

NOTICE BOARD

Preparing for the Games – Talk and Quiz

Saturday 19 May, 7.15 for 7.30pm till 9.30 approx, at Reading Blue Coat School, Sonning Lane, Sonning-on-Thames.

Talk by the rower Debbie Flood (Olympic silver medallist 2004 & 2008)

Quiz for families and friends – in teams of 6-8, or ones and twos.

Children of secondary school age welcome.

Cheeses, nibbles and soft drinks provided. Tickets £5. Send cheques made out to RCMG with stamped addressed envelope to John Broady, 45 Kings Rd, Caversham, Reading RG4 8DS. **Bookings by 15 May.** Organised by Reading Churches Men's Group.

Walk the Country: Christian Aid sponsored walk

Sat 19 May, Bix village hall, RG9 6BS (between Henley and Nettlebed).

Walk 5, 10 or 15 miles in the stunning countryside around Bix.

Registration 8.30–10.00am. Sign up for a sponsorship form (email walks@christian-aid.org or phone Steve Allaway, 966 7065) or donate £10 on the day. See poster on notice board in the Welcome area.

Open Mic Night: 7.00-10.00pm, Saturday 19 May, at Emmanuel Church. Cost £3. Refreshments on sale. Proceeds to the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice.

Come and sing Reading's top ten hymns – 'Hymns & Pimms'

An ecumenical celebration of hymn-singing at 4.00pm on Saturday 30 June at St Mary's, Reading. To vote for your own top ten, please take a voting form from the table inside the church. (You can vote even if you don't come to the service.) The service is of course free, but there will be a charge of £3 for refreshments (drinks including non-alcoholic with scones and cakes).

It will help the organisers to know how many people will want refreshments – send SAE with cheque (to 'Reading Minster Choral Foundation') to Jayne Pittman (Administrator), Minster Office, St Mary's Gate, Chain Street, Reading RG1 2HX by 15 June.

This is part of the first annual Reading Minster Festival and the Reading Summer Proms season – www.readingminsterfestival.org.uk

The Wesley Week

Wesley Methodist Church, Queen's Road, Reading

13 May
2012

A warm welcome to church today, especially to anyone here for the first time. Please join us for refreshments after morning worship.

Children join in worship for the first part of the morning service, then leave for Junior Church. There is a crèche for under-3's.

There is a loop system for hearing-aid users.

Please switch off your mobile phone during the service.

Sunday 13 May: *Acts 10:44-48*

9.00 Communion led by Rev. David Shaw followed by breakfast

10.30 Morning worship led by Mr Stuart Beecham

6.30 Service of thanksgiving and remembrance, led by Rev. David Shaw (see inside)

Monday 14 April: *Psalms 98*

10-11.30 'Spokes' – parent & toddler

10.30 Bible study at Wesley

7.45 Fellowship group at June Green's

Tuesday 15 May: *1 John 5:1-6*

8.00 Bible study at June Green's

Wednesday 16 May: *John 15:9-17*

7.30 Women's fellowship: Ruth Whittard

Thursday 17 May: *Song of Solomon 4:16-5:2; 8:6-7*

2.30 Bright Hour: Bible study with David Shaw (Ascension)

8.00 Junior Church staff meeting

Friday 18 May: *Revelation 3:14-22*

6.30 Pilots (5-11's) at Park URC

8.00 Friday group meets at Gwen Burke's

Saturday 19 May: *Luke 22:24-30*

7.30 Fizzang meets at 7 High Trees Drive for High Wood wide games & treasure hunt

Sunday 20 May: *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

Church anniversary

10.30 Morning worship with Rev. David Shaw

6.30 Evening worship led by Mr Peter Frank

Please take this leaflet home and pray about the events taking place.

REGULARS

Early morning communion – once a month at 9.00am. Next one: 10 June.

Music group practice – second Sunday of the month, 10.00am

The Traidcraft stall is open once a month. Next date: 17 June.

