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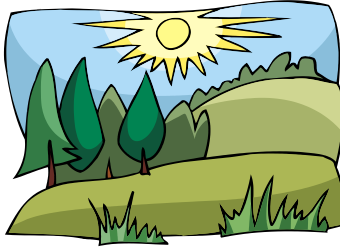
Weekly Meetings

- 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 :** Friendship Group (3rd Thursday) - 2:30pm (Delia Page)
Choir Practice - 7:45pm (John Walley)
- Friday :** Bible Discovery Group (29th September) - 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.

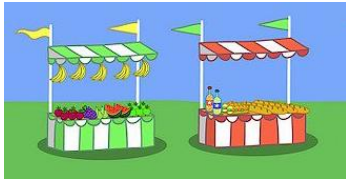
If you would like any information about Gig Mill Methodist Church, please ask any of the Stewards, who will be glad to answer your questions.

LOVING GOD BY LOVING AND SERVING OTHERS



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



Autumn fair

on Saturday 21st October at 11:00am
in the Church Hall



🌿 Stalls 🌿 Bangers and Bacon Baps 🌿

More information in next month's newsletter!

Gig Mill's Jumble Sale will take place on Saturday 25th November - please start saving your jumble!

This month's Community Tea will be held on Tuesday 5th September, 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 13th September, but watch for any changes in the newsletters. Everyone is invited to attend this uplifting meeting.

The Bible Discovery Group meeting this month is scheduled for Friday 29th September. Everyone is welcome to explore the Bible in fellowship, and to share what the Bible means to you.

On Thursday 21st September from 2:30pm from 3:30pm... introducing the

Gig Mill Friendship Group

Third Thursday in the month, continuing the spirit and friendship of the Bright Hour
All Ladies and Gentlemen invited!

Friends from New Road and Bright Street will also be welcome.

Please come and join us for fellowship, speakers, entertainment, events and a chat!

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 September :

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| 3 rd September | St Thomas', Stourbridge |
| 10 th September | Hanbury Hill Baptist Church |
| 17 th September | Wollaston Methodist Church |
| 24 th September | Amblecote Christian Centre |

GIG MILL NEWS

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the garden and church maintenance and painting recently. A lot of hard work, and it is lovely to see everything looking so nice, including the lovely, bright and welcoming church foyer. Bless you all.

Delia Page writes :

Tea In The Garden on Saturday 19th August was a great success ! The weather was dry and cold, but the sun did come out and lots of Gig Mill friends came through the door - 87 in total ! The Grand Total was a magnificent £640.25 - many, many thanks to all who came, and to the friends who gave donations too. God Bless - from Delia, John, Rosie and Michael

Maureen Worsley sends you some facts about Fairtrade vanilla !

It's everyone's go-to ice cream flavour – vanilla ! The precious pods hold one of the world's most expensive spices, but sadly this doesn't always mean the farmers earn big bucks. Madagascar produces 80 percent of the world's vanilla, but yields are volatile and some years farmers don't know if they'll earn enough to make it through the hungry months.

In Madagascar there are currently 12 Fairtrade certified vanilla farming organisations representing over 12,000 Fairtrade farmers. They've worked hard to improve their livelihoods and invest in their community. From the start they've made tackling child labour a focus – it's a big problem in vanilla farming. The extra income from Fairtrade has gone into day care centres, more teachers and even a sewing project for girls age 14 -17. 'My hope is that my child will not experience the same plight that I have had with an early pregnancy and being a single young mother.' says a local teacher.

With Bake Off just around the corner, why not support vanilla farmers by getting your bake on? Fairtrade supporter, food waste campaigner and award-winning chef Tom Hunt has a fabulous recipe for apricot frangipane tart that showcases Fairtrade vanilla - see Maureen for the recipe !

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 :

Hot Chocolate, Small Jars of Coffee, Tinned Fruit, UHT Milk, Fruit Juice, Breakfast Cereal, Tinned Ready Meals (Chilli / Curry / Ravioli / Meatballs), Jam / Marmalade, Jars Of Cooking Sauce, Packets Of Dried Noodles, Tinned Custard, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Sponge Pudding Male Shaving Gel / Foam, Adult Toothbrushes, Deodorant Washing Up Liquid, Small Boxes Of Washing Powder, Sanitary Towels

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 !

Would people consider giving their weekly offerings by Standing Order ? Please see Jane Baxter for details if interested !

Please remember the following people in your Prayers



The family and friends of the late Jean Cartwright ; George Attwood ; David Howard Marilyn Hodgkinson ; Roger Langford ; John Walley ; Irene Baker ; Rose Bostock ; Janet and Keith May ; Barbara and Roly Jones ; Betty Tilley ; Peggy Broadhead ; Jessie Webb ; Mike Baker ; Gladys and her family ; Ann Booth and her son, Gwyn ; Jane's sister, Susan Garrett ; Delia Page ; Beryl Nixon ; 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 :

23 rd July :	£275.67
30 th July :	£326.17
6 th August :	£277.27
13 th August :	£323.82
20 th August :	£280.97



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 (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 October.

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.