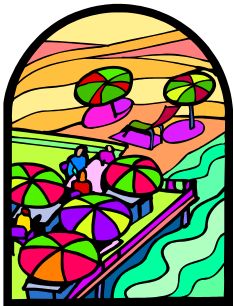


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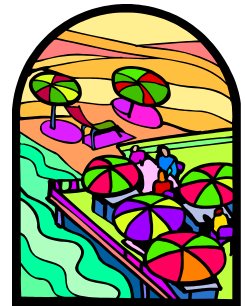


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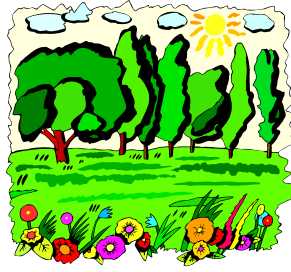
Weekly Meetings

- Sunday : Church Services - 10:30am and 6:30pm
Junior Church - 10:30am (Joy Jeffrey)
- Tuesday : Handicraft - 2:30pm (Peggy Broadhead)
Community Tea (1st Tuesday) - 2:30pm (Jane Linford)
- Wednesday : Prayer Meeting (2nd Wednesday) - 7:30pm-8:30pm
- Thursday : Choir Practice - 7:45pm (John Walley)
- Friday : Bible Discovery Group (11th and 25th August) - 7:30pm

If you are a visitor to our Church, we give you a very warm welcome, and hope that you enjoy this time of worship with us and will visit again.

If you would like any information about Gig Mill Methodist Church, please ask any of the Stewards, who will be glad to answer your questions.

LOVING GOD BY LOVING AND SERVING OTHERS



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fund-raising for 2017 continues with Gig Mill's...

Tea in the Gardens with Delia and Rose

on Saturday 19th August at 2:30pm

Lucky Ticket on the door - £1

☞ Stalls ☞ Tombola ☞ Cakes ☞ Books ☞ Veg ☞ Cards ☞



Can you help with items for the Tombola, Bottles, Gifts, or Cakes on the day? Please see Delia.

This month's Community Tea will be held on Tuesday 1st August, the first Tuesday of the month, at 2:30pm. Transport can be arranged - please speak to Jane Linford.

The date of this month's Prayer Meeting is scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month, Wednesday 9th August, but watch for any changes in the newsletters. Everyone is invited to attend this uplifting meeting.

Two Bible Discovery Group meetings are scheduled this month, on Friday 11th and 25th August. Everyone is welcome to explore the Bible in fellowship, and to share what the Bible means to you.

On August 3rd, 4th and 5th we are looking for a working party to help paint the big hall, starting at 10am. Please see Delia Page or John Walley if you can help.

RETIRING COLLECTION - Your kind donations for the month of July will benefit the Stourbridge Christmas Toy Appeal. Funds donated will allow us to purchase gifts which are distributed to under privileged children in the local area. As usual, collection plates will be on the refreshment tables at the rear of the Church. Thank you.



The weekend events planned for Love Stourbridge on 22nd - 23rd July, postponed because of fears of bad weather, are to be rescheduled for Saturday 26th August.



Churches Together in Stourbridge produces a prayer list, to allow people to remember and pray for places of worship in our locality. Please remember the following churches in your prayers throughout the month of August :

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| 6 th August | St John's United Reform Church |
| 13 th August | St Mary's Church, Oldswinford |
| 20 th August | St Michael and All Angels, Norton |
| 27 th August | St Peter's Church, Pedmore |

GIG MILL NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the District Children's Holiday, 30th July to 5th August, as there are 5 leaders going from this Circuit. Nearly 40 children are hoping to join the 16 leaders from around the District and beyond. Your prayers will support us in this worthy venture !

Delia Page writes :

Many thanks to all who came to Ann Booth's Coffee Morning - an enjoyable time was had by all, and we thank Ann very much for her hospitality ! The sum of **£130.10** was banked for Church Funds, and an additional donation of **£50** was given to Mary Stevens' Hospice, where Ann's son Gwyn attends day care. Thank you again, Ann, for welcoming us into your home.

District Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - This has been arranged for **30th April - 10th May 2018** and will be led by the District Chair, Rachel Parkinson and The Rev Ivor Sperring. There is more information of the notice board at the rear of the Church if you wish to find out more.

