

The **Methodist** Church, Sandbach

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SUNDAY 13TH MAY

10:30am Rev'd Kim Stilwell ~ Christian Aid Service. The Door Welcomers are **John** and **May Lewis**, the Reader is **Tim Walmsley** and the Flowers have been given by **Karen Foster**. Please join us for **Coffee** after the service – it is **free** today.

6:30pm At Oakdene Court ~ **Mr Peter Robertshaw**.

This week, in our groups, meetings and homes, we **pray** for the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone (MCSL) as it works with the people of Gbap ~ give thanks that the provision of seeds and basic tools has given them the security of being fed, so allowing them to look to the future; the lobbying for government funding that will provide machinery and enable the people of Gbap to process their produce and command a better price at market; the other communities that MCSL is working with throughout Sierra Leone; those people working hard to raise money here in Britain and Ireland ~ staff and supporters in the north of England and in Belfast are taking on huge cycle challenges ~ those in the south west are taking part in sponsored walks on the seafront and at a racecourse and in the Peak District volunteers from Sheffield are trekking to raise money; these and the many other events that will raise millions of pounds for the work of partners such as MCSL. *[From the Christian Aid Prayer Diary.]* We pray also for **Valetta Cranmer's** pastoral group: Peter, Marjorie and Charlotte Barry; Frederick Bolton; Martin Cranmer, Cyril and Kathleen Gibson; Kath Hodson; Allan and Linda Jones; Sarah Jones; John and May Lewis; Elsie Pettman; Patricia Pickering; Edward and Claire Pleavin. Amen.

Mon 14 May 10:00am Outdoor Bowls ~ on Sandbach Park.

2:00pm to 3:30pm **Coffee and Chat** ~ at Oakdene Court.

Tue 15 May 1:30pm to 3:30pm Indoor Bowls.

10:00am **Sandbach Ecumenical Group** ~ 'Where is God Today?' ~ **John Varty** ~ at 29 Gawsforth Drive.

Wed 16 May 10:30am Churches Together Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship.
(See Di Barnes or Melanie Parsons for more details.)

Thu 17 May 9:45am Midweek Morning Worship ~ led by **Bryan Glassonbury**.

Fri 18 May 1:30pm to 2:45pm 'Stepping Stones' Mother & Toddler Group.

7:30pm **Chillout Church** ~ get together in the Chillout Room.

Sat 19 May 10:00am to 10:15am Saturday Morning Prayers in the Henshall Room.

10:00am to noon **Coffee Morning and Big Sale** (which includes a **Plant Stall**). Please sort out bric-a-brac, books and also herbaceous plants or bedding plants for the plant stall and also homemade cakes and bring to the hall on Friday 18 May from 7.00 pm. If you would like to help to **serve drinks** from the hatch at the sale please sign the list at coffee.

From the rosters for the next week:

Cleaning Tom and Glenys Fitzpatrick and Peter and Sue Hitchinson.

Next Sunday:

Stewards am Patrick Darnes (vestry) and Deborah Darnes (door).

Flowers Pam Clewlow.

Door welcomers Ken and Margaret Beard. **Reader** Barbara Glassonbury.

Coffee Paddy and Kath Paddock and John and Marian Brain.

SUNDAY 20TH MAY

10:30am **Mr Ian White.**

3:30pm **Messy Church.**

5:30pm At Wheelock ~ **Café-Style Worship.**

Mon 21 May 7:30pm **Christianity Explored House Fellowship.**

Fri 25 May 7:20pm **Family Film Evening.**

Sat 26 May **Mission Area Safari Supper.**

Sun 3 Jun **Jubilee Day Buffet Lunch** ~ £4 ~ Children free. Sign up at coffee if you would like to attend.

*We are looking for someone to be on standby to **sit with the children** during a Sunday morning service if any are present. Material will be provided for them to complete, so no preparation is required. If you would be willing to do this, either every week or as one of a number of people on a rota basis please let Karen Foster or Peter Mason know.*

If you are willing to go on a rota to be a **door steward** on the **Chapel Street entrance** between 10:10am and 10:20am please would you sign the list at coffee.

*Please can anyone **opening the gate to the car park** make sure that the chain is wrapped around the gate with the padlock shut and the numbers mixed up. This will be better from an ongoing security point of view and will also ensure that the padlock and chain are not stolen! Thank you.*

Three key areas to concentrate our efforts on have been identified from the **Healthy Church** profile exercise, as follows: 1. Develop and communicate goals which are God focussed; 2. Respond to needs locally and globally with a shared sense of justice and peace; 3. Increase the younger membership helping them to be nurtured in faith. If you feel inspired to join a working group to define an action plan for one of these areas, would like more information, or have ideas to feed in, please speak to Kim or one of the stewards.

*Items for next week's news sheet to Andrew Stolorthy by 7:00pm Friday please
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