Prayer. Our prayer book is kept open in the entrance hall, where you are welcome to add concerns. It is brought into services to be included in our prayers. Our monthly prayer time is at 8.00pm on the second Tuesday of each month, at Wesley.

Flowers: Sarah Mackley

Coming up ...

May

- 20 Thanksgiving / ch anniv
- 22 Church Life meeting 7.30
- 26 Coffee morning
- 30 Easter offering dedication, 2.30pm at Woodley
- 31 Worship team

June

- 3 Queen's Diamond Jubilee
- 26 'Belonging Together' 7.30
- 30 Coffee morning

July

- 1 Junior Church anniversary
- 10 Pastoral committee 7.30
- 28 Coffee morning

August

- 25 Coffee morning
- 30 Network Strawberry tea

The garden stall is open again. Bring your spare seedlings, plants and produce, take and give what you can. Proceeds to Methodist Relief and Development Fund.

'Belonging Together'

On Tuesday 26 June at 7.30pm we will have a visit from Rev. Katei Kirby of the national 'Belonging Together' team, which works with churches that are diverse, like ours. We hope that through this visit, and the discussion it generates, we can ensure that the whole church family is represented, and discern the next steps that God has for us.

Retreat Day 'Streams of Living Water', 10.00am–3.00pm on Saturday 26 May at Silchester Methodist Church, Pamber Road. Cost: £10 (bring packed lunch). To reserve, call Angela on 01256 850432 by 18 May.

Fellowship groups: Wesley has a number of small mid-week groups. For details of what they do, and who to contact, see the small notice board in the welcome area, or visit the website – www.wesleychurchreading.org

There is a lost property box at the back of the church. Items will be kept for one month and if not claimed will be disposed of.

A copy of the Wesley Week can be found on Wesley's website:

www.wesleychurchreading.org. Please submit material for updating the website to Jonathan and Patricia Brown or Andrew Walker.

Items for next issue by **THURSDAY** please. **Telephone:** Patricia & Jonathan Brown 986 2734. **Email:** jonathanbrown2@virginmedia.com

TO NOTE

A 'Thanksgiving and Remembrance' service will be held today at 6.30pm, when we will remember by name those who have died. If you would like someone remembered please give their name to Mary Ludlow, June Green or David Shaw.

Our next coffee morning is to be on Saturday 26 May, 10.00am – 12.00. Proceeds are to go to Victim Support, and any donations of cakes, plants, or unwanted gifts which we might be able to sell, would be very gratefully received.

Network anniversary at Emmanuel Church, 2.30pm, Tuesday 22 May. Speaker: Rev. David Shaw.

There will be a circuit service for the dedication of the Easter offering at 2.30pm on Wednesday 30 May at Christ Church, Woodley.

The Epergne (used for flower arranging) has been mended, but it is VERY FRAGILE. Please handle with great care. Pick it up from the base and handle as if a new baby.

Still several empty weeks on the flower rota. Please sign up!

David Shaw will be walking the Christian Aid walk on Saturday 19 May. If you would like to sponsor him, there's a Christian Aid poster in the welcome area.

Diamond Jubilee, Sunday 3rd June – The Big Lunch

- ◆ Morning service will be at **11.00am**, joint with St Andrews URC.
- ◆ **Big street lunch at 1.00pm**, in Watlington Street / South Street. The road will be closed to traffic.
- ◆ **Extra parking** will be available at James & Cowper's offices on Queen's Road.
- ◆ We would like **ten puddings, please** – fruit tarts, flans or cheesecakes, each enough to serve 10 people. Please sign the list in the welcome area if you can help.
- ◆ **Donations** to the costs of the lunch are welcome; please put it into the Sunday offering, in an envelope marked 'Diamond Jubilee street lunch', or give to Terry Rowell.
- ◆ **Help** will be needed on the Saturday and Sunday – setting up, arranging food, helping with children's activities, clearing up.
- ◆ **Please pray** – including the weather!
- ◆ More details from Mary Ludlow, Jonathan or Patricia Brown, Terry Rowell or Penny Parkinson.