

EARL SHILTON METHODIST CHURCH



'Putting Christ at the Centre'

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL 2026

We welcome you today

Please take this booklet home with you

If you are here for the first time or would like to know more about our activities, please make yourself known to one of the stewards.

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www.hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk**

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

5 APRIL EASTER DAY

10.30am Keith Ware

(Leader) Hallelujah! The Lord is risen!
(All say) He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

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12 APRIL

10.30am Pam Weston

Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father
has sent me, I am sending you."

John 20 : 21

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19 APRIL

10.30am Nigel Roberts

3.00pm Kingdom Builders

The Lord is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

Psalms 116: 5

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26 APRIL

10.30am Revd Brian Kennard (Holy Communion)

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd
lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10; 11

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3 MAY

10.30am Pat Fisher

4.30pm Café Worship

Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God, trust also in me.

John 14: 1

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CARD MACHINE FOR PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE....

The church now has a card machine which provides the convenience of being able to make donations to church funds by card instead of cash.

The machine is available for use on Sundays and if you wish to make use of it, please speak to either Ruth Robinson, Matt Robinson or John Askew and they will be able to use the machine to take your donation.

CAFÉ WORSHIP....

Please note that Café Worship will not meet today but will re-commence on 3 May.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 2 MAY & 6 JUNE AT 9.30AM

Everyone is welcome to come along, a chance to enjoy a bacon bap, a hot drink and a chat.

Our Sunday collections during March amounted to £1512
Our commitment to the Circuit is £1642 per month.

REGULAR EVENTS

SUNDAY	3.00pm	Kingdom Builders (3rd Sunday each month)
MONDAY	6.00pm	Brownies
	6.30pm	Cubs
	7.30pm	Study Group on Zoom (2nd & 4th Monday each month)
TUESDAY	10.00am	Coffee Morning & Book Shop
	3.00pm	The 'ARK' Cafe
	7.00pm	Guides
	7.00pm	Scouts
WEDNESDAY	6.00pm	Beavers
THURSDAY	5.30pm	Rainbows
FRIDAY	7.00pm	Barwell & E.S. Street Pastors (Daytime patrols & some Fridays)
SATURDAY	9.30am	Community Breakfast (1st Sat each month)

NOTE: The Cubs, Beavers and Scouts all meet at the Scout Headquarters, Alexander Avenue.

All uniformed organisations meet in school term time.

OTHER WEEKDAY MEETINGS IN APRIL

MONDAY 13TH

The Pastoral Committee will meet at 2.45pm.

WEDNESDAY 15TH

Quiz Night on Zoom at 7.30pm.

TUESDAY 21ST

The Leadership Team will meet at 7.15pm on Zoom.

THURSDAY 23RD

The Circuit Local Preachers meeting will be at 7.30pm at Earl Shilton.

DATES FOR THE 'ARK' CAFÉ IN APRIL....

Please note that the café will not meet on 7 April but will be back as usual on 14 April at 3pm.

WELL-BEING WALKS IN BRADGATE PARK

13 & 27 APRIL AT 10AM

Everyone is welcome to join in these walking sessions. Meet at 9.45 to 10am in the Newtown Linford Car Park, charges apply.

The walks start at 10am and last for 90mins.

You can choose between a gentle stroll along the road or a ramble into the outer park.

NEW YOUTH CAFÉ TO OPEN....

Helen Cobby is aiming to open a weekly youth café, to be held on Wednesdays from 6pm until 8pm.

Ideally it will run over school holidays as well as during term time.

It will be held in the Parish Hall of Ss Simon & Jude Anglican Church.

Every volunteer will need a DBS check and some planning meetings will be held prior to the actual start date. It is hoped that volunteers will come from across all the churches in Earl Shilton.

Please get in touch with Helen Cobby if you are interested in helping with this project.

email: earlshilton.neighbourhoodwatch@gmail.com

NEW VENTURE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN....

Karen Berry will be starting a new venture for young children. It is called 'Stay & Play' and will begin on Thursday 16 April, 9.15am until 11.15am.

Please pray for this new venture and for Karen and her colleague.

**INDUCTION SERVICE FOR A NEW BAPTIST MINISTER
SUNDAY 19 APRIL AT 4PM.**

We are pleased to hear that Phil Evans has been appointed the Minister of LBC Earl Shilton.

His induction service will be on Sunday 19 April at 4pm.

Everyone is invited to go along and the service will be followed by food and refreshments.

BEREAVEMENT CARE AWARENESS TRAINING

AT SAPCOTE METHODIST CHURCH SAT 9 MAY

This training has been organised by Sapcote and everyone who is interested is invited to go along. The course will be run by trainers from 'Care for the Family' which is a national charity.

The booking process is free of charge and each church will be invoiced £15 per person post training.

The course is aimed at church leaders and pastoral visitors.

If anyone is interested in going, please contact the circuit office to book your place:

Tel. 851930 or email: hinckleycircuitoffice@gmail.com

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING SUNDAY 10 MAY

Please note that the annual church meeting will take place at 11am, after the morning service which will begin at 10am.

Please come along to hear about and discuss the work and mission of our church. At this meeting we also elect the church stewards willing to serve for another year. If you wish to nominate someone to serve as a steward, please obtain their permission first and then submit the name to the minister at least 14 days before the meeting.

Do note that our service will begin at 10am.

PLEASE NOTE....

The final date for items to be included in the next issue is 24 April.

As a single mum, Maxine struggled to keep up with her devotional times with God. Feeling a failure, she went for a walk by a river, taking in the scent of the flowers and listening to the gurgling water. She sensed God's loving peace settle on her as she imagined Jesus walking beside her. "I felt I was in his presence... this made me feel at peace and filled me with joy." Now she walks and talks with God each day, rejoicing in his presence. "I had been making myself feel so guilty.... When the answer was right in front of me: He is always with me!"

The Psalms reverberate with this truth - God is with us. In Psalm 145, David speaks praises to the God who is close to him and shares about his character: "The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does". God satisfies our desires and is righteous and faithful. And He's close to us: "The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth".

We can echo David's praises as we find ways to connect with God, just as Maxine did. We too can say: "My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever".

Read Psalm 145: 13 - 21

A prayer: *Gracious God, thank you for caring for
me and enveloping me in your presence.
Deepen my desire to love and serve you.*