



Hinckley **Methodist** Church

NOTICES FOR MAY

Sunday worship at 10.30 am

May 3rd	Morning Worship led by Rev Andrew Lomax
May 10th	Morning Worship Local Arrangement
May 17th	Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Edward Sakwe
May 24th	Morning Worship led by Charles Davies
May 31st	CIRCUIT SERVICE AT BURBAGE

All are welcome to attend our services Tea and coffee are provided after the service in the lower schoolroom and this offers a welcome opportunity for a chat with new and old friends. This monthly notice sheet provides details of all our weekly activities, daily prayers and information about our church and community.

This month includes Christian Aid Week and offers us a special opportunity to contribute to its work in our troubled world. See overleaf for details



Christian Aid Update.

Yesterday 2.5.26 was the Christian Aid Fair. Celia and I want to thank our volunteers and friends who have enabled the Fair to take place. Details of the funds raised will be in the June notices.

Christian Aid Week starts on 10.5.26. Envelopes for giving will be available for the next 3 weeks. These with the money raised at the Saturday Coffee Morning on 10.5.26 are our contribution to CA. CA continues to fight poverty in countries affected by climate change and war.

On Wed 3.6.26 a curry night at the Windsor Tiffin Burbage 7pm will be held. Tickets £24 including a donation to CA. (Pre booked English meals available). Please book your tickets asap with payment to Margaret Pearce. It's a pleasant way to support CA in the company of other supporters.

Celia Bailey and Margaret Pearce

Events this month

Saturday May 2 nd	10am Christian Aid Fair at St Mary's
Tuesday May 5 th	6.25pm Community Choir
Monday May 11 th	1.30pm Funeral of Jonathan Parkins
Tuesday May 12 th	2pm Ladies Guild
	6.25pm Community Choir
Tuesday May 19 th	10.30am Pastoral Meeting
	6.25pm Community Choir
Tuesday May 26 th	2pm Ladies Guild

Saturday Coffee Mornings at 10.00am

9.5.26. Christian Aid Coffee Morning - Celia, Margaret and friends.

16.5.26. Guild

23.5.26. Guides

30.5.26. Free

6.6.26. Free

I'm taking bookings for the second half of the year and need offers to cover the school summer holidays July and August. Margaret Pearce 07733240873

Eco Tips for May

Support pollinators. Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But these precious pollinators are declining due to habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification. Wednesday 20 May is World Bee Day, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators. Read more about bees, butterflies and habitats that support them in our Target 25 resources at Arocha. org.uk/what-we-do/target-25. Sow a pollinator-friendly seed mix, make or buy a bee hotel, let some wild flowers grow in your garden, and don't use pesticides. Pray that our pollinator populations will increase. For more about World Bee Day visit: awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/ For more eco-tips, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian

PS Did you know that you can now recycle your empty tablet blister packs at Boots, Hinckley? The container for these is at the back left corner of the Boots shop in the Britannia Centre.

Jonathan Parkins We were very sad to hear that Jonathan had passed away on Easter Day. He had been until fairly recently a church steward –a role he had undertaken in churches in previous circuits. When he returned to Hinckley he offered his services to our church also and we were glad to welcome him and appreciated his commitment to our Sunday worship and coffee mornings. His funeral will take place in church on Monday May 11th at 1.30pm Donations in memory of Jonathan to the British Heart Foundation may be made via Sellers

A note of thanks I would like to say how much I appreciated the Lent Groups which I attended this year. It was great to spend time with old and new friends, including those joining us from Barwell Methodist Church Thanks to those who organised this course and especially to Rachel for the time and dedication she gave as she offered us food, crafts and thoughtful discussion. I found the Lent Course both helpful and enjoyable. Wendy

Bible Month In June we will participate in Bible Month. This year the Bible book chosen is Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians which overflows with joy, encouragement and love. Each Sunday in June the morning worship will focus on one chapter from Paul's letter. Across four weeks, we'll discover:

- Joy that endures – Paul's call to rejoice, even in hardship, rooted in confidence in God's goodness.
- Christ-like humility – the famous "Christ hymn" in chapter 2, showing Jesus' self-giving love as our model.
- Pressing on in faith – discipleship as a lifelong journey of growth and perseverance.
- Grace and peace – learning contentment and generosity in every circumstance.

There will also be opportunities to meet in small groups across the circuit.

Ladies Guild Outing The Ladies Guild are going to Stratford Upon Avon on Tuesday 11th August. The price will depend on how many we have on the coach. A list will be on the notice board once we have come back from Torquay.

Church Newsletter and Notices Our monthly edition for June will combine both the notices and the newsletter, so please send newsletter contributions to Richard, and items for the notices to Gwen at the very latest by May 28th

If you are not able to attend worship Sunday services are live streamed each Sunday from 10.30 from Burbage Methodist Church. If you would like to join the worship, the link is: www.youtube.com/@burbagemethodistchurch/live

Food Bank Urgent Needs

Tins of meat Tinned fruit
Custard Squash (750 ml)
Tins of veg (under 250 g or over 375 g)
Fruit juice (1 litre) Shampoo
Any cakes with longer than one month's
best before date
Male shower gel Deodorant

News from The Vine

Here at The Vine we have a small Spring Sale with some items and books at reduced prices. We are also continuing our offering of £1 and £2 titles, ideal for those interested in trying Christian books but unsure where to start. Malcom Clarke's 'Revelation: One Post at a Time' - compiled by his family in his memory - is also now available, please ask staff for details. We are always happy to help and, as all our staff and volunteers work part-time, you can email thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01455 612345 with any queries or with details of items you wish to order. We have begun plans for celebrating our 25th anniversary in the Autumn so watch this space and do please keep us in your prayers as we seek to revisit and renew the years of love and devotion which have gone into providing this lovely Christian bookshop and cafe for our community. We hope to see you soon. Kind regards, Grace, Manager [The Vine Hinckley](#)

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; for without me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Prayers for Sunday 3rd May 2026

Mon 4th May – Read the Parable of the Lost Sheep -Luke 15 – 1 – 7. Help us God, to be always on the lookout for those who are lost and need to find Jesus.

