

# Mickleover Methodist Church Magazine



*In wind.....in flame.....the Spirit came.*



**God of power,  
may the boldness of the Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of the Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and  
worship you, now and always. Amen.**

## **May 2018**

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Keep them coming in please.***

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but a small donation would be appreciated.

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# **Services in May 2018**

**Sunday School, Beginners Group and Crèche  
meet every Sunday morning at 10.00am.  
Refreshments are available after Sunday morning service.**

## **Sunday 6th May 6th Sunday of Easter**

10.00am Morning worship - Sandra Greenaway  
6.30pm Evening worship - Revd Greg Obong-Oshotse

## **Sunday 13th May Ascension Sunday and start of Christian Aid Week**

10.00am Morning worship - Revd Ted Ager  
10.00am Spark to a Flame in Large Hall -  
Kingdom Coming  
6.30pm Evening worship - Holy Communion -  
Revd Greg Obong-Oshotse

## **Sunday 20th May Pentecost and Aldersgate Sunday**

10.00am Morning worship - Holy Communion -  
Revd Greg Obong-Oshotse  
6.30pm Evening worship - Revd Susan McIvor

## **Sunday 27th May**

10.00am Morning worship - Richard Horth  
6.30pm Evening worship - Matthew Cadden-Hyde

*Please remember all the preachers in your prayers, as they  
prepare and conduct their services in churches  
in this Circuit during this month*

## Polish this jewel

*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:1-2*

*"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." John 17:17*

Every believer goes through three stages from rebirth to death: Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification. Together they form what the Scriptures call Salvation. Which is why we often talk of the believer as *saved* (justification), *being saved* (sanctification), and *will be saved* (glorification).

The first stage is Justification. This is when we repent of our sins and place our trust in Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord. The Church has different names for this experience. It is called the second birth, born again, the new life, redemption, coming to faith, being in Christ, and so on.



I'll skip the second stage for a moment and because it's the focus of my article. The third stage is Glorification. This is when at death we are glorified as we gain entry into the presence of the Lord our God. It is glory unending, joy perpetual, and peace forever. It is eternal life. Earthly life is over, and the final battle of death is at last engaged and fought and won. Death with its chief allies, temptation and sin, are completely vanquished.

Between these two stages of Justification and Glorification is the very important bridge which is called Sanctification. It simply means being set apart: set apart from the world and

set apart for God. We cannot have both the world and God. We have to be set apart from the world in order that we may be set apart for God. The reason for our setting apart is to keep us holy. We must continually be being set apart for God. The reason for our setting apart is to keep us holy. We must continually be being set apart for God the rest of our lives until we enter into His glory. This is a lifelong process – that is, from when we have our second birth experience. It is all we have to do between when we are born again and when we die. So at the beginning of their spiritual life, the believer receives salvation in an instant. And at the end of that same life, they receive glorification again in an instant. But their sanctification, their holiness, is a lifelong process.

On the night before His crucifixion, Christ prays that His disciples be sanctified. "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." The Word of God is the truth, the one absolute truth. If you want the truth, it is the Word of God. If you have the Word of God you have the truth. So being set apart for God and to God is only possible as we follow the truth, the Word of God. He prays that His disciples should be protected (kept holy) from the evil one. That protection is in the Word of God. As long as they have His Word and walk in it, obey it, follow it, stay with it, keep it, honour it, the evil one cannot harm them.



His prayer is specific: He is not praying for the world but for those whom the father has given Him "out of the world" because sanctification is something that happens only to those who are already justified, those who are no longer *of* the world. Their sanctification is to help them to continue to be *in* the world but not *of* the world. In other words, their holiness (sanctification) is to be found only in their continual obedience to the Word of God.

But how is this setting apart done? Romans 12:1-2 spells it out in a little more detail. We are given three practical principles.

