

EVESHAM METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

Ministerial staff at the moment: Rev Audrey Simpson (revaes@gmail.com or 01789 641620), Rev David Haslam (davidhaslam558@btinternet.com or 07963 254828.), Deacon Don Pritchard (jdpritch@btinternet.com or 01386 832815)

SERVICES TODAY:

Sunday May 26th 10.30am Revd Katherine Pickering
6.00 pm Sunday Evening Fellowship with Revd Audrey Simpson

Services next week:

Fri 31st May Shoppers' Service Revd Audrey Simpson
Sun 2nd June Revd Audrey Simpson Holy Communion

FLOWERS this week come from the Flower Fund.

PASTORAL VISITORS MEETING The next meeting for all Pastoral Visitors will be on Monday 29th July at 2pm in the Welcome Area.

CONCERT Sunday May 26th, 2.30 – 3.45 pm, a Concert including 'Pianoscape', with a varied programme by Pershore pianist Chris Long, and a guest appearance by Dima, a young Ukrainian refugee pianist. This is also a fund-raising event for Evesham Vale Welcomes Refugees, tea and cakes served at the end. Come and enjoy the music! Tickets are £10 from the chrisslongmusic.co.uk website, or £12 on the door.

ALAN BEES The Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Alan will be on Wednesday 29th May at 12 noon.

SPRING CLEAN Many thanks to the group who met to do a Spring Clean on Saturday, several areas now look much brighter.

SHARED LUNCH Thank you to everyone who stopped and shared lunch last Sunday. We hope everyone enjoyed the fellowship andthe food!

A Big Thank You to all who made the Bring and Share Lunch such a happy time last Sunday.

Having been involved in the past, I know how tiring setting up, serving and clearing up for such an occasion can be so your contribution was very much appreciated by all. The tables looked lovely and welcoming and it was great to share food and fellowship together again.

Thank you so much. Brenda P.

DISTRICT MANSE VISITORS AND COORDINATOR are needed for the Birmingham District. Please see the Notice on the Notice Board at the back of Church for further details.

GUIDED WALK AND PICNIC

Sat. June 15th, 10.30am - Guided walk and picnic at Hipton Hill Orchards. You collected money for Vale Landscape Heritage Trust during Lent and this is an opportunity to visit one of the reserves when hopefully it will be full of

wildflowers. Gary Farmer, who gave us such an inspiring talk in March, will lead the walk and explain the flora and fauna and developments. We'll have a picnic afterwards (in the barn if wet). Please put the date in your diary and sign the list at the back of the church. Lifts will be available from the church.

CHRISTIAN AID.

How can I possibly thank you for your support of the work of Christian Aid? Many of you were able to come to the event on Saturday evening, and what a lovely event it was. The presentation by Caro Day was both informative and hilarious, with the involvement of the audience, as we learned about the history of Cheltenham and the Everyman Theatre. As usual the bring and share supper brought masses of delicious food, both sweet and savoury and the fun, theatre based quiz proved simple to some folk and less so for the recipients of the wooden spoon.

Thank you to everyone who supported it, helping us to raise £476. In addition, many thanks to all who donated so generously in the envelopes, raising a further £477.50p, and making an incredible total of £952.50, much of which is gift aided. I really am so grateful to everyone who contributed in any way and especially to those who washed up after the event when this poor old dear was beginning to flag! VIV.

KNIT AND NATTER will not be meeting on Wednesday 29th May due to the Thanksgiving Service being held at 12.00 noon.

UNDERSTANDING PALESTINE Thanks to those members who attended a very informative meeting with Ian Cave on Wednesday. At the event there were some small items on sale made by a Bethlehem Palestine Women's group who all have children with disabilities, to enable them to look after their children. They include small coasters and purses, tree decorations and ceramic tea-light holders and crosses. The last of these will be available on Sunday morning for £5 if anyone wishes to support.
David Haslam

NIGEL HUDDLESTON. A reply to Revd Audrey's letter to our MP is included with these notices.

NOTICES should be sent by 12 noon on Thursday to BOTH etpritchard51@gmail.com and smandsw@gmx.com

Dear Revd Simpson

Thank you for your letter regarding the case of Saman Naghizadeh Jorshari, which arrived at my House of Commons office yesterday. Helen has also shown me the email below from David Haslam. I hope you don't mind me replying to you by email.

I understand that Mr Jorshari wishes to stay in the UK.

Whilst I appreciate you bringing your concerns to my attention, I'm afraid I should advise from the outset that, as an MP, I cannot attempt to politically influence a Home Office decision and must respect their independent authority, so long as they follow the appropriate guidelines and laws.

Members of Parliament are able to raise enquiries on behalf of constituents and can raise any issues of process, but ultimately any decisions the Home Office makes should be done so objectively and in accordance with the relevant criteria, and not political influence.

I have asked Helen to contact the Home Office and pass on your concerns and those of some of your congregation - and to ensure Mr Jorshari's application for leave to remain is treated fairly and in accordance with all appropriate due process.

Furthermore, I am aware that Helen provided Ros Gowers from EVWR, links to sources of legal advice or help which included the following:

“Signpost to sources of legal advice or help

A constituent might need professional advice, particularly if it is a complex or urgent case. The Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC) has [information for consumers](#) who are considering using an OISC-regulated organisation, which includes an [Adviser Finder tool](#). The Immigration Law Practitioners'

Association publishes a [list of specialist practitioners](#), and there is a collection of links to additional directories on the [Finding a lawyer page](#) on the [Right to Remain website](#).

The Library's more detailed briefing on [Constituency casework: asylum, immigration and nationality](#) includes a list of organisations providing free or non-profit assistance. There is also a general briefing on [Legal help: where to go and how to pay](#)

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Huddleston
Member of Parliament for Mid
Worcestershire
Financial Secretary to the Treasury