The Black Country Foodbank currently has the following shortages :

Biscuits, Hot Chocolate, Tinned Fruit, UHT Milk, Fruit Juice, Breakfast Cereal, Jam/Marmalade, Tinned Ready Meals (Chilli/Curry/Ravioli/Meatballs), Jars Of Cooking Sauce, Tinned Custard/Rice Pudding, Tinned Sponge Pudding, Male Shaving Gel/Foam, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Shampoo.

ALL donations are gratefully accepted ! Thank you, thank you for all you do.

Gig Mill's Prayer Chain is there for you. If you have a prayer need, please contact any of the names on the list of links in the chain at the back of the Church.

If you are a tax payer and don't normally use offering envelopes, please consider putting your weekly offering into one of our Gift Aid envelopes and fill in the name and address information. The Church will be able to claim back 25p in the £1 from the Tax Man !

Mary Perry collects unwanted spectacles, and also used mobile phones, for charities. Recycling Boxes for these items are now kept at the back of the Church. The unwanted spectacles will be taken to local opticians who collect them to send to third world countries, and the mobile phones may be able to be sold to raise monies for our Church funds.

Rita Harris collects used postage stamps which also benefit charitable works. Many thanks.

Spilling Through My Fingers

I once clumsily knocked over my glass in a restaurant ; the spilled drink began to cascade over the edge and onto the floor. Out of sheer embarrassment, I tried to catch the waterfall with cupped hands. My efforts were largely unsuccessful ; most of my drink rushed through my fingers, and in the end, my feet stood in puddles.

My life feels similar on many days. I find myself scrambling to solve problems, oversee details and control circumstances. No matter how hard I try, some of the pieces and parts invariably slip through my fingers and pool on the floor at my feet, leaving me feeling overwhelmed. No amount of squeezing my fingers more tightly together makes me able to handle it all.

Yet God can. Isaiah tells us that God can measure the globe's waters - all the oceans and rivers and rain - in the hollow of His hands (40:12). Only His hands are large enough to hold them all. We needn't try to hold more than the table-spoon He's designed our hands to carry. When we feel overwhelmed, we can entrust our cares and concerns into His capable hands.

Kirsten Holmberg, The Bible In One Year

Please remember the following people in your Prayers



The family and friends of the late Jean Cartwright
Marilyn Hodgkinson, family and friends of the late Ernie Hodgkinson
Rachel and Andrew Wood, as Rachel continues her ministry in Walsall
David Howard ; John Walley ; Roger Langford ; Ann Booth and her son, Gwyn ; Jane's
sister, Susan Garrett ; Janet and Keith May ; Barbara and Roly Jones ; Irene Baker ;
Rose Bostock ; Delia Page ; Betty Tilley ; Jessie Webb ; Mike Baker ; Beryl Nixon ;
George Attwood ; Peggy Broadhead ; Sid, Andrew Wood's father ; Gladys and her
family ; The Stourbridge Street Pastors, the Stourbridge Food Bank volunteers, our
friends at Oriel House, and all of our fellow Gig Mill members who are unwell at the
moment.

If you, or someone you know, would like a visit from our Pastoral Care Team or would like to be included on our prayer list, please contact Delia Page or see one of the Stewards on duty.

Weekly Offerings :

25 th June :	£320.77
2 nd July :	£292.77
9 th June :	£329.92
16 th June :	£287.92



Please give generously if you can !

Please consider the level of your contribution, as we need a minimum of **£6.50** per week from each member to cover all of the Church costs, including our payment to the Circuit to cover ministerial costs, and the running costs of our Church.

If you wish to make a contribution or suggestion for our Newsletter, please contact

Malcolm Jeffrey (e-mail: enquiries@gigmillchurch.co.uk), or

Joy Jeffrey by the 25th of the month

so that it can be included in the notices and newsletter for September.

All contributions gratefully received !

If you have any items for the Church weekly notice sheet, please contact Jane Linford by the Thursday before, for inclusion the following Sunday.

Don't forget that we have our own website :

www.gigmillchurch.co.uk

If you have e-mail, your copy of this newsletter can be e-mailed to you :
just give Malcolm your e-mail address.

God Bless You All.