

MONDAY KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

February dates are **Monday 13th and Monday 27th**

Please put bins out by 7.00am. The Waste Hotline is 01285 623123.

<http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/1432588/monday-1b.pdf>

WILLERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Office is situated at the south western corner of the Village Hall and is open for enquiries and advice on Monday each week from 9.30am-12noon (except Bank Holidays). At all times recorded messages can be left on the phone 01386 853635, or e-mail willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL

To hire the hall please telephone **Lucy Jordan 01386 854886 after 6pm** or leave a message, or email willerseyhall@btinternet.com Otherwise telephone Jean Harris 01386 858434. Hall Caretaker – Bill Payne 01386 858368.

METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE – Tel: Penny Ingles 853306.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE For queries telephone 01452 425048

The Mobile Library next visit is on Thursday 2nd February near the Bell Inn from 13:50 to 15:50. www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=65265&p=0

Don't forget the **MOBILE POST OFFICE** visits every Friday outside The Bell Inn from **12:45 to 14:45.**

COTSWOLD VOLUNTEERS NORTH

Anybody who wishes to have transport for hospital and medical appointments should ring the CVN Help Centre: 01608 651115. This telephone is manned from 09:30-13:30 hrs Monday to Friday. At other times there is an Answerphone.

Transport charges are 50p a mile (Minimum charge £3.00)

TRAVEL SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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National Bus Traveline	0871 2002233		
Hedgehog	01386 841466	N. N. Cresswell	01386 48655
Johnsons	01564 797000		
Marchants of Cheltenham	01242 257714		

Bus timetables for Gloucestershire are at www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/ and on the Willersey website at www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus

Contact numbers for Breakdown of Services & Police

Electric Power Faults - 0800 328 1111 or 105. Gas Emergency – 0800 111 999
 Floodline – 0845 988 1188. Severn Trent. Sewage – 08007 834444
 Thames Water - Water Supply – 0800 980 8800
 Police – Telephone 101 . www.gloucestershire.police.uk Emergency 999.

Dear Friends,

Passers-by may have noticed that the Christmas Tree in my front room remained in place and shone with its tiny lights throughout January. For me this is a family tradition: we have always kept it up until Candlemas, February 2nd, the official end of the Church's Christmas season; and if the tree has a root it can be watered and remain fresh throughout that time.

Why do we do this? And what is Candlemas anyway? It's hard to see that it has very much relevance nowadays. If you read the story of Jesus' birth in St Luke's Gospel you will see that his parents faithfully carried out all that was required after his birth: his mother had to be "purified" (as was the custom in many cultures until quite recently: in England it was called the "Churching of Women"), and the baby had to be taken up to the Temple and "Presented" there (hence one name of the festival is "Presentation"). All this sounds very parochial, almost primitive: few people today would dream of doing such things after the birth of a new baby. So why go on marking the day, even if just by taking down my Christmas Tree?

But the meaning of these festivals – Candlemas as much as Christmas – is not all in the biblical stories. For all the beauty and all the deep truth (as Christians believe) which there is in the Christmas story, there is another reason for celebrating Christmas, which is probably why most people now do so. A festival like this, near the shortest and darkest day of the winter, is what most of us find we need; It helps to take us through the cold time of year, and we sensibly make the most of it – among other things, with Christmas Trees. After that, we can face the new year with renewed energy and courage.

And it is for the same reason, I believe, that it goes on making sense to do something special at Candlemas. It is a way of marking a point in the year – another stage reached, another moment passed. If Christmas is all about brightening up the darkest time of the year, Candlemas is about seeing light beginning to dawn – longer days, milder weather, spring a nearer prospect. It's a moment to begin looking forward with hope and excitement, to think about the things we shall soon be able to do again when spring comes, to feel once again that we are setting out on our journey through life after a pause in the Christmas season.

Willersey Church of England Primary School News

Something of this lingers on even in our secular culture. It is the time of year when people begin to plan their summer holidays. The Sales are over, new stock is coming in. There is something in the air which feels like a new beginning. Lighting candles – masses of them, as they used do in the churches – is a way of saying, Enough of darkness; we are going to have some new light.