Tues 5th May – Read the Parable of the Wedding Banquet – Matthew 22 – 1-14. Help us God to always put you first. To focus our mind and heart on you, so that we may find glory and salvation.

Wed 6th May – Read the Parable of the Good Samaritan – Luke 10 – 25-37. Help us God to love everyone – no matter what and help us to always show that love with words and actions to reflect the love you have for us.

Thurs 7th May – Read the Parable of the Lost Son – Luke 15 – 11-32. Help us God, especially when we go against what is right in your eyes. When we make mistakes, help us to say sorry. Thank you God, that you always have open arms to us when we repent.

Fri 8th May – Read the Parable of the Rich Fool – Luke 12 – 13-21. Help us God, to use all of our lives to serve you in the best that we can. Help us to use our gifts, money and belongings for your glory.

Sat 9th May – Read the Parable of the Sower – Matthew 13- 1-23. Help us God always to be connected to you. When tough times come –always to trust in you and turn to you God. Help us to grow in your love and strength and to nurture others too.

Sun 10th May – Read the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders – Matthew 7 – 24-29. Help us God to read, listen and soak up your word in the bible, through worship and teaching, songs and prayers, to build up our lives upon you God and to stand strong in our faith.

Prayers for Sunday 10th May 2026

Mon 11th May – We pray today for those believers around the world who are in danger because they are Christian. We ask for protection on their lives and thank God for their amazing faith in such scary circumstances.

Tues 12th May – We pray for those who are street evangelists and proclaim Jesus' love in our communities, towns and all over the world. We pray for their safety and thank you for their confidence in God speaking through them.

Wed 13th May – We pray for those who work in prisons to share the word of God and are seeing more prisoners come to know Jesus. We pray for God to speak through them and thank you for their commitment to sharing the love of God with those who need it greatly.

Thurs 14th May – On Ascension Day – we pray for each one of us always to look up to heaven, to focus our eyes on Jesus.

Fri 15th May – We pray for those who work as hospital chaplains to share the hope of Jesus when people may be weak in body, mind and spirit. We pray for them in emotional circumstances to be strong in Gods power and thank you for their commitment to sharing the love and peace of Jesus to all.

Sat 16th May – We pray for those who work as army chaplains – sharing the word of God to those under pressure, stress, who may be facing war and maybe sacrificing their lives. We pray for God to speak works of protection and strength for those chaplains and thank God for their passion to love and care for those who may be in danger.

Sun 17th May – We pray for all of those in our churches, communities, town, country and world who have the calling from God to preach the word. We pray for each of them as they do God's will and help us to listen and learn God's will for our lives.

Prayers for Sunday 17th May 2026

Mon 18th May – Help us God, to use our eyes to see as you do. To look at others with love, to notice when they may be struggling and to look around in our community to see the needs of others . Pray for all those people you see.

Tues 19th May – Help us God, to use our ears as you do. To listen, not only to our family and friends but those who we meet in our every day lives. Help us to hear their voices and pray for the things they may share.

Wed 20th May – Help us God, to use our nose to smell as you do. As we go about our daily lives - the smell of the sun, rain, nature around us, food, cooking. All gifts given by our creative God.

Thurs 21st May – Help us God, to use our mouths to speak as you do. May all our words bring glory to God, be fruitful to encourage others and to speak words of the love of Jesus with all.

Fri 22nd May – Help us God, to use our hands to work as you do. Help us to serve you with joyful hands, help us to have kind and gentle hands to do your will.

Sat 23rd May – Help us God, to use our feet as you do. Help us to read our bible and to always walk with you God. To walk in truth, to follow your ways and know you are beside me.

Sun 24th May – Thank you God for this amazing Pentecost Sunday. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Help us to be on fire for you God, to share with everyone the good news. Help us to use the gifts you give to us to grow your kingdom.

Prayers for Sunday 24th May 2026

(Taken from Gifts and Works of the Holy Spirit – Singing the Faith)

Mon 25th May – Come O breath of God, breathe your life again. Stir the embers of this heart, set my soul aflame. Come, O breath of God, draw me close once again, ever closer to your heart, to your burning flame.

Tues 26th May – Breathe on me breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Wed 27th May – Father of everlasting grace, your goodness and your truth we praise, your goodness and your truth we prove; you have in honour of your son, the gift unspeakable sent down the spirit of life and power and love.

Thurs 28th May – With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Fri 29th May – May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways. God in Christ has come to stay, live tomorrows life today.

Sat 30th May – Only the Spirit's power can fit us for this hour – Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Instruct, inspire, unite and make us see the light. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Sun 31st May – O breath of life, come sweeping through us, revive your church with life and power. O breath of life come, cleanse, renew us and fit your church to meet this hour

Minister: Rev Edward Sakwe

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Notices Items for the church notices may be telephoned to Gwen Coley on 01455 642659 or e-mailed to gcoley287@gmail.com

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