



CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, KETTERING

Sunday 6th May 2018- 6th of Easter

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15

**Our Service this morning is led by Rev Hannah Jeffreys and is a service of Holy Communion
Please join us for refreshments at the end of the service.**

Today's stewards are Bet, Mike and Liz

Today we pray for Cornerstone

Week beginning 7th May

Tuesday 7.30pm Circuit Prayer meeting in the Upper Room at Central. The meeting is open to all.

The funeral will take place for Margaret Young, at Central on Thursday 10th May at 11.15am.
Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret's family.

Friday - Christian Aid quiz will take place at Fuller Church More details later. The quiz, which includes food is usually great fun. get your teams ready

Saturday 12th May Morning of Quiet Reflection - "Music and Stillness" at Central Methodist Church 9.30am - 11.30am led by Maureen Ownsworth and Joan Catherall. Refreshments will be served from 9am

Sunday 13th - Circuit Service 10.30am at Central
The theme of this service is Thy Kingdom Come which is a global Prayer movement that invites Christians to pray during an 11-day period 10th- 20th May for more people to know Jesus . It was started last year by The Archbishop of Canterbury and it has now been adopted as an international and ecumenical call to prayer. The service is an all age parade service and the Boys and Girls Brigade from Central will be performing a drama and singing. There will be "Kingdom kits" for every family to take home filled with ideas to encourage praying at home. A collection will be made and given to the Street Pastors for their work. In connection with the "Thy Kingdom Come" initiative the District have produced a leaflet called "Waiting in Wonder" which includes 9 days of readings and reflections for use over this time. These should be available in your churches on Sunday May 6th. Please pick one up and use it each day. They are free

Forthcoming Events

Monday 14th May - Circuit Meeting at Cornerstone. 7.30pm

Monthly Coffee Morning We look forward to seeing you at the next coffee morning on **Thursday 17th May**.

Martin Swan is preaching at Fuller Baptist Church, Kettering on **Sunday May 27th at 6.15pm** and he would very much like support from our members

Christian Aid week is coming up, **14th-19th May**,

Message from Alan Deans

Following on from a recent meeting with our Church Family Group and Extraordinary general Meeting I am letting you know that our Stewards will now mainly be responsible for Sunday Services and the CFG of which the members are myself, Caroline, Margaret, Sue, Don, Jenny, Ruth and Joan will be leading the church forward with various things. We are therefore setting up short life working groups for future plans for August, Harvest and Christmas and would be looking for volunteers, so watch this space.

Safeguarding It is a requirement of the Methodist Church that all persons holding the position of office holder in the church which brings them into contact with children/young persons/vulnerable adults **MUST** attend Creating Safer Spaces training. You will need to attend either the Foundation Course or the Refresher Course if you attended the Course previously. Please speak to Sue Walters so that she can arrange appropriate training. Also, if you hold a Church key and are no longer in role it **MUST** be returned to Sue or Mick Britton as a matter of urgency.

Traidcraft- due to the Moonwalk the stall will be open on **20th May NOT 13th May**.

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