Which is what Candlemas means to me. Life can seem routine, we get back into the same old habits, things seem to go on just the same as they always have done; yet just under the surface of every one of us there is lurking something new – new ideas, new potential; this is what makes us really alive, real contributors to the world around us, really creative human beings. My Christmas Tree will finally come down and begin a new life in the garden at Candlemas. I shall start looking ahead and watching for all the seeds of new life that I find in people around me, in the wider world – and even in myself. This newness is at the heart of the Christian religion; but it is at the heart of human experience too. I pray you will feel some of it at Candlemas this year.

Anthony Harvey

Our Parish contact details are:

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Revd. Dana Delap (Vicar of Blockley & Bourton on the Hill)
dana@delap.org.uk Tel. 01386 700676

NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2017

TREE OF LIGHT

There were a total of 48 loved ones remembered this year, the Parish Council thanks Gillian Beale for once again writing the names out so beautifully, to Peter Taylor for keeping the lights burning next to the book in his garage. Also Sue and Lou at the Bell Inn for donating the electricity to run the lights which were really good this year. The introduction of the LED bulbs really made a big difference to the display.

JOB VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a Breakfast Club Supervisor for ¾ hour every Tuesday – Friday morning from 8 – 8.45. The role includes setting up the breakfast table for up to 10 children; preparing and serving toast, cereal and cold drinks; clearing the table afterwards, placing everything in the dishwasher. It's a lovely working environment and very rewarding to set the children up for their day. If you're interested (even if you could only do one or two of the days!) please pop into school to discuss with Mr Jackson.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

We are always looking for new fund-raising ideas so do let us know (or pop into the school office) if you have any ideas or would like to help the committee with fund-raising.

We have a bag of good quality second-hand uniforms, which are available for a small donation to Friends of School. Please ask at the school office.

CLASS NEWS

Class One has returned to school refreshed after the Christmas break and the children have settled back to learning with enthusiasm. We've been reading Traditional Tales, including The Three Little Pigs. Children have used the structure of this story to write their own tale using different characters and using their imaginations to come up with alternative materials with which to make the houses.

In maths Year 1 and 2 have been doing addition and subtraction, and learning number bonds to 8 and 9. Reception children have had fun ordering numbers and using ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd...)

This term's topic is 'Extreme Weather', and we have been observing and recording the weather, looking at what 'typical' weather is for each season and performing weather forecasts.

Thank you for your effort in reading with you children as often as you can, it makes a real difference to their confidence and progress in all areas of learning. Spelling words will be sent home weekly, please help your child learn these words by using '**say** the word, **cover** it up, **write** the word down, **check** if it is correct.'

Class Two has begun to explore space! We've had some wonderful discussions and excellent questions from the children so far about the planets and our solar system.

We have begun a times table challenge to help with fluency on a Thursday morning. Please encourage and support the children to learn these. This can be achieved through games and activities as well as the well-known writing and chanting.

The December meeting opened with a rousing "Jerusalem" followed by our President commenting on our Senior Citizens Christmas lunch. Many thanks were given to our head of catering Mary, assisted by Alison and Anne. Roger then entertained everyone (history). Result £155 including a kind donation of £20 to go to the Acorns Children's Hospital.

Then followed our own WI party. This had a 60s theme with Ray Sturdy's slide show and talk. We realised what an era we had lived through when young people and kids had a name "teenagers" and a voice but did we use it? We heard words like "Peace" and names that became famous or infamous such as James bond (Sean Connery), Khrushchev, Castro, better still Bill Haley, Elvis Presley, Chubby Checker, Hammersmith Palais, "The Twist", riding for pleasure on the motorway!, high rise flats and then The Beatles, Cilla Black, Gerry and The Pacemakers, Dr Who, Twiggy and Sandie Shaw. Dallas was a new show. Other familiar names were Onassis, Reagan, Marilyn, the Kray Brothers, George Best, Enoch Powell and Buzz Aldrin. Household items were twin tub washing machines, Green Shield stamps, disposal nappies, breathalysers, the Mini, scooters, hole in the wall for cash, transistor radios, parking meters, foreign holidays, the pill, pioneering heart surgery and Concorde. We wanted peace and got it, so we are still here.

The next meeting for January 9th was announced when the speaker was Louise Pocock – a milliner. The competition was a decorated hat. The WI bought new decorations for the hall. Carol and Gary Taylor donated the tree. This were left for the remainder of the season for the village to enjoy. Louise Pocock is a very able demonstrator with the gift of showing how to put on a hat correctly without a mirror. The hat display enabled us to visualise the wearer and the occasion. Our guests were Childswickham WI. They commented on the enjoyable entertainment and beautiful spread to follow made by Jackie, Cathy and Sue.

