

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### 10.30 am THE SUNDAY SERVICE

*Holy Communion - first Sunday of each month*

*(Please refer to Diary on page 8 for details of all Services as arrangements may vary).*

## REGULAR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

Monday	5.00 - 6.00pm 6.00 - 7.15pm 7.00 - 8.30pm	Rainbows (5-7 years) at Radford Road Brownies (7-10 years) at Radford Road Guides (10-15 years) at Radford Road
Tuesday	2.00pm	Friendship Circle
Wednesday	11.00am 12.30pm	Coffee Morning Wednesday Lunch alternating with Mid-Week Worship
Thursday	2.00pm	Film Club (monthly)
Friday	6.15 - 7.45pm 6.15 - 7.15pm 7.30 - 9.00pm	Cub Scouts (8-10½ years) Beaver Scouts (6-8 years) Scouts & Explorer Scouts
Saturday	9.00 - 11.00am 10.00am	The Big Breakfast (monthly on 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Saturday) Christians Together in Leamington Ramblers (monthly)

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June 24<sup>th</sup> Gift Day

**June 2018**

## THE MINISTER'S LETTER



To the family of God at Radford Road Church,

We don't often think about Communion and what it is, and what it means. Sometimes we take it for granted that we know what Communion is about, though, like many aspects of faith, our understanding of Communion can often grow and develop over time.

For Radford Road Church Communion is a special service, we take Communion once a month varying between the Methodist and URC styles of Communion. Both styles have their merits, and something to tell us about what Communion is.

It is often a deeply personal experience, going forward to receive Communion, standing before the rail as we stand before Christ (that has certainly been my experience in the past). Sometimes it is a powerful communal experience. How often have we heard those words, 'we eat and drink together as a sign of our unity in Christ'. (words that have passed my lips well over a hundred times since I have been in ministry here).

It is right that Communion should be both personal and communal. Though Communion isn't only about those who are present – it is also about the invisible company of believers who share in this meal throughout the world, about the saints in glory, and those members of the Church who are with us in spirit if not in body. John Calvin desired that the Church in Geneva take Communion weekly. John Wesley suggested his followers take Communion as often as possible – ideally daily. St Paul directs the believers, 'as often as you eat this bread and drink this wine you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again' (does this mean three meals a day?). All of this is to say that Communion is not just a once a month thing, it is about living in fellowship with Jesus from week to week, day to day, meal to meal (saying grace before we eat).

Sometimes Communion is about looking back at what Jesus accomplished through the cross; sometimes it is about looking forward to the day when we shall eat and drink with Christ in the fullness of His heavenly kingdom (a vision of which we see in Isaiah 25:6-9). It is always, as Paul indicates, an act of proclamation making known the grace of our Saviour Jesus who invites us to come and eat with him. I hope and pray you will find fresh grace in Communion with Christ and His Church, and nourishment for today, for tomorrow and for all the days to come, till we sit down with Jesus in His eternal kingdom.

With my love and prayers,  
James

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RAINBOWS	Bridget
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## ROTAS

	Welcomer	Coffee	Flowers to give	Arranger
June 3	Veronica	John & Ruth	Mavis M	Rosemary
June 10	Rosemary	Brenda & Alan	Brenda T	Tony
June 17	Julia	Margaret & Janice	Gill	Margaret B
June 24	Joan	Jherell & Sally	Ken	Jean
July 1	Sue	Veronica & Bridget	Phil	Hazel
July 8	Jherell	John & Ruth	Veronica	Kath

Would the first person on the Coffee Rota please bring 2 pints of milk and the second bring biscuits. Thank you!

We thank all those who have promised flowers for the church and also thank the arrangers for using their time and talents in this way.

### ANGELS FOR ADVENT



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
CARRY ON  
KNITTING**

People are getting underway with the knitting of angels for Advent and we already have over 100. The angels will be placed in telephone kiosks, public places, shops and even in bus shelters in the town. Each angel will have a "Please take me home" tag attached to it together with a card giving greetings from Radford Road Church and inviting the finder to attend our Christmas services.

