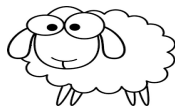


## 'WOOLLY WEDNESDAY' August 1<sup>st</sup>

Plans are now well underway for this event, following the highly successful 'July Jolly' last year. If you can come along please let Anna Colledge know as places are limited to 30. The cost will be £5 to cover essentials. Places are not restricted to congregational members so please invite anyone who would enjoy a day of good companionship, entertainment and nice eats! As part of our woolly celebration we are hoping to display knitwear, patterns, and anything made of wool and sheep. For more details just ask Anna or Ros.



**CIRENCESTER FOODBANK** is holding a fundraising event:

**What** - A Puzzle and Pudding Night

**Where** - Fairford United Church

**When** - Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> Time - 7:00

Please let Tegid Pugh know on 01285 712184 for catering purposes if you can go.

**THE MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE**, which covers Gloucestershire and to other counties, will be the beneficiary of the Coffee morning and Bring & Buy on 20<sup>th</sup> April Friday, If you would like to donate to the stalls can do so from the week beginning the 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**CORINIUM GUITAR PLAYERS** (one of Ashcroft's regular premises users) has been nominated for the 'Green Token' Award at Waitrose in Cirencester. Please consider supporting them by donating your tokens at Waitrose..

### **CONCERNS FOR PRAYER:**

Those awaiting operations, those with chronic conditions, those coping with the effects of old age, care homes or hospital, those seeking a little peace in their lives. A confidential Prayer Chain operates in this church. To become part of the chain or to ask for prayers, please contact Rev. James Taylor, Ros Burnip, Margaret Bull or Dinah Wise.

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## NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**W**e welcome everyone to our services today, especially any visitors, and invite you to stay for coffee after the morning service. If you are new to the area and would care to leave us your name and address please speak to one of the stewards after the service.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

**If you think you are too small to make a difference,  
try sleeping with a mosquito. *Dalai Lama***

### SERVICES TODAY

9.15 am Holy Communion

Rev. James Taylor

10.30 am Morning Service

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### SERVICE NEXT WEEK

10.30 am Morning Service

Ros Burnip

### Lead Steward Today

Avril Rodger

### Next Sunday

Steve Colledge

## WEEKLY DIARY

Tuesday	10.00 am	Squeals on Wheels
	2.15 pm	Table Tennis
	7.45 pm	Ashcroft Ladies –
Wednesday	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship – Churn Project
Thursday	10.00 am	Craft Group
Friday	10.00 am	Coffee for All/ Language Café
	6.30 pm	ARK

## Dates for your Diary

Friday April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning with Bring & Buy for Midland Air Ambulance
Wednesday April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Team meeting
Saturday April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol Methodist District Assembly at Ashcroft
Wednesday August 1 <sup>st</sup> :	'Woolly Wednesday'

**As many of you will know by now, having met him when he worshipped with us on Easter day, Ashcroft Church has now appointed a new full-time lay worker! Anton Wynn will be starting with us on June 1st, after having worked two months' notice with his existing employment. Our prayers go with him, and his family, as they prepare for this new venture with us here. Praise God!**

**James**

## WORSHIP TEAM MEETING on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm

We extend a warm invitation to anyone who wishes to attend this open meeting. If you have an item for the agenda, or wish to comment on our worship please contact Ann Green (tel 654938) no later than Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

## FIRST AID COURSE

A 3 hour 'Essential First Aid for all ages' course has been booked for Saturday, 19th May, starting 9am. The course is being run by St John's Ambulance. A maximum of 12 places are available and priority will be given to those who run groups within the Church. If other spaces are available the course costs £30. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to do it. Glynnis Freeman ([glynnisfreeman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:glynnisfreeman@hotmail.co.uk) or [tel: 01285 656085](tel:01285656085))

## ENVELOPE SCHEME

The new envelopes for the year 2018-19 are available now. If you have not yet received yours please check your pigeon hole or contact Anne Mort.

## **BRISTOL METHODIST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY** **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Ashcroft will be hosting the District Assembly. We are expecting at least 120 members to attend. It is an all day event and we will need to provide refreshments, both in the foyer and in the Ashcroft Room, and possibly a crèche throughout the day. We will therefore require a lot of help and support from the folks at Ashcroft in preparation, providing soup and cakes, and serving the refreshments on the day.

## How can you help?

**Volunteer to serve:** Teas & coffee from 9.15am (2 people), Soup & rolls at lunch time (4 people), Teas, coffee & cakes at 4.00pm (2 people)

**Make:** portions of soup for 20 to a given recipe – ingredients will be paid for (7 or 8 people). Copies of the recipes are available on the Foyer notice board or from Anna Colledge. Also to make cakes.

**Provide:** large slow cookers or vacuum flasks to keep the soup hot

**Help:** to provide a crèche if required (3 people DBS checked morning & afternoon)

If you can help please contact: Anna Colledge, Lis Thomas or Christine Whitaker, and Glynnis Freeman for the crèche. Also please sign the list if you can volunteer at any time.

A volunteer is also needed to join the team of **car parking stewards** between 9am and 10.30am, directing people to the designated parking area. If you can help please contact Revd Simon Topping by e mail at [simon.topping@methodist.org.uk](mailto:simon.topping@methodist.org.uk) or phone 01453 764818 or 07443 517636.