

Stewards Welcome Door Music PA/PC Prayer Min Morn Coffee Holy Comm	<b>Sunday 17th March</b> <b>10.30 Morning Service</b> Tina Limmer, Sandra Robinson Ken Bennett Mike Limmer, Wyn Hunt Keith, Peter, Rachael, Orchestra	<b>Sunday 24th March</b> <b>10.30 Morning Service</b> Roy Cobb, Celia Woodfine Jane Wilson Doris Burton, Helen Mattinson Katie Lowe Dave Richardson/Guy James Jane & Amy Davies New Yatt House Group
		<b>15.00 Newland</b> Katie Lowe
Steward Music		
Stewards Welcome/Door Music PA/PC	<b>18.00 Bible Study</b> Rosie Jones Shirley Richardson Paul Reed Dave Richardson	<b>18.00 Circuit Service</b> <b>At Davenport Road</b>

**NOTICES TO ANNMARIEPURKISS@YAHOO.COM BY WED 20 MARCH FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 24 MARCH '19**

**LECTIONARY READINGS NEXT TWO WEEKS:**

**17 March** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

**24 March** Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

**GO TO [WWW.WITNEYMETH.ORG.UK](http://WWW.WITNEYMETH.ORG.UK)—CLICK ON THE TAB 'CHURCH LIFE', THEN CLICK ON LLECTIONARY READINGS FOR 2019**

**INVESTING IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS:**

One day marriage by Design Day (flexible dates in April or May)

**Already married/living as married:** The Marriage Course Monday evenings from 13 May.

Further information can be found at [themarriagecourse.org](http://themarriagecourse.org).

Or contact Paul & Judith Ledden: [Judith@coggesparish.com](mailto:Judith@coggesparish.com)

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**HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH, WITNEY**


*Welcome*

*We extend a warm  
Welcome to you today. May you be  
filled with the grace, peace and love  
of our risen Lord Jesus Christ*

**2ND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

**10.30 Morning Service**  
*Mrs Dawn Haley*

**16.00 Sunday Afternoon Cream Tea** 

**18.00 Spring Bible Study—Haggai**  
*Rev Melanie Reed*

We pray for all those leading worship around our Circuit .

The ministry of prayer is available after the service in the area under the stained glass window. If you are unable to move there, please let a Steward know, so that they can come to you.

A loop system is available for those with hearing aids.

Junior Church is available for children and young people up to 16 years except at All Age Worship

**The Church Coffee Bar**

**Opening Times**

10am—2.45pm during the week

Saturday Charity Coffee Bar 9.30am—12.30 pm

**CHARITY COFFEE MORNING—SATURDAY 23 MARCH, 2019**

**For the Ecumenical Accompaniment programme in  
Palestine and Israel (EAPPI)**

Chris Walker will talk about the work of EAPPI between 10.30am - 1.30am.

**CHARITY EASTER CARDS:** Mike Limmer is again offering a wide selection of Easter cards, price 50p each, with all profits being shared between the Christian charities

*Support for Romania, Starfish Asia and Barnabas Fund.*

These are available from St Andrews Bookshop or directly from Mike

Reports for the General Meeting to Ann-Marie by Tuesday 26 March please!



# church diary this week

<b>Mon</b> 18 March	10.30	<b>COLWELL HOUSE GROUP</b> at 92 Colwell Drive. Contact Elgin on 01993 866546 Colwell House Group . <b>Don't be shy, come and join us.</b>
<b>Tues</b> 19 March	09.45-11.15 10.00-Noon 10.45  19.30  19.45	<b>GRANDPARENTS GROUP</b> In the Radford Room <b>KNIT 'N' NATTER</b> —Join us in the Coffee Bar <b>NEW YATT ROAD HOUSE GROUP</b> (56) Coffee from 10.15. Contact Ken on 01993 703162 <b>VANNER ROAD HOUSE GROUP</b> (36). Contact Anne on 01993 704121 <b>WITNEY VIEW HOUSE GROUP</b> at 211 Thorney Leys. Contact Muriel on 01993 702731
<b>Wed</b> 20 March	09.30-10.45	<b>SPACE 2B</b> space and quiet with some discussion followed by led quiet prayer, at the home of Brenda Woods, 6 Spring Close. Please arrive from 9.15am. Tea/Coffee afterwards. For details phone Brenda on 700715.
<b>Thurs</b> 21 March	09.30 10.30  12noon 18.30-20.00 19.30  20.00	<b>45 MINUTES PRAYER TIME</b> In the Susanna Room <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> in the Worship Area: Rev Melanie Reed <b>LENT SOUP LUNCH</b> in the Congregational Church <b>BOYS BRIGADE:</b> Juniors 8-11 years <b>NEWLAND CHURCH:</b> Chris Hicken, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) <b>PRINCES' HOUSE GROUP</b> at 235 Thorney Leys. Contact Ian & Rachael on 01993 773651
<b>Fri</b> 22 March	09.00 09.45-11.30	<b>MAN FRIDAY</b> <b>WESLEY BABY &amp; TODDLER GROUP</b>
<b>Sat</b> 23 March	09.30-12.30	<b>CHARITY COFFEE BAR:</b> Ecumenical Accompaniment programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI)
<b>Sun</b> 24 March	10.30 15.00 18.00	<b>MORNING SERVICE:</b> Rev Melanie Reed <b>NEWLAND CHURCH:</b> Rev Fred Ireland <b>CIRCUIT SERVICE AT DAVENPORT ROAD:</b> Rev Rose Westwood