First, give yourself completely to God ("present your bodies as a living sacrifice . . . to God"). Submit, surrender to Him. He bought you. He owns you. You are His property, His slave. – You are no longer your own. So let Him take what rightly belongs to Him and use as He pleases. Let Him rule and reign in your life by simply obeying Him (His Word, authored by His Holy Spirit). That is worship, even though it's not what the

## True Worship – A Living Sacrifice

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## Not Conformed

The second principle for setting yourself apart is by refusing to be shaped by the world – (“do not be conformed to this world”). Remember: there are two kingdoms – the kingdom of the world and the Kingdom of God. We are all born *naturally* into the kingdom of the world. A world of evil from which we all need to be rescued. So we must therefore be reborn *spiritually* out of the kingdom of the world and into the Kingdom of God. That rebirth happens *only* through Jesus Christ. That is precisely what He came to make possible for us – for all those who will believe in Him. That is why He is called the Saviour.

And once you are reborn out of the kingdom of the world and into the Kingdom of God, you are declared righteous before God, you are justified before Him, you are at peace with Him, you are saved, in short you are holy – and you need to maintain that holiness (apartness from the world from which you have been rescued) and grow in it. That is where the setting apart comes in so that although you are still *in* the

world you will not be of the world.

### **Be Transformed**

The third principle for setting yourself apart is by being transformed by the renewal of our mind. Which again is only done through and by the Word and the Holy Spirit. It happens as we learn to think Biblically and act Biblically in every part of our lives: money, morals, marriage, entertainment, etc.



Thinking and acting Biblically will sometimes mean that you find yourself on the opposite side of what is popular, acceptable, and cultural. But the true disciple already expects this and knows that it goes with the territory. They accept that their sanctification is "the will of God" (1Thessalonians 4:3) for them and they are resolved to bow to His will, always.

I hope that you are comforted in the assurance offered by your justification. I hope that you are warmed, indeed invigorated, by the hope of your future glorification. And I hope that you are daily strengthened by your ongoing sanctification, a most precious jewel that we need to cherish and polish always

*In His Grace*

Revd Greg Obong-Oshotse

# Thy Kingdom Come



The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling Christians of every denomination to join in with Thy Kingdom Come, a global prayer initiative for nine days between Ascension and Pentecost (10th May to 20th May), to pray for the nation to know Jesus Christ. It is a time to seek the empowering of the Holy Spirit, that we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ. We are invited to pray for God's Spirit to move within the church, equipping us to share God's love with others and to pay attention to how God is speaking to us today.

The invitation is simply for people to pray in whatever way they want, with whoever they want and wherever they can, that others might know Jesus Christ.

*'From the very first gatherings of Methodists in Oxford, Methodism has always been suffused with prayer. Prayer is the foundation on which the Methodist Church is built and from which it seeks to fulfil its calling to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.'*

The Revd Canon Gareth J Powell, Secretary of the Methodist Conference.

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do. Persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. As Paul writes: *'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.'* (Colossians 4: 2-4).

open doors' to point people to Jesus and what He can mean in their lives. We all have opportunities to do this, as even Paul prayed as a prisoner in chains!!

As Paul says, consistent praying for others involves discipline ('be devoted') and responding to what God is already doing in people's lives ('being watchful and thankful').

We are encouraged to choose five people who we can pray for regularly. Why not ask God to guide you, as you settle on five names and commit to praying for them daily, perhaps by using the following prayer:

*Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth.  
Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends the life of your Son and your love for all.  
Strengthen me as a witness to that love as I pledge to pray for them, for your name's sake. Amen.*

From Saturday 5 May there will be resources available by the Church vestry to help with praying as well as bookmarks to take away suggesting four simple everyday ways to pray. Both May Messy Church and May Spark to a Flame will have worship sessions and activities based on prayer. There is also a song 'Thy Kingdom Come' which hopefully will be heard during Sunday morning service and Spark to a Flame both on 10 May. People are encouraged during the 10 days to come into Church to sit and pray quietly and use the resources in Church itself.

Finally this is the prayer for Thy Kingdom Come:

*Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
Inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

# LEADERSHIP ELECTION RESULTS

Following the ballot on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018, the new Leadership Stewards are as follows: -

Evangelism—Laraine Tuplin

Fellowship - Vivien Richard

Learning and Pastoral - Dot Thompson

Missing Generations - Andrew Moore

Mission and Service - Derrick Tuplin

Worship - Janet Patmore



They will work together to develop and deliver the Strategic plan agreed by Church Council to further the Church's mission (why we are here) and Vision (what we want to be).