Birthday flowers were presented to Jean Smith, Gi, Sandra and Pam.

February Meeting –

Talk by Wendy Stafford on fused and stained glass.

The competition is an object made of glass.

Teas Pam and Jenny A Birthday flowers Gill Wilson

Raffle Alison Table flowers Pam

New members always welcome

*Hire of W.I. crockery and cutlery - £15 Part Hire - £10
Please Contact Mal Jelfs – 01386 858351*

RED PHONE BOX in LEY ORCHARD

The PC have decided to adopt the phone box in Ley Orchard and plans are moving ahead to convert it into a book exchange. The box will probably be moved from Ley Orchard to a more accessible point in the village.

THE POND

Work is continuing on the pond and attempts are being made to rid it of the weed that is currently infesting it. The plants that were introduced last year are doing well. This is an ongoing project and one the PC is committed to seeing through.

REQUEST FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Willersey PC would like to welcome Neville Jelfs and Paul Clark who have agreed to serve on the parish council. There are still vacancies so if you feel you can help in any way, no matter how small, you really can make a difference. For more information please telephone 01386 853635.

Women's World Day of Prayer
Am I Being Unfair to you?

Please join our service at St. Peter's Church on Friday March 6th at 2:30pm. This is one of over 5,000 services to be held in the British Isles. The theme is 'Am I being unfair to you?' The service has been written by the Christian Women of the Philippines and translated into 1000 different languages to be used throughout the world on March 6th starting at sunrise over the island of Samoa and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa. Everyone is welcome.

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**For later updates to the Church and Village News do look on our
Willersey Cotswolds Facebook page or www.willersey.org .**

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On January 15, 2009, the world witnessed the "Miracle on the Hudson" when Captain "**Sully**" Sullenberger glided his disabled Airbus A320 onto the frigid waters of the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 aboard. However, even as Sully was being heralded by the public and the media for his unprecedented feat of aviation skill, an investigation was unfolding that threatened to destroy his reputation and his career.

The film will be shown in Weston-sub-Edge Village Hall on Thursday 23rd February. Doors will open at 7.30 p.m. and the film begins at 8.00 p.m. Tickets are £4.00 at the door. For more information contact Chris Rossington on 01386 849316 or find details on the village website, www.westonsubedge.com.

The Seagrave Arms offers a pre-cinema dinner from 6.00 p.m. for £15.00 per person. Booking is essential. Please phone 01386 840192.

Youth Club

Weston sub-Edge Youth Club meets in Weston-sub-Edge Village Hall on the **first and third Thursdays** of each month during term time between 7.00 and 9.00 p.m. Members enjoy a wide range of activities and Sue Stanier, our leader, has an exciting programme planned. **New members between 9 and 18 years both from the village and from the surrounding area are always welcome.** Join the Club, make new friends and tell us what you would really like to do during meetings. Subscriptions are £1.00 per meeting and drinks and sweets are on sale. For more information, contact Chris Rossington on 01386 849316 or Sue on 07555 649056.

New members are always welcome.

The programme for February is:

Thursday 2nd February: Games Night
Thursday 16th February: Half Term – no meeting

Congratulations to Zoe Billiard, Chloe French and Jess Billingham who were last term's most helpful members and so have earned a visit to Pizza Hut in the near future. Weston-sub-Edge's monthly coffee morning will be held between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturday 4th February. Everyone welcome.

We wish everyone in the village a very happy new year! Please join us on Sundays for services at 10.30 am and Fridays for Coffee/Craft and Chat at 10 am. You will be very welcome on either day and do let us know if you would appreciate a lift. Telephone Richard on 853306. He will be delighted to help.

SHROVE TUESDAY 28TH February – 12.30 Pancakes as usual in the Community Room. Donations please for Christian Aid.

Lent Lunches We shall be serving soups from **March 2nd** for the 6 weeks of Lent. They will be held on Thursday lunch time from 12.30 pm in the Community Room. Cost, £5 per person. Anyone who would like a lift to come, just ring Richard on 01386 853306 the evening before. Profits to Christian Aid.

Our roof is completed except for the rainwater items and the need for a couple of contingencies to be done. So far, all has gone to plan. Keep praying for us. Thank you for your support and interest.

The total number of **Jumpers & Hats for Fish & Chip Babies** ready for dispatch this month is 35! **AND 5 blankets!** Thank you all who contribute with their work on a Friday morning and in their own homes.

