH) will be coming around soon. Our next "delivery" to the hospital will be at the end of November.** Donations of knitwear to Shirley West please. Thank you!

## Singing the Faith

If anyone would like to purchase their own personal copy of the new Methodist Hymn Book Singing the Faith please sign on the list on the notice board down the corridor before Friday 26th August.. Please let me have cash or cheques made payable to Wellington Methodist Church as soon as possible. Pre publication prices: music £25.00, words £7.50, large print words £12.50. Barbara Murray

## Methodist Relief Fund Collection

Envelopes are available for those who would like to make a contribution to the current appeal for Famine Relief in the Horn of Africa. If you are able to gift aid your donation, please complete the form on the back of the envelope. Thank you for your support.

## Coming Soon ....

On Friday 2nd September - Michael Davey the last of the current series of lunch-time organ concerts. The church will be open at 12.30 pm with tea coffee and soft drinks available. Bring your own lunch. Concert begins at 1.00pm and will be of 40 minutes duration. Admission free with a retiring collection.

## Keeping in Touch

If there is a family member, friend, neighbour etc who you think would benefit from a “Hello” phone call on a Monday morning please contact Shirley West or leave a message in the Office.

## Gift Day

The total for Gift day this year was £5327.20. A special word of thanks to all individuals and groups who contributed in any way. Thank you

## From Nora and Harry

Nora and Harry would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, flowers and kind messages they have received

## The Methodist Church Kenya carries out relief work in east Africa

The Methodist Church in Kenya has requested funding to purchase and distribute food to areas most affected by the famine. The worst hit areas are mainly in northern Kenya, which has had little or no rainfall lately. This has resulted in massive crop failure, drying up of the few water sources and death of animals **which are the communities’ major source of income.** “As one visits the drought stricken areas, they notice the few remaining animals which are extremely **emaciated and unable to move, just on the brink of dying,**” says partnerships coordinator for Africa, Dr Bunmi Olayisade.

Northern Kenya also borders Somalia, which has been without an effective government since 1991. In the recent weeks, increased fighting there has spilled over into Kenya. This has worsened the situation as residents are driven out of their homes by the Al-shabaab fighters. Many lives have been lost and livelihoods destroyed. High fuel prices have greatly affected the prices of food and other everyday items. Children in the affected areas do not attend school regularly; official reports indicate that children are dying of hunger. Families in the affected areas are feeding on wild roots and leaves – some of which later turn out to be poisonous. As a result, some people have died. There has also been an increase in water- and dust-borne infections such as diarrhoea, eye infections, and common colds.

**“Over a million people now stand the risk of death if nothing is done to lessen the impact of this catastrophe,”** says Bunmi. **“It is necessary for stakeholders to put their efforts together to save lives and restore hope to the people in the affected areas. It will also be important for the government, NGOs and well-wishers to develop long term mechanisms that would include irrigation and other support to permanently save the people of northern Kenya from the continued ravages of hunger.”**