

SUNDAY SERVICES

10.30 am THE SUNDAY SERVICE

Holy Communion - first Sunday of each month

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

REGULAR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

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

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WORTH A THOUGHT!

One of the richest and most powerful men in Brazil, Thane Chiquinho Scarpa, made waves when he announced plans to bury his million-dollar Bentley, so he could drive around his afterlife in style. He received lots of media attention, mostly negative and was severely criticized for the extravagant gesture and wasting of a precious commodity. Questions asked were:

Why wouldn't he donate the car to charity?

How out of touch with reality is this guy?

He still went ahead with the ceremony.

But, there's a twist. (Of course there is. Why else would I be telling you this story?)

Moments before lowering the car in the ground prepared for the burial of his Bentley, he declared that he wouldn't bury his car after all. He then revealed his genuine motive for the drama:

It was to create awareness for organ donation.

"People condemn me because I wanted to bury a million dollar Bentley. In fact, most people bury something a lot more valuable than my car," Scarpa said during a speech at the ceremony.

"They bury hearts, livers, lungs, eyes and kidneys. This is absurd. So many people are waiting for a transplant and you bury your healthy organs that could save so many lives!"

This is certainly something that is worth a thought - and action!

CONSIDER BEING AN ORGAN DONOR

Over 80% of adults in England say they would definitely, or would consider, donating their organs, but only 37% of the UK population have actually registered as donors on the NHS Organ Donor Register.

At any one time there are around 6000 people on the transplant waiting list and on average three people die each day in the UK in need of an organ transplant.

The more people who register to donate organs, the more lives can be saved.

You can register your decision to donate on the NHS Organ Donor Register at any age.

The Government in England intends to change the law on consent for organ donation. Under the new system (commonly known as 'deemed consent' or 'opt out'), everybody would be considered a potential donor unless they have added their details to the NHS Organ Donor Register to say that they do not wish to donate their organs, or are in one of the excluded groups.

Do consider if you could be a donor and help to save lives.

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RAINBOWS	Bridget
BROWNIES	Bridget
GUIDES	Emma
RANGERS	Sarah
BEAVER SCOUTS	Matthew
CUB SCOUTS	Janet
SCOUTS	Alec
EXPLORER SCOUTS	Deb
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ROTAS

	Welcomer	Coffee	Flowers to give	Arranger
Nov 4	Rosemary	Brenda & Alan	Janine	Jean
Nov 11	Veronica	Sally & Jean	Hugh & Hazel	Hazel
Nov 18	Julia	Jherell & Margaret	Sue & Joan	Tony
Nov 25	Sue	Bridget & Veronica		Margaret B
Dec 2	Joan	Ruth & John	Jessie	Kath
Dec 9	Jherell	Brenda & Alan	Valerie	Rosemary

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.

ELDERS ELECTION

The office of Elder is a significant role in the life of the church and our Elders perform the duties diligently and conscientiously.

This year there is one vacancy on the Eldership and we ask all members to prayerfully consider who they could nominate for this role.

The nominations box is in the church vestibule and nominations must be submitted by Sunday November 4th. The result will be announced after Morning Service at the AGM on Sunday November 25th.

Marjorie would welcome your contributions and suggestions for the December/ January Magazine by Sunday Nov. 18th at the latest, and preferably earlier, please. Email: carrier_mj@yahoo.co.uk

FAMILY NEWS



Please remember in your prayers

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.

In recent weeks several of our members have spent time in hospital with one or two of these people being admitted on more than one occasion. Please let one of the Ministers, or Hazel, the Pastoral Coordinator, know if you hear of anyone who is unwell.

Your prayers are particularly asked for Clarice, Peggy, Ralph, John F, and Sue D. We also remember Gill, Jane & Frank, and Jessie.

NATIVITY EXHIBITION

Many of you will remember the Nativity exhibition, belonging to Marjorie and John, which was held in our church on two previous occasions. It features Nativity sets from around the world and includes a manger scene in an Indian tepee, a Peruvian set which features llamas instead of sheep, a miniature set for a dolls' house and over 100 others.

Marjorie spoke to the URC synod about the collection and displayed just a few of the models. This aroused a lot of interest and people were fascinated. This year more exhibits have been added.

Last year the exhibition was on display at churches in Coventry, Leicester and Wellesbourne. This year it starts off at a Methodist church in Cambridge and then moves to Abbey Hill URC in Kenilworth. There are bookings for each year until 2022 and a highlight is a booking in Coventry in connection with the city's year of culture in 2021!