The items will be going on the 24th January, to the warehouse at Telford run by the Rotary Club of Great Britain, where everything is sorted and dispatched to wherever it is needed most. The last lot went to Syria. If you'd like to join us on this 'production' then please come along on a Friday morning or ring Penny on 8533306.

We have had a lovely letter of thanks from the people who sort the jumpers etc! Thank you to 'The members of Willersey Methodist Church who had knitted some really beautiful blankets, many grateful thanks'. They also appreciated the beanie hats and jumpers. When you come to Friday Coffee etc we'll look at the list of things they need now and decide what we want to do, as well as those things we have already done! Thank you ladies!

St Peter's congregation are working with us and both the Lent Lunches and Pancakes will be a joint effort. Thank you St Peter's for enabling us to carry on!

Scary Tales on Bredon Hill – Saturday 4th February - Moderate

This is a figure-of-eight walk, 7 miles to the top of Bredon Hill in the morning and 4 miles in the afternoon to Dumbleton Woods and back, leaving the Beckford Arms not before 1.45pm. Pub lunch available.

6.5 hours: 11 miles.

Start: 9:30 am Beckford Inn car park on A46 north of Teddington Hands Roundabout.
OS Map ref SO 982 353.

Exploring the Upper Coln Valley – Wednesday 8th February - Moderate

A circular walk around the upper reaches of the Coln Valley. We will take a meander from Shipton to Withington via Foxcote Hill and return following the Coln before climbing out of the valley to reach Shipton. 3 hours: 6 miles.

Start: 10:00 am Shipton Oliffe Church, park considerately in village. OS Map ref SP 036 185.

Countryside and Villages around Bourton-on-the-Water – Friday 24th February - Strenuous

Starting from the scenic village of Bourton-on-the-Water this circular walk goes cross-country to the villages of Clapton-on-the-Hill and Cold Aston. The walk returns to Bourton along the Windrush river.

6 hours: 11 miles.

Start: 9:30 am Bourton-on-the-Water, car park near Co-op supermarket, Station Road.
OS Map ref SP 170 211.

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. EASY - Length may vary but terrain is mainly flat (level); MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. STRENUOUS – may be rough underfoot and ascents and descents may be steep. We welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed.

Walks are free although we do invite donations to help fund our conservation and improvement work.

The Wardens run a full programme of guided walks throughout the Cotswolds. For more information see www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk or Tel: 01451 862000, also for any changes to arrangements such as due to extreme weather.

St Peter's Family Service

The theme for our 15th January Family Service was Epiphany. We learned that the three kings were actually astrologers studying the stars. The signs of the zodiac were on display and the children together with some members of the congregation received a picture of their own zodiac sign.

Thank you to everyone at the service and particular thank you's to Bill for reading the lesson, Doreen for playing the organ and Pat & Robert for the prayers.

During the singing of "As with gladness men of old" tia, Lilly-Belle and Poppy did the collection. Refreshments after the service gave everyone a chance to talk to each other.

Our next Family Service will be on Sunday 19th February at 11:00am. Please come and join us.

St Peter's Church

A Happy New Year from the F.A.S.T. and a big Thank You to those of you that helped out with reading prayers & lessons, activities and collection taking not forgetting the refreshment teams. Hope to see all of you at our 2017 services. The next family service is on February 19th at 11 o'clock at St Peters.

Jennie, Gillian, Rachael, Pat and Ken.

Come and hear Mumbo-Jumbo Acoustic Vaudeville!

"A selection of goodies, musically, lyrically and vocally diverse."

Willersey Village Hall Saturday February 18th at 8pm

**Special "Pay what you think its Worth" performance. Come along
Enjoy the Show, Decide how much you enjoyed it, Pay at the end**

Good beer, Wine, Juice and Snack Bar.

Reserve your seats (for free) at www.mumbo-jumbo.biz

Broadway Embroidery Group

Our December meeting was festive occasion with members enjoying a variety of home-made soups and mince pies after an entertaining morning making needle-felted penguins.

Our January meeting was a “sit and sew” session with everyone pursuing their own projects. The group welcomed a new member who we hope will join us on a regular basis.

All agreed that the Christmas Tree Festival in Broadway had been successful and we had received some very positive comments regarding our decorated stars. Everyone seemed keen to repeat the tree festival again with a different theme and different colour scheme. The total money to send to our chosen charity – R.N.L.I. was £40. This was collected during the festival.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd February 10am to 1pm.

