

Other Personal Notes

Message Today

Readings Today

Safety and Security Notices

Chair stacking – If you stack chairs, please, no more than 10 chairs in the stack. Parents please do not allow children to sit on the top of the stack.

Please ensure that all lights are turned off, and electrical appliances unplugged (other than those required for safety and/or security reasons) and please remember to turn the “sign” around when you’re last to leave the building.

Please remember to close the J-Club Door on Sunday morning when you leave at the end of the service.

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Providence News Letter

Sunday 6th September 2009

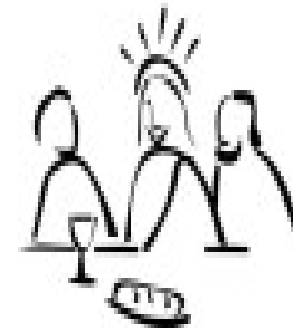
Services today

10.20am: Worship Group
10.30am: Rev. Robert Readshaw
(Holy Communion)
6.00pm: Michael Pearson

Door Stewards (am): Barbara & Jean
Stewards (am): Dave & Doreen
Door Stewards (pm): Geoff & Derek
Stewards (pm): Sue

Coffee: Pat Cook
Flowers: Kay Wilkes

OFFERTORY am - £ 186.00
LAST WEEK pm - £ 132.00
DONATION - £ 340.00



REV ROBERT READSHAW

This morning we welcome Robert as he leads us in worship for the first time as our Minister having taken over from Paul on Tuesday.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

The collection of little gifts of love is in full swing. As you know giving gift-filled shoe boxes brings joy and a message of hope to children from across the world. Last year as well as our Church thousands of other churches and schools worked together with tens of thousands of individuals to make up over 1.23 million shoe boxes for children in 13 countries. You may recall last year our Church contribute a huge number of shoe boxes. If you want to make a difference to a life of a Child this Christmas, please join in.

SHOEBOX APPEAL SPONSORED SWIM

Madeline and Chris will be doing a Sponsored Swim to raise money for The Shoebox Appeal. You may recall each box costs £2.50 each to send. To help fund this additional cost Madeline and Chris will again be doing a sponsored swim each will hope to complete half a mile (that's a whopping 24 lengths of the pool!). So come on please support the girls in their efforts.

The swim will take place this coming Friday (11th September). Information and sponsorship forms can be found on the table in the entrance hall.

HARVEST SUPPER

There will be an evening with the "No Strings Attached Puppet Ministry" and Harvest Supper on Saturday 26th September at 6.00pm. Tickets are £4 for adults and £2 for children under 16, with family tickets (2 adults 2 children) for £10. See a member of the puppet ministry for your tickets, or alternatively, ring 07813 705962 to book your place.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Action For Children diaries will soon be available from Elaine or Doreen. Please give your support to this charity.



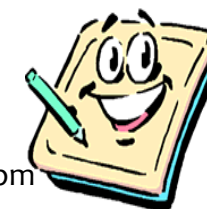
TEACHERS MEETING.

Tomorrow is the teachers meeting where we are going to make up the boxes for the shoe box appeal.

Pat.

Dates for your Diary (and please pray for)

September



- 15th Sept Brighter Hour – Barry Willets– 2.30pm
- 15th Sept Singers practice for the Harvest Service - 7.30pm
- 16th Sept Circuit Meeting – Cradley Forge - 7.30pm
- 16th Sept Bible Study - 7.30pm
- 17th Sept Cuppa & Chat – 10.30am – 12.00pm
- 17th Sept Church Council meeting – 7.30pm
- 19th Sept Dr. Pauls faith tea – 4.00pm – 7.00pm
- 21st Sept Ladies Fellowship – Gleny's Lunch at The Why Not Inn
- 22nd Sept Brighter Hour – TBA – 2.30pm
- 23rd Sept Madeline's House group at the Farm - 10.00am.
- 23rd Sept Worship & Mission 7.45pm
- 24th Sept Singers practice for the Harvest Service - 7.30pm
- 26th Sept Harvest Supper an evening with the "No Strings Attached Puppet Ministry" 6.00pm
- 29th Sept Brighter Hour – Rev David Alford – 2.30pm
- 29th Sept Joint Property & Stewards Meeting

What's happening this week?

- MONDAY
 - 7.00pm: Prayer Meeting (Ministers Vestry)
 - 7.00pm: Teachers Meeting (to make shoe boxes)
- TUESDAY
 - 2.30pm: Brighter Hour – Shirley Foley
- WEDNESDAY
 - 10.00am: Christian Friendship Circle (Primary)
 - 7.30 pm: What's next fellowship
- THURSDAY
- FRIDAY
- SATURDAY
 - 12.00am: J-Club Barbecue

Next Sunday

10.20am: Worship Group
10.30am: Kevin Dunn
6.00pm: Steve Hudson

Door Stewards (am): Alan & Doreen
Stewards (am): Hannah & Doreen
Door Stewards (pm): Len & Norman
Stewards (pm): Hannah & Sue

Coffee: Pauline
Flowers: Marjorie Adlington.