The more angels we can distribute the better and this is a novel way of engaging with the community and of encouraging new people from our local area to visit our church.

You can use your own knitting pattern or pick one up from the Vestibule together with a small bag of wadding and get those needles clicking!

**Marjorie would welcome your contributions and suggestions for the July/ August Magazine by Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> at the latest, and preferably earlier, please. Email: [carrier\\_mj@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carrier_mj@yahoo.co.uk)**

## FAMILY NEWS



### Please remember

**those who have suffered bereavement.**  
Comfort the families and friends who grieve.

**those who are ill.**  
We ask that they will soon be restored to full health.

**those who have worries and anxieties.**  
Give them peace and comfort in the knowledge that you are close to them

You are asked to pray for all those known to you who are unwell or are in hospital and those who have worries or concerns.  
Please especially remember **Jessie, Mavis P, Clarice, Jane & Frank** and the housebound who are unable to share in worship with us.

**Margaret S** who has moved to Barnstable to be nearer her daughter

We send our love and congratulations to **John F** who celebrates his 105<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 7<sup>th</sup>. What a remarkable man he is.

Welcome to **Shannon**, a Warwick University student, who has recently started to attend morning worship and who we were pleased to see at a recent Big Breakfast.

**Bridget** no sooner returned from her tall ships adventure than she embarked on walking the Coast to Coast route from St. Bees in Cumbria, through the Lake District, the Yorkshire Dales and the North Yorkshire moors to the quaint Yorkshire coastal village of Robin Hood's Bay.

### A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lord, I pray for my church family. Give us strength to put aside our differences so we can serve You together.

Help us to understand and care about one another-just as You care about each one of us.

Show me who I can learn from, and who should be learning from me.  
Place me where You want me to be within Your family.

You know how to live in the family of God,  
that family is the church of the living God,  
the support and foundation of the truth. Amen

## OUR COVER PICTURE



Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>

### **.GIFT DAY SUNDAY JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>**

Over the last few months major work has been undertaken on the fabric of the building including the repair of the roof which was leaking. To counter this expense it has been agreed to hold a Gift Day on Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>. On that day there will be a Jacket Potato Lunch served with a choice of fillings following the morning service. For catering purposes, please add your name to the list on the notice board in the Vestibule. We do hope that many people will stay and enjoy lunch and fellowship with friends as we raise money to support the upkeep of our building. Please use the Special Gift Day envelopes that will be available from the beginning of June and give generously.

### **REVD. ANDY LAIRD**

Andy has had responsibilities in many of the churches in the Circuit and has been the Methodist Minister at Radford Road since 2011. He is now planning his retirement and his last service at Radford Road is on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. After the service we shall say our farewells to Andy so please be prepared to stay for half an hour or so if you are able.

There will be a Circuit Farewell Service for Andy at 4.00pm on July 29<sup>th</sup> at Dale Street Church to which all are invited.

### **CHANGES TO STAFFING IN THE METHODIST CIRCUIT**

Andy Laird is retiring at the end of July and the circuit has been very fortunate to have been allocated a new minister for Kenilworth and Dale Street. Revd. Jeongsock Kim will be welcomed to the circuit in September. Revd. Sam McBratney will have responsibility for Radford Road Church on a part time basis, initially for one year. Some of you will have met him already when he led a service at Radford Road on a snowy Sunday in March.

### **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS**

The law changed on May 25<sup>th</sup> regarding General Data Protection Regulations. These changes affect how the church stores your data, how long it is kept and your right of access to your data. The Elders act as the data controller. This means they decide how your personal data is processed and for what purpose. The Elders have developed a Data Privacy Statement which will be on display in the Vestibule and on the Church website, which details all necessary information.

Please be reassured that your personal data which is held by the church is treated as strictly confidential and is not shared with any third parties.

Christian names only are used in the Magazine, Sunday News Sheet , Prayer Book and Prayer Diary and details of health issues are not included.