Project: Gel Plate Printing with Kate from Tewkesbury.

Any Enquiries: Please ring

Penny – 01386 853306 Gillian – 01386 852958

Mobile Post Office

Don't forget the mobile Post Office every Friday outside the Bell Inn from 12:45 to 14:45. You can do everything there – Vehicle Licenses, Pensions, Cheques in, Stamps, and much more.

The staff are very helpful. They take debit cards.

Parking outside is very easy and there are no restrictions.

Use it or lose it

I am 15 and a quite experienced baby sitter. My contact details are,
mobile- 073 999 55363 home-01386 858959

Please can anyone interested text me on my mobile number.

Yours sincerely, Abi Akerman

Munch Bunch

The next lunch will be on Wednesday February 15th
Please contact David on 853400 if you are unable to attend.
I am pleased to report that several people have volunteered to help with Munch Bunch so should be good for a few more years. Thank you.

Power Cut Advice westernpower.co.uk

Check you have a phone available.. Cordless will not work !!! Keep a battery/solar charger around so you can recharge your phone or tablet.

Keep this number handy 105 or 0800 6783 105 for advice

Have a torch or lantern available.

Protect sensitive equipment with a surge protector plug.

Keep a wind up/ battery/ (solar) radio ready to listen to local updates

If you have a mains operated stair lift check to see if you have a manual release handle to return it safely to ground level if it stops working.

MARCH CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the March 2017 News must be received by Friday 17th February unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest or notice of forthcoming events.

Email them to willerseynews@gmail.com, drop them into Willersey Stores or phone 858628. Newsletter creation will start early in the morning of Saturday 18th February.

The Church and Village News is now published on the Internet about one week after the paper edition is delivered. You can find it at.

www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm

Comments on the Newsletter are always welcomed. Please email them to willerseynews@gmail.com or leave them at the Village Stores.

WILLERSEY WEDNESDAY CLUB.

The first meeting of 2017 on 4th January was Members Day. We were entertained and amused by Judy Foster demonstrating how to wrap parcels! This was followed by a Christmas Quiz which was won by Mildred Powell, Mary Smith and Hazel Bartlett.

The speaker on 1st February will be Mike Bunston on “The Wonders of Tea”, and on 15th Nicholas Clark will be making a welcome return with his talk on the Cities of Southern Spain.

New members will be made very welcome at our meetings

Meetings in 2017.

- 1st February The Wonders of Tea.
15th February Cities of southern Spain.
1st March Talk, Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Carol Singing.

Many, many thanks to everyone who joined in carol singing this year, firstly at The Bell and then around the Jubilee Tree on Christmas Eve. It was lovely to see so many people. Thanks to Sue and Louise at The Bell for their hospitality and mince pies!

Thanks also to Eileen Wixon for heating the mince pies, the Avonbank Brass Band for playing and Nev Jelfs for the splendid sound system around the tree. A grand total of £270 was raised and has been sent to Action For Children. See you next year! Richard Ingles.

Vale and Cotswold Edge

The parishes of Pebworth, Dorsington, Honeybourne, Willersey with Saintbury, Weston sub Edge and Aston sub Edge

10am Tuesday mornings at St Ecgwin's Church, Honeybourne for babies and pre-school children and their parents or carers.



Honeyangels

A story, songs and a prayer followed by tea, coffee, cake & biscuits and toys in the Church.

Willersey Parish Council recently had our cemetery dry stone wall repaired. A shoe was found in it. The wall bisects a ridge and furrow field and the cemetery.

These comments below are from the Northampton Museum. Northampton has been the centre of UK shoe making for almost 900 years. The plentiful supply of oak bark and water for tanning, abundant supply of leather from local cattle markets and a central location for trading links has made Northamptonshire the perfect place for shoemaking to flourish.

It's only part of the shoe. It is a man's white leather/white washed leather Oxford style shoe. An Oxford is when the area by the eyelets is sewn into the shoe. A Derby style is when this area is not sewn in and so you can put your fingers underneath. It has a leather sole and an average height stacked heel. It has a very clearly seen backstrap. Given the colour of the shoe it could be one that was worn for sports as they were often white or white-washed white for wear. It's difficult to date from the images, but I would say possibly 1920s or thereabouts. See www.willersey.org for a picture. There is a concealed shoe index at the museum in Northampton. At the moment the index stands at approximately 2,000 entries from all over the UK and also records concealed shoe finds in North America, Canada, and a number of countries in Europe including France, Spain and Poland. The overwhelming majority have been worn, and many have been repaired. Most finds are of single shoes, about half of them belonging to children.

