

### **TABLET FOILS & TETRA PACKS**

We are again able to collect tablet foils and cardboard Tetra Packs for recycling. PLEASE ENSURE TETRA PACK CONTAINERS ARE THOUOUGLY WASHED OUT AND FLATTENED. A collection box will be left in the entrance of the church for emptying each week. This returning recycling service is part of our Eco Church work towards “making a difference for the climate.”

**Jon Cooke**

### **“CUPPA AND CHAT”**

It was with great sadness that we learnt that Betty Gear, one of our regular attendees, died in hospital last Sunday. She will be greatly missed by the group and we have sent our condolences to her family.

On a more practical note - the sheet to sign for organising each week is now on the table by the glass doors. Please volunteer if you are able to help provide cake or make the tea.

**Ann Cooke**

# 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. PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP  
IN THE HALL FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE.

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**SUNDAY 30th March 2025**

**10.30 am Rev George Heinz – Holy Communion**

**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

**10.30 am Mrs Ruth Downes**

**MONDAY 31st MARCH 2025**

**2.30 pm**

**Lent Study Group – in church hall**

**WEDNESDAY 2nd APRIL 2025**

**10.00 am to 12.00 Baby & Toddler Group – in church hall**

**2.30 pm – 4.00 pm “Cuppa & Chat” – in church hall.**

**CIRCUIT FORUM MEETING..... Wednesday 2nd April 7:00pm**

The next Forum meeting of our circuit will be held at our Church on Wednesday 2nd April starting at 7:00pm. This will be a face to face meeting and is an opportunity for anyone from our church to join in discussions concerning what is happening in our circuit.

Hope to see you there.

**From your Steward Team**

**LENTEN CROSS LITURGY**

**WEEK 4**

**Our fourth symbol is the nails that pierced the hands and feet of Jesus, inflicting suffering and disgrace. Yet Jesus trusted God.**

**Please join in the prayer –**

**Lord Jesus, in fear we refuse to trust you fully .**

**God, whose glory it is always to have mercy:**

**We look at Jesus, and we look at ourselves, and we confess the great difference.**

**Forgive us our fearful lack of trust.**

**Deliver us from our willful fear; conform us to His trust and obedience.**

**We thank you that through the resurrection Your grace abundantly pardons and transforms us!**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**TOM PATTON**

A celebration of life, in memory of Tom Patton will be held at Church Stretton Methodist Church on Thursday 3rd April at 2:00pm. This will be followed by a gathering at the Mayfair centre.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

***The Revd Michela Youngson, the Assistant Secretary of the Conference, shares this prayer for Mothering Sunday, 30th March.***

Creator God,

We thank you for your love which shapes us and helps us to grow.

On this Mothering Sunday

we give thanks for women who have been examples of self-giving love, who have given time, wisdom and care to the nurture of children, their own or others.

We pray for those who find this a difficult day, who do not have happy memories of their own mothers, those who grieve for their mothers or for their children, and those who long to be mothers but cannot be.

We remember mothers in the Bible, giving thanks for the tenacity of Sarah the generosity of Hannah and the courage of Mary.

May your Spirit continue to shape us, heal us and guide us today.

**Amen.**

**EASTER OFFERING**

Easter Offering envelopes are available. Please give generously and put in the collection plate on any of the next few Sundays. The theme for this year is "Education for All: Hope for All". The money is distributed through the World Mission Fund to partner churches and organisations in some of the most needy parts of the world.

The Easter Offering dedication service for the area will be in our church on Wednesday 21 May at 2.30pm. As we are the hosts please make a note in your diary and do your best to attend if possible. **Ruth Davies**