

In the early 1900's, a successful businessman decided to build perhaps the most lavish mansion ever. Completed in 1906, his estate took its inspiration from French chateaus and was larger than several blocks of flats—with lush gardens, grand halls and opulent interiors.

Despite its grandeur, the estate struggled to find a buyer after the man's death. The mansion was too large, too costly and out of step with the latest real estate trends. The entire estate was demolished in 1948. both the mansion and the man faded away.

It's easy for us to agree that earthly realities like wealth, ambition and mansions are destined to fade away. The words of Isaiah 40 remind us, "All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field". Isaiah wrote to people enduring God's discipline for their faithfulness. After he had corrected them, God would comfort them. What the prophet says about people, grass and flowers is true. But the truth of God himself? It will outlast people and mansions and wealth and ambition and accolades. Yes, "the word of our God endures forever".

It's good to keep in mind how fragile we are. And it's wise to remember God's Word and His promises to us are everlasting.

Read Isaiah 40: 1 - 8

A prayer: *Dear God, Your Word endures forever.
Praise Your wonderful name!*

Amen

EARL SHILTON METHODIST CHURCH



'Putting Christ at the Centre'

WHAT'S ON IN MAY 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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SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

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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10 MAY

10am Revd Andrew Lomax
11am General Church Meeting

The God who made the world and everything in
it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live
in temples built by hands. Acts 17: 24

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17 MAY

10.30am Sheila Grice
3.00pm Kingdom Builders

This same Jesus, who has been taken from you
into heaven, will come back in the same way you
have seen him go into heaven. Acts 1; 11b

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24 MAY PENTECOST

10.30am Malcolm Lapper

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.

Acts 2: 21

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RAISING FUNDS FOR CHRISTIAN AID

TUESDAY 12 MAY 9.30AM TO 12NOON

As well as the book shop and coffee morning on this day, there will be some plants and cakes for sale.

Funds raised from the extra event will go to support Christian Aid.

If you have any plants to offer, or you can make a cake to sell on the day, please bring them along to church on the previous Sunday or on the actual day.

NEW YOUTH CAFÉ TO OPEN....

Helen Cobley 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 Cobley if you are interested in helping with this project.

email: earlshilton.neighbourhoodwatch@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE....

The final date for items to be included in the next issue is 29 May.

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.

Do note that our service will begin at 10am.

NEW VENTURE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN....

Karen Berry has now started the new venture for young children. It is called 'Stay & Play' (Jigsaw) and is held on Thursdays, 9.15am until 11.15am.

Please continue to pray for this new venture and for Karen and her colleagues.

31 MAY TRINITY SUNDAY

10.30am Circuit Service at Burbage

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Matthew 28: 19

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7 JUNE

10.30am Worship by a local team

4.30pm Café Worship

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8: 1

A REMINDER ABOUT BIBLE MONTH....

Please note that Bible month will begin at our service on the 2nd Sunday in June and run for four weeks.

Our services will be focussed around Phillipians and a study book is now available. Please take a copy home and read the passages as preparation for our worship.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 6 JUNE & 4 JULY 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 April amounted to £1330
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	9.15am	Jigsaw: Kid's Stay & Play (0 - 5yrs)
	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 MAY

WEDNESDAY 6TH

Quiz Night on Zoom at 7.30pm.

TUESDAY 12TH

Barwell & Earl Shilton Churches Together will meet at the Catholic Church at 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY 20TH

Quiz Night on Zoom at 7.30pm.

THURSDAY 21ST

The Leadership Team will meet at 7.15pm on Zoom.

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 operate the machine to take your donation.

WELL-BEING WALKS IN BRADGATE PARK

11 & 25 MAY 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.