



NEWSLETTER

20th March 2016

This Church is working and praying to become a Whole Life Disciple making Community

This Morning



Theme Palm Sunday
Readings

Welcome! If you are worshipping with us for the first time we hope that you enjoy our service this morning led by **Revd Andrew and Sally Willett**.



This Week



TUESDAY 7.30PM there is a special meeting for anyone interested in being part of the **holiday club team**. We are unsure whether it can happen this year with key people not being available, so please come along and ensure that it does happen. If you want to be part of it but can't be there, then please mention this to Andrew/Sally or Angela.

THURSDAY 7PM there will be a **Maundy Thursday Communion service** here.

FRIDAY 10.30AM there will be a **Good Friday service** here in the church. After the service we will be walking with the cross to the Birchwood Mall.

FRIDAY NOON there will be a **Good Friday service at the Mall** where we will be able to take part in the walk of witness through the shopping centre.

NEXT SUNDAY 10.40AM our Easter Celebration service will be led by **Revd Andrew and Sally Willett**.

LATER DATES



As most of you will know, our ministers **Andrew and Sally** have been called to a new pastorate. Their last service here will be on 3rd April and following that there will be an **Open House** at the Manse (750 Warrington Road) from 2pm - 8pm. Anyone is welcome to come for some refreshments. There will then be a **Sending Service** on Saturday 9th April at 3pm - all are welcome. They then plan to leave on 11th April.



Info & REQUESTS



As you know next Sunday is **Easter Sunday** and during the morning service we will be decorating the small cross again with small posies of flowers. We would like to invite each family to make up a small posie or posies which will be brought forward during the service and placed on the cross to signify new life and Jesus's wonderful resurrection.



Would **all leaders** of user groups please ensure that after your group activity and before leaving the building that floors are vacuumed, rubbish put in the bins outside, all lights are switched off, heating turned down to one and all fire doors (including serving hatches) are closed. On numerous occasions lights and heating have been found to have been left on which is a **waste of energy** and a **drain on the church finances**. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please note that there has been a **change of date** for the Essential Jesus readings/sermon in April. 17th April's sermon has been moved to 10th April and so you will need to do readings 86 - 90 one week earlier.

Please note that **TReats Coffee Shop** will be closed on Thursday 31st March and will

re-open on Thursday 7th April. Sorry for any inconvenience.

During Lent we are holding **Prayer Groups**. There are two meetings each week -

- Sunday 8am - 8.30am with a focus on our Church and community.
- Tuesday 7pm - 7.30pm with a focus on the wider world.

Both meetings will be held in the downstairs Quiet Room at Church. This Tuesday evening topic will be *Asia*.

During March **Active Hope** are doing a **clothing collection** to raise money. If you have any old clothes that you would like to get rid of after the Christmas clear out, we will be happy to take them off your hands! We can take good quality, dry, clean clothing, soft toys, pairs of shoes, handbags, net curtains and bed linen. Please put them all in a bag and, if you bring them to church, Watto will be happy to take them to the office for you. Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

We are collecting donations this year during Lent for Water Aid. If you would like a "**Jars of Change**" sleeve to place in your jar please see Rhona. All donations will be collected on Easter Sunday.

As you may have heard Warrington Borough Council have **withdrawn funding to the YMCA**, this will cause a major crisis and potentially could lead to closure. The YMCA is a major life line for the Warrington homeless people, without this support they will be even more vulnerable. Could you please support the YMCA by e-mailing or writing to Mr S Broomhead at Warrington Borough Council requesting them to reconsider their decision. E-mail sbroomhead@warrington.gov.uk



Looking at the current "Who's Who" for the Church (distributed at the AGM), it is noticeable that there are quite a few opportunities for people to come forward to help support the work of the

Church in various ways. Some of the **current vacancies** are -

- BBGA Leaders
- BBGA Helpers
- Holiday Club Administrator
- Safe Church Advocate
- Mersey Synod representative
- Sunday Link Editor
- Chair rota helpers

Please prayerfully consider whether you can help with any of these roles. If you would like to help or would like more details on what a role entails, please speak to an Elder who will be able to point you in the right direction.

PRAYER DIARY



Mon	Leadership
Tue	Overseas Issues
Wed	The Community
Thu	Pastoral Care
Fri	Youth and Children
Sat	Worship
Sun	Listen to God

DUTIES NEXT WEEK



Readings	-
Coffee	A Skinner & L Deason
Chairs	-
Door	J King & W Gemmell
Elder	C Burrows
Prayers	A Davies
Junior	-
Church	-

If you would like to know more about these or any of our activities and beliefs, please contact our Ministers Andrew and Sally Willett (487851) or our Church Secretary, Steve Erhardt (851866) or see www.thomasrisley.org

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