

THE LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

WE LIGHT THIS CANDLE

for peace in every continent and island in our world

WE LIGHT IT

for the privileged and for the oppressed : for men, women and children.

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For where peace is easy , for where peace is difficult , and for the real peace, of justice truth and brotherhood.

WE LIGHT IT

for peace in the present , peace in the here and now of human pain :and for peace in future generations .

MAY THE LIGHT OF THIS CANDLE

be the symbol of our enduring work and prayers , and of our loyalty to the ideals we express in our words.

“ENGAGING ISSUES”

Social mind , shared history – Shaping the present by reshaping the past. Who decides what stories to tell , and how ? What happens to those who tell a different story ? Father Jonathan Mitchell a Roman Catholic priest invites us to look at our shared stories , values , and metaphors , and consider their origins , utility and dangers.

Tuesday October 22nd 7.30 pm URC Church Stretton.

ANNUAL CHARITIES CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

The Annual Charities Christmas Card Sale this year is on Saturday, October, 26th in the URC hall from 10-12. As usual, I plan to be selling cards on behalf of Cancer Research (UK). (Gerry is having a pacemaker fitted on Monday, so to me next weekend seems a long time away.) The other charities represented this year are the same as last year - Lifeboats, Hope House, Friends of Church Stretton Library, Parkinson’s UK, Riding for the Disabled and West Shropshire Talking Newspaper. All Cancer Research cards are recyclable, have no glitter and they’re cheaper than the others. (Every year we feedback to HQ that the cards are too cheap, but nothing changes.) We have a selection of religious cards. For the first time since the pandemic pandemic there will be refreshments available, so please come along to what has always been a happy social event.

Christine Richards



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A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD
IF YOU ARE VISITORS WE TRUST THAT YOUR HOLIDAY WILL BRING YOU JOY
AND REFRESHMENT OF SPIRIT.

SUNDAY SERVICES

**Please join us for coffee & fellowship in the hall
following these services**

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20th 2024

10.30 am Mrs Ruth Downes

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27th 2024

10.30 am Rev George Heinz – Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2024

10.00 am to 12.00	Baby & Toddler Group - in the church hall
2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors Meeting – in the vestry
2.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Cuppa & Chat” – in the church - all very welcome
	<u>THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER 2024</u>
6.45 pm	Circuit Open Forum Meeting – all welcome
	<u>SATURDAY OCTOBER 25th 2024</u>
7.00 pm	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir - “An Evening of Song“

KEEP THE DATEnext Thursday !!

Do you ever wish you could have a bit more of a say in the way our circuit and church will be facing the future?

Well, come and join us on **Thursday 24th October at 6:45 pm** in Church for a circuit open forum meeting! We shall be joining Methodists from all over our circuit chatting and discussing ways forward. One question to get you thinking about is: "What would we do as a church if our building fell down. How would we worship, keep contact with each other if we had no church building to go to?"

This is your opportunity to have a say in the future and to question what we are doing at the moment! So come and join us on Thursday 24th October at 6:45 for a "Cuppa and a Chat" with our brothers and Sisters from other churches.

Looking forward to seeing you there..... **Your management committee.**

MEETING FOR PASTORAL VISITORS

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 23rd October at 2pm in the Vestry. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Sally Williams (Pastoral Co-ordinator)

MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR – CHURCH FUND RAISING EVENT !!

On Saturday 26th October at 7pm we are hosting the Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir in church for 'An Evening of Song'.

Tickets are £12 and are available from myself 07425955768 or Vine & Co.

Please support this event if you can. Thank you.

Barbara Cotton

WELCOME BACK TO REV GEORGE HEINZ

As I'm sure many of us already know our minister Rev George Heinz is now back at work .This is really good news and we look forward to Rev George joining us for the sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday 27th October.

Chris Faulkner

SANDFORD SERVICE CANCELLED

Due to an unavoidable clash of dates Rev George is unable to lead the service at the Sandford next Tuesday, 22nd October so the service has been cancelled. We hope our next visit will be on November 19th.

Ann Cooke

REFLECTION..... on being creative.

Our thoughts go immediately to the great artists, as being creative, whether writers, painters, or musicians. Yet the art of creativity is shared by us all. A lady I met, told me that when she goes to her work in the morning, feeling drowsy from the night's sleep, she would give a smile to a stranger, only to receive a broad smile in return. Despite her feelings, she was being creative of good relationships.

From our early days we will have been creative. Children love being able to draw a picture of happenings which they have heard about or imagined. Drawing is a creative art, their origins going back to the time before our ability to write or speak, when we could only see and appreciate shapes and movement.

No one can compare with Jesus in creativity. We know nothing of his gifts in music or drawing. His creative gifts were in human relationships. So great was the impact of his character on others, that they had to react in a decisive manner, either by committing themselves wholly to him, or rejecting him. Within that tension, Jesus was accused and crucified. His Cross and later, his Resurrection, were creative of the love and loyalty among those who followed him.

That creative gift belongs to us all, as Jesus said, "Even as I have done this for you, you also must do this to one another".(John.13.14)

To create goodness, so that it benefits others, is a gift, giving honour and praise to Jesus Christ and to God our heavenly Father.

Tony Hearle