May they continue to grow in spiritual wisdom and understanding together and that the Holy Spirit guides their every step in their actions and words.

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## **Annual General Meeting 23 May 2018 -**

Until the Leadership Team are ready to take over the roles for which they are elected the current Stewards will still be in place.

Church Stewards be elected at the AGM in order to give continuity until the Leadership Stewards have settled in and are ready to take over.

The Leadership Stewards, once elected will carry out their duties on behalf of Church Council which has responsibility for the Church

# St Joseph's Quiet Garden Retreats:

Quiet Garden Retreats are an opportunity to spend time in contemplative prayer in the beautiful gardens and church giving time to spend with Jesus. The retreat days are as follows:

Saturday, 19 May 10am to 12 noon. Theme 'Gifts of the Holy Spirit';

Saturday, 7 July 10am to 12 noon;

Monday, 6 August 6.30pm to 8.30pm. theme 'Finding God in the World';

Saturday, 15 September 10am to 12 noon.

More information from St Joseph's Church, Burton Road, Derby, tel: 01332 343777.

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You are invited to **PRAYER TIME**

At Church

Alternate Saturdays

**At 8am for one hour**

**12th and 26th May**

If you are unable to come,  
please join in prayers at this time  
wherever you are

## A Topical Thought

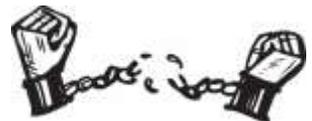
During the past few weeks the topic of anti-semitism has been in the news a great deal and has made me think about the subject, as it seems to be a thorny problem for some of our politicians.

Anti-semitism has been around for many centuries with large-scale discrimination against Jews, probably stemming back to the second and third centuries, although it probably goes back at least to the time of Moses in Egypt. In the first centuries of the Christian era the Christian sect was a part of Jewish mainstream culture, but then separated as Gentiles became an increasing influence within the early Church.



As Christianity spread and became more “respected” it was important to have the favour of the Roman rulers, which posed a problem, as the Romans had been held responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus. As a result, there seemed to be a shift to move the blame on to the Jews which, as a policy, became very successful, and is responsible for wide-scale dislike of, and even persecution of Jewish people sadly prevailing, in many cases, until the present day. It is only in the last few decades that the Roman Catholic Church has removed the blame for the death of Jesus from Judaism as a whole.

Anti-semitism and persecution of the Jews has been a common theme throughout history and probably came to a head with the rise of the Nazis in the last century, who advocated and ordered the extermination of every Jewish person wherever the Nazis were in power. This led to a wider understanding that never again should such dreadful persecution be allowed to happen in a civilised society. Sadly, there is a growing element in modern society which has a hatred of all people considered to be “different” due to religion, colour of skin, culture or sexual orientation.



Discrimination in all its various elements can easily lead to persecution which, I believe, as Christians we should abhor, and try instead to bring reconciliation into a world which seems to be increasingly divisive.

I have had Jewish friends, colleagues and neighbours for as long as I can remember and have always done my best to oppose anti-semitism wherever I have come across it, as it should have no place in a civilised society. I do, at the same time, have a problem in that I oppose the regime which is currently governing the state of Israel. Their present ruling party is in breach of United Nations statutes and is guilty of illegally settling on land which is not theirs and using excessive force against those who are trying to claim back their homes and farmland from which they have been exiled.

I accept that there are two sides to this conflict, and that lives have been lost on both sides of the argument, and I do not agree with Palestinian extremists who declare that Israel should not be allowed to exist. I have spoken out against many of the excesses of violence and subjugation which the state of Israel has instigated. It has therefore been levelled at me and others, that because I do not agree with the policies of Israel's government, I am anti-semitic. There are many Jews who agree with me that Israel is persecuting those people who live in and around its borders who are Palestinian in background, and they are certainly not anti-semitic.



