



The Methodist Church

Church Stretton

IN THE SHROPSHIRE & MARCHES CIRCUIT

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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 JULY 21st 2024

10.30 Wesley Morris

SUNDAY JULY 28th 2024

10.30 am Mike Hallworth

WEDNESDAY 24th JULY 2024

2.30 pm – 4.00 pm “Cuppa & Chat” – in the church hall - all welcome

METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK 2024/25

"PRAISE and PROTEST" is the title of the Methodist Prayer Handbook for the year beginning on 1st September. On the table by the glass door there is a sample copy of the current Handbook to help you make up your mind if you would like one. The books will be available late August, still at last year's price of £4.20 for either standard or large print. Please put your name on the sheet or tell me if you wish to order.

Ruth Davies

STRETTON FOODBANK UPDATE as at 12th July 2024

Another quieter week at the Foodbank, hopefully as a result of clients' circumstances improving and not needing support. Over the month of June we supported 125 people which is a 25% reduction from the number seen in February.

While this is good news, supporting 125 people needs us to have a lot of food each week, just think how much food you buy each week and multiply it to cover so many people. Please continue to help the Foodbank with your donations, we are very grateful to everyone that contributes.

This week we need your help with: Dried pasta , Cooking oil , Dried rice , Microwave rice , Tinned kidney beans , Small bags of sugar

Food donations can be left in the baskets at the Coop or at the Mayfair Centre.

Each week we also have to buy a substantial amount of food. This is funded by donations. To help us financially, the easiest way to donate money is by using this link to make a payment. <https://tinyurl.com/SFBgive>

A Reflection..... on day dreaming.

The mind is normally alert and concerned with the reality of the present, determining the way we speak or act. In contrast day dreaming is not alert to the actual present. It is able to roam wherever it wishes, constrained only by moral principles which are deeply embedded in one's character. Poverty may initiate dreams of better times and of increased wealth, while loneliness may also dream of the company of friends.

A painting by George Belcher entitled "I dreamt that I dwelt in marble halls" shows a man with little possessions, except for a bottle of beer and having a trumpet on which he expresses his dreams of richer times to come.

As for us, we could dream of being more Christlike, leading better lives and having a good influence on others. Following his conversion, Charles Wesley wrote a hymn expressing his dream of being Christlike.

"Where shall my wondering soul begin?

How shall I all to heaven aspire?

A slave redeemed from death and sin,

a brand plucked from eternal fire,

How can I equal triumphs raise

or sing my great Deliverer's praise?"

We are all called to follow Christ. It may seem but a dream, but a dream can become a prayer. Our prayers may be resolved in reality, by which our dreaming is wonderfully justified as we sing confidently,

"My God I am thine;

what a comfort divinewhat a blessing to know that my Jesus is mine".(STF 80)

Tony Hearle

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tems for the church notices for Sunday 28th July to 01694 328319 or email:
cdgtorridon@aol.com. Thank you**