Churches which stage the exhibition are asked to make a contribution to Radford Road Church's Mission Fund and so wherever the exhibition goes Radford Road Church is mentioned and benefits and visitors to the exhibition are reminded that the birth of Jesus Christ is celebrated around the world.

OUR COVER PICTURE



100 years ago the First World War ended, and a new world began. The example and experience of those who lived through it shaped the world we live in today.

Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day or Armistice Day) is a memorial day to remember the members of the armed forces who have died on duty during, and since, World War I.

Remembrance Day is observed on 11th November to recall the official end of World War I on that date in 1918, as the major hostilities of World War

I formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" of 1918 with the signing of the Armistice.

As mentioned in last month's Church Magazine, on 4th August 1918 King George V, the Queen's grandfather, met to pray with members of the Houses of Parliament and called for a National Day of Prayer for Peace.

A hundred days later the First World War ended.



It is now 100 years since the end of The Great War and this year churches of many denominations have united to take part in 100 days of prayer for peace, hope and reconciliation. This is called Remembrance 100.

If you look at the website www.remembrance100.co.uk there is an introduction to Remembrance 100 written by the Archbishop of Canterbury and there are daily reflections and prayers which you are invited to use throughout the 100 days.

The prayer for November 8th reads:

Lord Jesus Christ, in this year of anniversary and commemoration, we give thanks for those who have perished in war; grant that their deaths may not have been in vain, and that the peoples of the world will have the hope of a better future. Amen

CRAFT FAIR

Thank you to all who helped with the Craft Fair. Although it was a very rainy day and people did not turn out in the droves we had hoped for, nevertheless we raised £1060 for our Church funds.

This was a concerted effort from lots of people who worked really hard to make the Fair a success. Thank you to everyone who helped.



MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY REPORT



Recent work completed:

The boilers in the Church centre and in the vestibule have been repaired.

The outstanding items are:

Lights in the Church – I am hoping that this will be done by the end of November.

The tree at the back of the Church is due to be cut down on Sat. 20th October.

There is a large number of small jobs that require doing including painting the Church

Centre hall – if anyone is willing to help with this please can you let me know.

Bridget

*Andrew C and
Bridget repaired
the boundary wall*



ANGELS FOR ADVENT



On Thursday November 8th at 2.00pm a working group will put each of our knitted angels, a 'Please Take Me Home' tag and a card, into a plastic bag ready for distribution around our town. Volunteers needed! We also need people to distribute the angels at the end of November. This is a way that the church can reach out into the community, offer love and friendship and invite the people in our neighbourhood to visit our church.

The local press is being asked to publicise the scheme.

Please add your name to the list which is on the notice board if you can help with either or both of these activities.

FILM CLUB

Do come along on Thursday Nov. 22nd at 2.00pm when you can see
“Walking on Sunshine”

The familiar story of a British girl going on a holiday in the Mediterranean and getting involved with a local boy. Once the summer is over so is the romance.

Three years later her sister is to marry that boy, so what is she to do?

The songs are all classic popular 80s hits that you just want to sing along with.

Tea and cakes will be served: £2.00 per person.



THE NEXT BIG BREAKFAST is on Nov. 10th at 9.00am.



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

Proceeds to our Mission Fund “World Bicycle Relief”

RADFORD ROAD CHRISTMAS GREETINGS CARD

Don't forget to let Bridget have your greeting (and a small donation for Christian Aid's Present Aid scheme) **by Sunday November 11th** at the very latest.

The Christian Aid catalogue will soon be available in the church vestibule.

HOPE & JUSTICE CONFERENCE in support of CHRISTIAN AID

17th November 10.00am - 3.45pm
at Warwick Road United Reformed Church
10, Warwick Road, Coventry, CV1 1EX

Find out about natural and humanitarian disasters and how your support brings hope to vulnerable communities.

Free tickets (limited number) available from :

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hope-justice-christian-aid.supporters.conference-tickets->

CHRISTIAN AID AND THE INDONESIA TSUNAMI APPEAL TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

More than 1.5 million people have been affected by a double natural disaster in Indonesia, which has killed at least 1,350 people and left an estimated 48,000 displaced. At the end of September a powerful earthquake struck Central Sulawesi, before giant waves, up to six metres high, hit the cities of Palu and Mamuju and the district of Donggala at hundreds of miles an hour. Much infrastructure has been destroyed and the full extent of the damage is not yet clear. Christian Aid is already working with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), and other agencies to support the delivery of food, shelter, clean water, sanitation and other relief supplies. Survivors in more remote areas also desperately need food, water and medicine.