Remember in your Prayers

Please pray for all our friends who are not well:

Dave Walker, who is still waiting to have surgery.

Pam Richards had her operation on Wednesday and is making a good recovery.

Please pray for those who need our support:

Wayne & Dawn

Frank

Everyone who contributes in anyway to our Church family.

Please also pray for Roy's friend **Richard** who needs our support

Please pray for those from our fellowship who are in care, the people who look after them and those who miss them:

Gerald Adams at Valley Court,

Betty Smith in Coppice House, Eric and the family

David Southall in Prestwood, Pat and the family

Elsie Noons who is a resident in Holly Lodge Rest Home

Bessie at Two Gates



BRIGHTER HOUR

According to my elders the Brighter Hour was formed in 1929, so we are now in our 80th year, to celebrate this occasion we shall have a bit of a party on Tuesday, 28th September. To have been going for 80 years is, I suppose quite an achievement, but how many more "birthdays" we may have I would not like to suggest. We are an elderly class and many faithful souls who enjoyed some of those 80 years are no longer around. We have lots of empty chairs and would love to welcome anyone who would like to spend an hour with us on Tuesday afternoons.

Geoff Bloomer

WORSHIP AND MISSION

Are there some things you would like to happen in our worship or some things you really don't? The Worship and Mission committee are actively looking for people to join them at their meetings to find new ways of worship and to plan special events. Ian Grove has stepped into the Chairman seat and he is hoping to lead a lively team to ensure our worship and mission continues to be fresh and relevant to all of our Church family. Why don't you join in with what is happening?

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT OUR CHURCH.

There has been a call recently to build on the recent successful Keshar course, and to enhance the fellowship within our Church family, to this end it is hoped to arrange something meaningful for us all to join in with each Wednesday evening from 7.45, (starting September 16th) the plan is as follows:-

1st Wednesday of the Month is Bible Study or Fellowship

2nd Wednesday of the Month is the What's Next fellowship

3rd Wednesday of the Month is Bible Study or Fellowship

4th Wednesday of the Month is Worship & Mission

5th Wednesday of the Month is To Be Agreed (it will either be a special when guest are invited or this will be left unused to give people a break)

Bible Study co-ordinator will be Dave Walker

Worship & Mission is chaired by Ian Grove.

What's Next is the Think Tank for helping to plan/organising Church Events (Reports to Worship & Mission) everyone is welcome.

So why not put Wednesday evenings in your diary as an evening where you can come along and really become involved.

THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP

have donated £340 to Church funds for the year ending 31st August 2009. Well done to all the ladies who have contributed to this magnificent total.

MISSION OFFERINGS (January – June 2009)

Easter Offerings	-	£101.00
Overseas Mission	-	£50.00
Home Mission	-	£105.00
Brighter Hour Home Mission	-	£30.00
Total	-	£286.00

Thanks to all who contributed.

Beryl & Norman

SUMMER FAIR & BARBECUE

The Summer Fair & Barbecue will be this coming Saturday (12th September) from 12 noon to 3.00 pm. Highlights Bouncy Castle, Bowling, Plant Sale, Cake sale, Parachute, Ball pool for under 5's, fun and Games. J Club are organising this to raise funds for the Church, so please support the younger members of our Church in this venture.

Donations of Cakes and Plants will be gratefully received on the day, If adverse weather conditions we will continue in the Church Hall, so please come for an enjoyable fellowship.

SPRING BULBS

Are you intending to buy bulbs for your garden? If so would you like to support us, we have a month to get enough orders to achieve Spaldings minimum order requirements, which will then mean that we will receive 40% of the Total. Order forms will be on the vestibule table, with some pictures of the bulbs, there will be 2 posters showing the bulbs, one in the Primary the other in J Club. Please help us to be successful in this new venture.



PROPERTY INFORMATION

Commencing 14th September there will be minor alterations to the Church Ladies toilet, during the work and on completion both existing toilets will become UNISEX. Should the work is not completed by the 20th, if required there is a toilet next to the Ministers Vestry"

Both the existing toilets in the vestibule become unisex toilets (fitted with bolts for private use) with the existing ladies toilet becoming wheelchair accessible

A new sign has been put on the previous male toilet. This work was instigated by the property committee and approved by the Church Council



HARVEST SERVICES

This year's services will take place on Sunday 27th September.

Pat is getting a group of singers together to sing two items during the evening service.

If you would like to join in the group, please come to either or both practices, which will be held on Tuesday 15th (not Thursday 17th as previously advised) and 24th September, both at 7.30 pm. Practices should take between 30 and 45 minutes.



FRANK HACKETT

As well as being our Worship Group leader for Sunday mornings, Frank has become a Church Steward, may God bless you Frank for the work you do for our Church family here at Providence.

NEWS LETTERS ON-LINE

For those of you who would like to receive a copy of the newsletter "on line" please put your e-mail address in the newsletter tin and one will be sent to you.

Ian Myers.