We must be careful in how we interact with people around us and try to show God's love for all people in His creation, but we also have a responsibility to oppose injustice wherever it shows itself. Therefore, I believe, I can oppose the injustices in Saudi Arabia whilst still respecting Islam, I can oppose the executions of prisoners in the USA without being anti-Christian,



and I can try to support Palestinians to seek a peaceful solution to recovering their homes and livelihoods without being anti-semitic.

In this world we are faced with many dilemmas but I hope that we can all work together to bring love, justice and a lasting peace into a troubled world by realising that we are all created by God and therefore deserve the respect which that affords.



Phil Royle

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### *God's algebra of grace*

*a = Who do people say I am?*

*b = Who do you say I am?*

*c = If any want to become my followers let them deny themselves and take up their crosses and follow me.*

*d = Openess to the Holy Spirit*



$$(a + b) \times d = \text{EVANGELISM}$$

$$(a + b + c) \times d = \text{MISSION}$$

$$(b + c) \times d = \text{DISCIPLESHIP}$$

*David Perry*

# Definitions



The Washington Post asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition:

1. Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
2. Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
3. Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
4. Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
5. Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
6. Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease.
7. Decafalon (n.): The gruelling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
8. Glibido: All talk and no action.
9. Dopeler Effect: The tendency of ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
10. Arachnoleptic Fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
11. Beelzebug (n.): a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
12. Caterpallor (n.): The colour you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

## **A YOUNG LIFE LOST** by Richard A Morgan

1 April 1899 – 26 May 1918



If you stand now in the small village of Bousincourt, just north of the River Somme in northern France, not far from the city of Amiens, all around you will see a swathe of carefully tended farmland extending in tranquillity to the horizon. In 1918 this area was so different. It formed part of the First World War Western Front between German Alliance forces to the east and the British Allied forces to the west. The village and others nearby had been decimated by the war and the farmland laid waste.

It was here that my great uncle, Sidney Tranter Morgan died in May 1918 at the age of 19 years.

He was a Private in the 15 Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment Z Company having joined them in late 1917. From the comfort and security of his family home in Cardiff, he will have found himself in an alien situation beyond his innocent, young comprehension and control, his life soon to be cut short, as millions of others on both sides of the conflict.

Now one hundred years later, all that remains as a record of this promising young man, is: a headstone in the nearby Military Cemetery of Varennes; a few photographs; a memorial scroll and bronze plaque; some medals issued posthumously to my family forebears; a Boys Brigade certificate of membership; a letter from the United Methodist Church, Cowbridge Road, Cardiff written by the Sunday School Superintendent wishing Sidney good luck and safe return as he leaves to serve King and Country; and finally a small pocket diary which is likely to have been with him when he was killed and was returned to my family afterwards. It still has the blue lead pencil attached.

It is the pocket diary which from the beginning of 1918 until the last entry on Saturday 25 May 1918, provides a poignant summary of daily happenings in the life of Sidney - training at the Curragh in Ireland; travel to France and the front line; sports; names of comrades killed, injured or gassed; incidental activities such as visits to the cinema, letters written home and letters received along with the names of family members, friends and Sidney's young-lady, Lily. The last entry for 25 May 1918 reads: 'Expect to go over on a stunt', a stunt being an attack in First World War jargon. Thereafter the daily entries stop.

Following my enquiry, the Cheshire Regiment provided me with copy of an extract from the Regimental diaries for the action in the Bousincourt Right Sector Reserve undertaken from 4-00 pm on the 26 May 1918 until the early hours of the of 27 May 1918. During this, Sidney was killed as a result of 'enemy fire' at 3-00 am on the 27 May, his death being recorded as 26 May 1918 when he was last known to have been alive in the front line

100 years ago Sidney, his comrades, family and friends were real people whose lives and loved ones were as real and important to them as ours are to us. Their lives were directed by decisions made by others which sadly resulted in conflict on a cataclysmic scale and led to the death of so many. Sometimes it is said that past wars should be forgotten since they bear little relevance to our lives and times. I think otherwise. Factors such as envy, greed, nationalistic and religious intolerance, inept and misguided politicians, misguided military decisions and ingrained human aggression prevail in the present just as much as they did in the past although now matters are compounded by an escalation in weaponry, radicalised terrorism, circulation of divisive information via the internet, implications of global warming and a progressive reduction in 'essential' natural resources.

