

EARL SHILTON METHODIST CHURCH



'Putting Christ at the Centre'

WHAT'S ON IN JULY & AUGUST 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 JULY

5 JULY BIBLE MONTH

10.30am Revd Andrew Lomax (Holy Communion)
4.30pm Café Worship

Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly await
a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 3: 20

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12 JULY

10.30am Charles Davies

Your word is a lamp to my feet and
a light for my path.
Psalm 119: 105

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19 JULY

10.30am Anne Haddon
3.00pm Kingdom Builders

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me
and know my anxious thoughts.
Psalm 139: 23

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26 JULY

10.30am Sue Smith

We know that in all things God works for the good
of those who love him.
Romans 8: 28a

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SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

2 AUGUST

10.30am Nigel Roberts

(Please note, no Café Church on this Sunday)

I call on you, O God, for you will answer me;
give ear to me and answer my prayer.

Psalm 17: 6

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9 AUGUST

10.30am Keith Ware

It is with your heart that you believe and are
justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess
and are saved.

Romans 10: 10

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16 AUGUST

10.30am Pam Weston

3.00pm Kingdom Builders

God has bound all men over to disobedience
so that he may have mercy on them all.

Romans 11: 32

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23 AUGUST

10.30am Revd Andrew Lomax (Holy Communion)

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil;
cling to what is good.

Romans 12: 9

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SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST (contd)

30 AUGUST

10.45am Circuit Service at Barwell

If anyone would come after me, he must deny
himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Matthew 16: 24

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6 SEPTEMBER

10.30am Colin Haddon (Holy Communion)

4.30pm Café Worship

Blessed is he who has regard for the weak;
the Lord delivers him in times of trouble.

Psalm 41: 1

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COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 4 JULY & 5 SEPTEMBER AT 9.30AM

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

Please note that there will not be a breakfast in August.

Our Sunday collections during June amounted
to £1400

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 (term time) (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 JULY & AUGUST

WEDNESDAY 1ST

Quiz Night on Zoom at 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY 15TH

Quiz Night on Zoom at 7.30pm.

THURSDAY 23RD

The Circuit Local Preachers meeting will be held at Newbold Verdon at 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY 19TH

Quiz Night on Zoom at 7.30pm

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

The Leadership Team will meet at 7.15pm on Zoom.

PATIENTS PARTICIPATION TALKS....

Please note that there will not be a talk at the Tuesday Coffee Morning during July or August.

Talks will re-start on the first Tuesday in September.

OTHER ACTIVITY SUMMER CLOSURES....

Please note that the 'ARK' café will NOT be open on 28 July.

Additionally, there will NOT be Café Worship on 2 August.

Jigsaw Stay & Play will be closed for the school holidays.

WELL-BEING WALKS IN BRADGATE PARK**6 & 13 JULY 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.

BOARD GAMES NEEDED FOR THE NEW YOUTH CAFÉ....

Do you have any old family board games that you no longer require?

If so, would you please consider donating them for use in the new Youth Café which Helen Cobley is setting up.

Games which are in good condition and also complete with all the pieces required for the game will be gratefully received.

Please contact Helen Cobley if you can help.

FLOWER FESTIVAL AT BARWELL PARISH CHURCH**29 — 31 AUGUST**

Everyone is invited to visit the church sometime over the Bank Holiday weekend to see the flower displays.

This year the displays are being put together entirely by the rector himself, Revd Philip Watson.

Please visit and support St Mary's in Barwell.

WELCOME TO KAREN....

We are pleased to say that Karen has now joined the Leadership Team to help give a broader representation of our church life. We pray that she will enjoy her time serving with this group.

Other members of the group are Revd Andrew Lomax; Matthew Robinson; Ruth Robinson; Pat Starbuck & Trevor Starbuck.

PROPOSED MERGER OF THE HINCKLEY CIRCUIT WITH THE LEICESTER WEST CIRCUIT

Revd Andrew Lomax is preparing an information document to enable discussion on this proposed merger, which will be shared by all churches in both circuits in their own meetings.

This will be circulated to everyone as soon as possible.

The final decision will be taken at the September Circuit Meeting. Our church representatives to the Circuit Meeting will be asked to share the results and feelings of our discussion about the merger in that meeting.

The September Circuit Meeting will then vote on the proposal to merge the two circuits.

The date for our church meeting will be arranged soon and everyone in the church is encouraged to come along to hear and discuss how the future might be shaped.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY....

This is a way of studying the bible a book at a time.

New sessions will begin on 17 September when the study will focus on Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

The session will last for 12 weeks, ending at Christmas. It includes reading a passage, thinking about some questions and sharing our thoughts with the group, concluding with a talk.

The meetings take place at Burbage Methodist Church on Thursdays starting at 1.30pm. Finishing time is around 3pm.

If you would like to know more, please speak to Pat Starbuck.
(email: patstarbuck@btinternet.com)

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026....

Hi everyone, despite the heat I am looking ahead to the Christmas Shoe boxes!

Our service of dedication will be on 1 November at 10.30am and led by Malcolm Lapper.

This is just an early notice to say that, as last year, I will make available partially filled boxes and ask people to complete them.

If you see a bargain while shopping you might like to begin preparing. The boxes will need soap and a flannel; toothbrush and toothpaste; comb; pencil crayons etc.

Many thanks to everyone for your support. Please contact me if you need further information.

Barbara Askew

After a fifty-five year wait, England's men's football team finally made it to the UEFA European Championship final. But after drawing with Italy at the end of extra time, the game was decided by a penalty shootout. England's last chance fell to a young player named Bukayo Saka. But when Saka took the penalty shot, Italy's goalkeeper deflected it. England fans wept; the final was lost.

Few will forget what happened next, though. England's manager, Gareth Southgate, walked over to the devastated Saka and embraced him. Southgate knew how Saka felt. In 1996 it was he, as a young player, who had missed the penalty that cost England a place in the final, and England's then-manager Terry Venables had comforted him in the same way.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," Paul says, "who comforts us all in our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God".

Just as Southgate passed on to Saka what he had received from Venables, Paul discovered that God's comfort in his distress enabled him to comfort others in theirs, building their endurance. Our "God of all comfort" can use our disappointment for good.

So let's do the same, passing on God's comfort to create an endless chain of encouragement.

Read 2 Corinthians 1: 1 - 7

A prayer: *God of comfort, through each trial I face,
please help me pass on your comfort
to others.*

PLEASE NOTE....

The final date for items to be included in the next issue is 21 August.