Other disasters have recently occurred around the world and Christian Aid plays an active part in working with other agencies to help. Please consider making a donation to Christian Aid. (See Bridget for further details). Your donations will be used to provide food, shelter, water and hygiene kits to those who are left with nothing.

You are invited to use the following prayer:

O God,
hold those who are hurting
comfort those who are in mourning
calm those who are panicking
surround with safety those who are traumatised
shelter those who are homeless
be a beacon of wisdom and guidance
for those directing rescue operations
As you entered into the blood, sweat and tears of life
Help us to enter into lament, love and solidarity
with our sisters and brothers in Indonesia
standing together with those you love
in their time of deepest need.
May they know they are not alone.
In Jesus name, Amen.

'TALKING OF GOD TOGETHER'

Methodist Circuit Course



The Revd. Peter Powers invites you to a course, designed to help people to talk more fruitfully of their faith to others. It will be held every Wednesday from 7th November - 12th December 2018 inclusive from 7.30pm till 9.00pm at Dale Street Methodist Church.

The course will use the new version of the book of "Talking of God Together" published by Methodist Publishing House.

For administrative purposes please contact Kate Tennyson if you plan to attend.

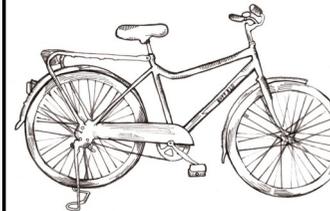
CONCERT GIVEN BY THE HEART OF ENGLAND RECORDER ORCHESTRA AND THE VOCAL GROUP, 'DIVERTIMENTO' ON SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER

The evening featured recorders of every shape and size, from the small soprano to the rich tones of the contrabass. The versatile performers moved around depending on the music they were playing and many played more than one instrument. From 17th and 18th century dance music, to a Welsh hymn tune, to Mozart's 'Ave Verum Corpus', to the popular 'My Funny Valentine', all styles were played with precision and artistry. The audience was particularly impressed by the virtuosic duets played by conductor Michelle Holloway and gifted performer Kate Allsop.

'Divertimento' shared the evening with the orchestra and brought a programme of well-known songs in often demanding arrangements, some made by their conductor Sheila Koch.

The concert raised £111.75 for our Organ Fund.

OUR NEW MISSION PROJECT: BUFFALO BIKES FOR WORLD BICYCLE RELIEF



We are supporting this charity and aim to raise £1000. If we achieve this we will be able to provide 10 bicycles to people who at present, have no means of transport other than Shanks' Pony!

Have you looked at the display on the notice board in church and noted what a difference a sturdy bike makes to the lives of people living in remote areas?

You are asked to support the Big Breakfast and

other money raising events during the year so that we achieve our target.

Please also pray for the work of World Bicycle Relief and for the people who are helped by this charity. A representative from the charity will speak at Wednesday Lunch on November 21st at 12.30pm and all are invited. For catering purposes please give your name to Veronica if you wish to attend

STUDENTS' WELCOME BRUNCH

Thank you to everyone who supported the Students' Welcome Brunch on Saturday 13th October, especially Margaret who provided the catering and Jenny and Andrew who encouraged people passing by to join us.

It was great to talk, and show our building, to a small number of friendly students who had heard about the event on Facebook or who live in shared housing nearby and who saw our leaflets and banner. We will keep in contact and hope to see them at future events. It appears that Music and Big Breakfasts are of particular interest to this age group. We also reached out to others in our community who were given a welcome and encouraged to come.

We are learning about ways of inviting people in to our building, whether through social media or directly when we are open. We pray that our outreach and relationships with student neighbours and the community will grow.

Janice and Jean

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD & KNITTED GARMENTS

Boxes will be dedicated on Sunday November 4th by Revd. James Church before being taken to a central depot. Please contact Veronica if you have any queries.

Knitted garments for the Night Shelter will also be dedicated at this service.

PRAYING TOGETHER IN NOVEMBER

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

1st	Children's Activity Morning	16th	The Uniformed Organisations
2nd	Nick	17th	Junior Church
3rd	Friendship Circle	18th	John F
4th	Operation Christmas Child	19th	Joyce
5th	Sue D	20th	Our Ministers & families
6th	Wednesday Lunch & Mid-Week Worship	21st	Mavis P
7th	Peggy	22nd	Film Club
8th	Elders of the Church	23rd	Jessie
9th	Clare	24th	Street Pastors
10th	Big Breakfast	25th	House Group
11th	Remembrance	26th	Clarice
12th	Hilda & Ken	27th	Maureen
13th	World Bicycle Relief	28th	All involved with the Night Shelter
14th	Kelly	29th	Valerie
15th	Kingsley & Anne	30th	Gill

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 them. 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.

THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)
 I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
 I am united with the Lord(1 Cor. 6:17)
 I am bought with a price(1 Cor. 6:19-20)
 I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
 I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
 I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt.5:13-14)
 I am a member of the body of Christ(1 Cor 12:27)
 I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)
 I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil.3:20)
 I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)
 I am a minister of reconciliation for God(2 Cor.5:17-21)
 I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
 I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
 I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom.8:35-39)
 I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor.1:21-22)
 I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8: 28)
 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
 I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
 I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)
 I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)
 I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
 I am God's co-worker (1 Cor.. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)

I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil 1: 5)

I have been redeemed and forgiven(Col.1:14).I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)

I belong to God

**Do you know
 who you are!?**

NOVEMBER DIARY 2018

Thurs	1	9.30am	Children's Activity Morning. Theme "Light". For children of Primary School age
Fri	2	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
Sun	4	10.30am	The Sunday Service with Holy Communion led by the Revd. James Church. Dedication of Shoe Boxes & Knitted Garments
Tues	6	2.00pm	Friendship Circle - An afternoon of Remembrance
		7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
Wed	7	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch: Songs of Praise-Remembrance Sunday
		7.30pm	Pastoral Meeting at 2, Brookhurst Court, Leamington Spa
Thurs	8	10.00am	Working Party for odd jobs around church premises. (See p 9)
		2.00pm	Angel "Bagging" Group
Fri	9	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
Sat	10	9.00am	Big Breakfast & Open Day for Faith Forum to visit. (See p 9)
Sun	11	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday Service led by Miss Carol Cave
Tues	13	2.00pm	Friendship Circle - Revd. Sam McBratney
Wed	14	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Mid-Week Worship - Revd. Peter Powers
Fri	16	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
Sun	18	10.30am	The Sunday Service led by Mrs Julie Gardner
Tues	20	2.00pm	Friendship Circle - Ann Howe
Wed	21	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch: Alec Seaman, who works for "World Bicycle Relief", this year's Mission Project, will talk about his work. Every one is invited to enjoy lunch and learn more about this charity.
Thurs	22	2.00pm	Film Club "Walking on Sunshine"
Fri	23	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
Sun	25	10.30am	The Sunday Service led by the Revd. James Church The Service will be followed by the Church AGM
Tues	27	2.00pm	Friendship Circle - Laurence Sandman
Wed	28	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Mid-Week Worship - Revd. James Church
Fri	30	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 9th 10.30am Christingle Service led by the Revd. James Church
 Dec. 23rd 10.30am Service of Carols and Readings led by the Elders
 Dec. 25th 10.00am Christmas Day Service led by the Revd. Sam McBratney

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEAMINGTON

"Something different!"

at St. Mark's Church, Rugby Rd.

Tuesday, November 20th from 7pm -8.30pm, **"Living Library"**. Borrow a "book" from our Living Library. Christians from churches across Leamington have volunteered to be "books" in our Living Library. You may "borrow" books from the Library for 5 minutes each, and use the time to ask the volunteers questions about their lives or their faith. Appropriate questions will be provided if you are stuck on what to ask! To be followed by a very brief AGM. Please come and enjoy!

WARWICK DISTRICT FAITHS FORUM

Open Day

An Open Day is planned for **Saturday November 10th** from 9am onwards, when various places of worship in Leamington and surrounding areas will be open for anyone to visit. A programme of venues and times will be available nearer the time.

Radford Rd Church has invited people, between 9am and 11am, to look round our worship area, meet members of our congregation informally and join in our Big Breakfast, if they wish.

We hope you will come and welcome our visitors and maybe enjoy a Big Breakfast too!

CHURCHES TOGETHER RAMBLERS

Saturday 17th November 2018

Meet at 9.45am for 10.00am.

A circular 3.5mile route round Eathorpe, Wappenbury and Hunningham.

Meet at Eathorpe Village Hall.

Optional lunch at Rugby Tavern.

Leader: Dave Bishop

WORKING PARTY

Are you able to wield a paintbrush, bash with a hammer, or just make cups of tea and coffee for the workers?

Do come along in your oldest clothes at 10.00am on Thursday November 8th to do lots of small jobs that need fixing.

Remember, Many hands make light work! Work and have fun together!

For those who wish to stay to "bag" the angels in the afternoon a fish and chip lunch is proposed.