## SAVE THESE DATES:

**Rev Melanie's Leaving Service will be at 10.30 am on Sunday 28 July**

**Rev Jason Cooke's Welcoming Service will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 29 August** District Chair, Rev Helen Cameron Will be joining us

**WITNEY FRIENDS OF THE CEMETRIES** meeting at 10am on 19 March in the Corn Exchange. Come and give your views! *Duncan Enright*

## SUNDAY 24TH MARCH PRAYING AROUND THE CHURCH

Dear Congregation members, I am looking for at least 27 volunteers (more is good) to join me after the service as we pray, in two's (minimum) in each of the 14 rooms of the church. There have been a number of unsettling thefts and malicious incidents over several months and therefore we are going to pray for God's protection on our church and ask for his light to flood all corners of every room. If you feel that praying in this manner is not for you, please consider being a companion who supports the person saying the words, perhaps you could be the one holding a lighted candle? None of this will take up too much of your time, but it is, I believe, vital to the health and wellbeing of our church and its community. Thank you and God Bless.

**Rev Melanie**



## YARNTON SILVER BAND

Saturday 23 March at 7pm at Long Hanborough Methodist Church in aid of VICTA (Visually Impaired Children Taking Action). Refreshments will be provided. Entry free—retiring collection. Further information from David Sarbutts on 01993 779579

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH** (parts 2&3) celebrating St Mary's 775th anniversary by Windrush Choral Society & Choir of St Mary's, Saturday 23rd March 6.30pm, St Mary's, Church Green.

**LENT QUIET DAY** Thursday 28 March '19 at the Congregational Church 10am-4pm. Coffee will be served from 9.45am. Please bring a packed lunch, notebook & bible. Drinks will be provided. Donations towards expenses will be appreciated. For more information contact the Rev Joy Hance on 01993 707935 or email [joy@witneyparish.org.uk](mailto:joy@witneyparish.org.uk) by Sunday 24 March.

**NATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER**— 7-8pm Thursday 28 March. Join Cogges Church to pray for the Nation at this key moment of transition. Bring a candle as a reminder that we are asking God to be a light to our path and guide to our nation.

**LONG HANBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH** invites you to join their Away Day at Open Doors, Range Road, Witney on Saturday 13 April 10am—3pm. Coffee from 9.30am. Led by Andrew Maisey, based on the book 'Talking of God Together'. Cost £5 per head. Bring your own lunch, coffee, and teas will be provided. Further info from Valerie Tee 01993 882891.

## SAFEGUARDING CREATING SAFER SPACE FOUNDATION COURSE

For those that are working with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults and have not attended a foundation course before, this is for you! 7.30pm, Thursday 16 May 2019 at Davenport Road Methodist Church. Please let Ann-Marie [pa/minister@witneymeth.org.uk](mailto:pa/minister@witneymeth.org.uk) know if you will be attending.

## Lent Soup Lunches—Proceeds to Christian Aid

Thursday 21 March—Congregational Church  
Thursday 28 March—High Street Methodist Church,  
Friday 5 April—Our lady & St Hugh  
Wednesday 10 April—Davenport Road Methodist Church

**Please save your milk carton tops and give to Ann-Marie Purkiss via the pigeon hole (just for the month of March).**