These publications are accessible to members of the public as well as to the church congregation so information has to be limited.

If you have any concerns please talk to one of the Elders.

### **AUCTION OF PROMISES**

Once again we shall be holding an Auction of Promises at the Craft Fair when you will be invited to bid for a special treat which you will enjoy. Perhaps it will be a home-made cake, a parachute jump, a couple of hours gardening or a day out in the country. Hopefully, we shall have many varied, interesting and exciting promises.

We need everyone to think about what they are able to offer as a Promise and to sign the chart in the Vestibule. Let's try to fill all the "clouds" on the chart so that we have lots of Promises to offer.

When we have sufficient Promises, and much nearer the time of the Craft Fair, we will add an Auction Chart and you will be invited to make a "bid" for the Promise that takes your fancy.

Last year over £300 was raised by this Auction. Can we do better this year? Let's give it a go!

## I'M NOT PERFECT

I have all kinds of problems. I have no ability. I have no gifts.  
I'm just not worthy. Why would God want me?

Well, did you know that

Moses stuttered.

David's armour didn't fit.

John Mark deserted Paul.

Timothy had ulcers.

Hosea's wife was a prostitute.

Amos' only training was in the school of fig-tree pruning.

Jacob was a liar.

David had an affair.

Solomon was too rich.

Jesus was too poor.

Abraham was too old.

David was too young.

Peter was afraid of death.

Lazarus was dead.

John was self-righteous.

Naomi was a widow.

Paul was a persecutor of the church.

Moses was a murderer.

Jonah ran from God's will.

Miriam was a gossip.

Gideon and Thomas both doubted.

Jeremiah was depressed and suicidal.

Elijah was burned out.

John the Baptist was a loudmouth.

Martha was a worry-wart.

Noah got drunk.

Did I mention that Moses had a short fuse?

So did Peter, Paul - well, lots of folks did.

But God doesn't require a job interview for salvation. He's our Heavenly Father.  
He doesn't look at financial gain or loss. He's not prejudiced or partial, not judging,  
grudging, not deaf to our cry, not blind to our need. He knows who we are and what  
we are and loves us in spite of ourselves

Author Unknown

## SHAZAM CONCERT

Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.30pm

Wow! What a fantastic evening. The church was packed to bursting to hear tribute band Shazam play a selection of hits by Cliff Richard and The Shadows.

The line-up included our own George Height on drums and his son, Stephen, as one of the three backing singers, and the band was fronted by special guest singer Ian Geast. This was the first time I had heard Shazam perform, and I was bowled over by both their talent and their energy. The 200-strong audience certainly appreciated the entertainment on offer, singing along to old favourites and applauding enthusiastically, before demanding a final encore at the end of a highly successful evening. The concert proceeds of £1300 will be shared between Myton Hospice and Radford Road Church Organ Fund. Myton Hospice will also benefit from the donations made in the Hospice collecting boxes. Grateful thanks are due to Margaret and George Height for organising the event and to the members of the Shazam Group for giving such a wonderful performance.

Jean

## MID-WARWICKSHIRE METHODISTS IN RENEWAL

The Revd. Andy Laird will lead a 3 session Bible Study course looking at

- 1) Spirit of Mission
- 2) Gift of Discernment
- 3) Point of Church.

This is part of the Ten 2 initiative which is a set of tools to be used by groups and congregations to promote discernment. It is designed to open conversations locally about the Circuit's future and what God has planned for us.

The sessions will take place on the following Thursdays:

May 31st, June 7th and 14th at 2.30pm in the Vestibule at Radford Road Church.

Please come and join this exciting initiative as we look towards the future.

## THE ROYAL WEDDING



On May 19<sup>th</sup>, after we had enjoyed a hearty Big Breakfast, many people stayed to watch Prince Harry and Meghan Markle make their wedding vows in St. George's Chapel, Windsor. The sun shone brilliantly, the crowds waved flags and sang, the guests were dressed up to the nines and everyone had a smile on their face.