Independent researcher Brian Hoggard has observed that the locations in which these shoes are typically found – in chimneys, under floors, above ceilings, around doors and windows, in the roof – suggest that some may have been concealed as magical charms to protect the occupants of the building against evil influences. Others may have been intended to bestow fertility on a female member of the household, or been an offering to a household deity. A shoe is the only item of clothing which takes on the shape of the person wearing it. A single worn shoe was hidden so that a malevolent spirit could not steal it and take away the protection the shoe gave. Concealed shoes have been found in many types of building, including country houses, public houses, a Benedictine monastery and a Baptist church. The earliest yet reported was discovered behind the choir stalls in Winchester Cathedral, which were installed in 1308. The custom of concealing shoes in the structure of a building appears to have more or less died out some time during the 20th century.

SERVICES at ST. PETER'S CHURCH for February 2017

N.B. Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) service is celebrated every Wednesday at 11am. Do come along and join us for the service and/or coffee and a chat at 11.30-12.00 noon.

Date	Sidesperson	Reader	Lesson	Coffee	Service Type
Feb 5 th	David Kelley	David Kelley	Isaiah 58 v 1-9 & 1 Corinthians 2 v 1-12	Sylvia Schambri & Sandra Spensley	BCP
Feb 12 th	Rob Heming	Pat Heming	Deuteronomy 30 v 15-end & 1 Corinthians 3 v 1-9	Adine Keatley & Penny Burch	CW
Feb 19 th	Ken Spensley			F.A.S.T Rachael & Justine	Family Service
Feb 26 th	John Busbridge	John Busbridge	Exodus 24 v 12 – end & 2 Peter 1 v 16 - end	Pat Heming & Rachael Barker	CW
Mar 5 th Lent 1	Geoff Dear	Alison Dear	Genesis 2 v 15 -17 & Romans 5 v 12-19	Alison Dear & Liz Webb	BCP

BCP Holy Communion CW Eucharist

All services start at 9:30am except the Family Service at 11:00am

Please check for changes on the weekly sheet.

Week Ending St Peters Church Cleaning

February 4th & 11th Linda Frost
 February 18th & 25th Annie Payne and Sue Clark

Week Ending St Peters Brass Cleaning

February 4th & 11th Gillian Beale
 February 18th & 25th Adine Keatley and Shirley Holmes

Thank you once again to all the volunteers helping to keep our church clean and inviting for our many visitors. The cleaning cupboard is in the vestry. A key is in the Bell Inn or from Mrs Gillian Beale 01386 852958

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES for February 2017
Sunday Worship All at 10:30am unless otherwise stated.

5th February Mrs Sheila Brown
 12th February Revd Peter Grimwood
 19th February Revd Israel Selvanayagam
 26th February Mrs Anne Yelland

Coffee is served every Friday in the Methodist Community Room between 10.00 and 11.30am. We also have a sale of a selection of fair trade goods.

The Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam is a presbyter of the Church of South India, originating from a remote village in the deep south, less than one mile from the shores of the Indian Ocean. As a teenager, he joined ministry as a lay church worker and after four years, he joined the Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, Madurai for theological education and ministerial training.

In 1996 Israel became the World Church Tutor at Wesley College, Bristol and Queen's College Birmingham, under the Methodist Church's Programme on World Church in Partnership. From January 2001 to July 2006 he was the Principal of the United College of the Ascension (Anglican-Methodist), then becoming the Interfaith Consultant of the Birmingham District while being a preaching minister in the Elmdon Circuit.

In 2008 he returned to India to become the Principal of the United Theological College, Bangalore, and from 2010 to 2016 he was the Professor of Religions at Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute, Chennai. Israel has maintained and expounded the holistic gospel and integrated spirituality. He has published extensively both in English and Tamil, and composed nearly a hundred songs in Tamil and 50 of them were put into a MP3 CD (uploaded in YouTube).

Israel is married to Leela. Their two daughters, Ani and Arul, are maths teachers living and working in Birmingham. They are blessed with three grandchildren.

St Peter's Spring Clean

With Spring just around the corner, the Church will be ready for the Annual spring clean. A set date will be in next month's Village News.