The Rt. Revd. David Conner, Dean of Windsor, conducted the service, The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd. Justin Welby, married the Prince and Ms Markle and the Most Reverend Michael Curry, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, a US branch of the Church of England, gave the address.

Those watching on the television screen at Radford Road Church thoroughly enjoyed being able to watch this wonderful ceremony with their church friends and they toasted the happy couple, the new Duke and Duchess of Sussex, with glasses of non-alcoholic bubbly.

## MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY REPORT



The community service team are now painting the Quiet Room. When this work is finished, unless I can persuade them to paint the hall in the Church Centre, they have finished all the painting. I hope you all feel the Church looks fresher because of their hard work.

Members of the Property Team have repaired the fire exit lock on the hall door and

also replaced the faulty light in the hall.

I am not aware of any other maintenance tasks that need doing so please let me know if you find something that requires attention.

Thank you  
Bridget

## EVERYTHING I NEEDED TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE I LEARNED FROM A JIGSAW PUZZLE



1. Don't force a fit--if something is meant to be, it will come together naturally.
2. When things aren't going so well, take a break. Everything will look different when you return.
3. Be sure to look at the big picture. Getting hung up on the little pieces only leads to frustration.
4. Perseverance pays off. Every important puzzle went together bit by bit, piece by piece.
5. When one spot stops working, move to another. But be sure to come back later.
6. The creator of the puzzle gave you the picture as a guidebook. Refer to the Creator's guidebook often.
7. Variety is the spice of life. It's the different colours and patterns that make the puzzle interesting.
8. Working together with friends and family makes any task fun.
9. Establish the border first. Boundaries give a sense of security and order.
10. Don't be afraid to try different combinations. Some matches are surprising.
11. Take time often to celebrate your successes (even little ones).
12. Anything worth doing takes time and effort. A great puzzle can't be rushed.
13. When you finally reach the last piece, don't be sad. Rejoice in the masterpiece you've made and enjoy a well-deserved rest.

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## MORE QUIPS, WITH FOOD IN MIND, FROM JENNY

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm - prayer and medication to follow.

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

## PRAYING TOGETHER IN JUNE

The monthly Prayer Diary encourages the Church family to focus prayers on specific people or organisations on a daily basis

1st	Our Mission Project supporting Clive's work in Bosnia & Herzegovina..	16th	The Uniformed Organisations
2nd	The Congregational Meeting	17th	Junior Church
3rd	Praise in the Park	18th	John F
4th	Wed. Lunch & Mid-Week Worship	19th	Joyce
5th	Jessie	20th	Valerie
6th	Elders of the Church	21st	Mavis P
7th	Mid Warwicks Methodists in Renewal	22nd	The Film Club
8th	Clarice	23rd	Gill & Derek
9th	Big Breakfast	24th	The Street Pastors
10th	Jean I	25th	Margaret S
11th	Hilda & Ken	26th	The Friendship Circle
12th	Andy & James	27th	Maureen
13th	House Group	28th	The Night Shelter volunteers
14th	Clare	29th	Rob & family
15th	Kingsley & Anne	30th	Andi

You are invited to take a pebble from the basket on the Table of Remembrance, sit or stand quietly and concentrate on your particular concern. Then hold or stroke your pebble – feel your hurt, worry, loneliness, pain, guilt, unhappiness or anxiety flowing into your stone. Feel it warm in your hand. If you are praying for someone else, feel your love and compassion flowing into your pebble.

When you are ready, leave your pebble at the cross of Jesus. Leave it with your concerns, so that Jesus can deal with it. Then go – knowing that Jesus loves and cares about you.

There is also a Book of Prayer. Any situation entered in the book will be prayed for at Friday Bible Study and included in the monthly Prayer Diary.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEAMINGTON

### Praise in the Park - June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11.00am

This is a wonderful outdoor service, full of life and commitment, where young and old of different denominations worship together in the Pump Room Gardens. Bring along your garden chairs and rugs and join in this informal event. Why not bring a picnic too?

**Please note:** Radford Road Church will hold the normal Sunday morning service at 10.30am.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER RAMBLERS

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 9.45 for 10am

### STONELEIGH TO STARETON

Meet at The Green in the centre of Stoneleigh village.

Eat at The Malt Shovel, Bubbenhall.

Leader: Margaret F.

More details will be on the vestibule notice board.

## AFTERNOON TEA AT THE MANSE



James and Sarah have kindly invited the whole of the congregation and other friends to call in at the Manse on July 7<sup>th</sup> between 3pm and 5pm to enjoy afternoon tea. This is an informal opportunity to meet with church friends and to enjoy tea, scones, cakes and chatter. Hopefully, depending on the weather, this will be an outdoor event but if the weather should not be brilliant there is room indoors.

Make a note of the date **NOW** and come to the manse (135, Leam Terrace) on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup>.



## JUNE DIARY 2018

Sat	2	10.00am	Congregational Meeting
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service with Holy Communion led by the Revd. James Church</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Praise in the Park (See page 7)</b>
Tues	5	2.00pm	Friendship Circle - No Meeting
Wed	6	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch - Songs of Praise DVD with Aled Jones Looking back on 2016 including a visit to Hampton Court and also the school choir of the year.
Fri	8	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
Sat	9	9.00am	Big Breakfast
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Parade Service led by Mr Trevor Pethick</b>
Tues	12	2.00pm	Friendship Circle - George Jones
Wed	13	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Mid-Week Worship
Fri	15	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service led by Miss Betty Blower</b>
Tues	19	2.00pm	Friendship Circle - DVD Afternoon
Wed	20	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch followed by the Revd. Barbara Greenwood “speaking about “My Pilgrimage along El Comino de Santiago”
Thurs	21	2.00pm	Film Club “Paddington 2”
Fri	22	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service led by the Revd. James Church</b>
Tues	26	2.00pm	Friendship Circle - Lillington Ladies’ Choir Summer Concert Margaret Height is retiring as Musical Director of this choir. This event also marks the 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Friendship Circle
Wed	27	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Mid-Week Worship

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Revd. Andy Laird’s last Sunday at Radford Road Church.
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Everyone is invited to the Manse Afternoon Tea. Pop in between 3pm & 5pm.
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm Circuit Farewell to the Revd. Andy Laird at Dale St. Church.
Aug. 5 <sup>th</sup>	The Mission Project cheque for £1000 will be presented to the Revd. Clive Fowle for the Peace and Reconciliation project in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Last Night of the Proms & Fish & Chip Supper £8.00. Our new Mission Project “Buffalo Bikes for Africa” will be launched.
Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am Craft Fair.
Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Heart of England Recorder Orchestra.

## FILM CLUB

On Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 2.00pm you are invited to see

### “Paddington 2”

Paddington, now happily settled with the Brown family in Windsor Gardens, has become a popular member of the local community spreading joy and marmalade wherever he goes. While searching for the perfect present for his beloved Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, Paddington spots a unique pop-up book in Mr Gruber's antique shop and embarks upon a series of odd jobs to buy it. But when the book is stolen, it's up to Paddington and the Browns to unmask the thief.



## HOUSE GROUP BIBLE STUDY

**Meets each Friday at 135, Leam Terrace at 7.30pm**

The House Group would be delighted to welcome others who would like to share in the evening. The Group is just starting a new series of discussions entitled “Loving Justice” so this is an ideal time to start taking part. Please see James for further details.



## THE NEXT BIG BREAKFAST is on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am



Come along and bring your friends  
and smell the sizzling bacon as you come through the door to our  
Big Breakfast.

May’s total: £50.40  
(after the food expenses for Big Breakfast  
and for the Royal Wedding viewing were deducted).

The Big Breakfast is extremely popular and the money raised is a big contribution to our annual Mission Project when we aim to raise £1000. If you haven’t yet sampled our delicious Big Breakfast then do come along and enjoy good food and good company.

Everyone is very welcome and it would be good to see **YOU**.