The centennial commemoration of the end of the First World War and the deaths of so many people who, like Sidney, lost their lives should be a reminder to everyone that there must be far better ways of achieving reconciliation rather than resorting to the barbarism of war and terrorism.



Although often heard, perhaps we do not think enough about the sentiments expressed by Laurence Binyon in his poem 'For the Fallen'. This was written in 1914 just after the start of the First World War when the absolute violence of war erupted into reality so resulting in the loss of many tens of thousands and in time millions of innocent lives. The lines below are the ones most commonly recited during Armistice Day and this year the sentiment will be particularly poignant:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

We all should pray for God's help in working towards peace, harmony and unity throughout this troubled world.

# Christian Aid

This year Christian Aid Week falls within *Thy Kingdom Come*, an ecumenical global prayer movement for the empowering of the Holy Spirit



Hit by the devastating earthquake of 2010, Haiti was then struck again by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. It is one of the poorest countries in the world and seven years on from the earthquake, an estimated 38,000 people are still displaced. A shocking number of Haitians live in precarious homes; people like Marcel and his three teenage daughters who lost everything in Hurricane Matthew. One year on and they are forced to live in a 2x2m concrete block. They are survivors and they are fighters, but they are unlikely to survive another storm without help.

Christian Aid's partner organisation, KORAL, could help, as it helped Vilia who lost her mother and her home in the earthquake. She was forced to move to the south of the country but with seven children to look after, life was a huge struggle. KORAL built Vilia a new home, strong enough to stand up to natural disasters. When Hurricane Matthew raged, Vilia's house provided a safe shelter for 54 of her neighbours!

Many homes in the area were completely destroyed. There are many families, like Marcel's, who need a safe home in which to live and Christian Aid is there to help.

Prosperity Raymond of Christian Aid, Haiti, says, "We are all connected. We are all human beings. We are all sons and daughters of God. We are one."

Please support Christian Aid Week in any way you can:

- Pray for all in Haiti struggling to rebuild their lives. Pray for the work of Christian Aid and its partner organisations as they give support to do this.
- Take an 11 day devotional, “God’s Kingdom is Stronger Than Storms,” from church for a journey of daily prayer and reflection. (available from 5th May)
- Retiring collection in Church.

### Prayer for Christian Aid Week

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others,  
Open my ears so that I may hear their cries,  
Open my heart so that they may not be without succour.  
Open my eyes and ears so that I may, this coming day,  
Be able to do some work of peace for you.

Amen

Alan Paton – abridged

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### Cheezy Jokes

Two trucks carrying cheese have collided on the M25...  
De brie is everywhere.

Q:What did the cheese say to itself in the mirror?

A: Halloumi.

Q: Which hotel do mice stay in? A: The Stilton

Q: What do you call cheese that doesn't belong to you?

A: Nacho cheese.

Q: Which cheese would you use to coax a bear down from a tree?

A: Camembert.

Q: What kind of cheese do you use to disguise a small horse?

A: Mascarpone

Q: Did you hear about the cheese that failed to win a medal at the Olympics? A: It fell at the final curdle.

Q: How do you handle a dangerous cheese? A: Caerphilly.

Q: Which cheese do cyclists carry with them? A: Paneer.

Q: Which cheese is made backwards? A: Edam.

## Best Foot Forward – A tale of two walks



Do you remember March and early April and how bad the weather was? Well the March church walk was planned for Shipley Country Park by Joe and Pauline. We weren't sure we could make it but at the last minute things changed and we decided to go. Arriving at church we were met by Joe and Pauline to say that as the weather had been so bad and there had been a lot of flooding the walk was called off. As we were all geared up with boots and waterproofs and desperately needing to get out despite the weather we decided to go anyway. So the 2 of us enjoyed a circular walk of about 3 miles keeping wherever possible to surfaced paths and avoiding the large puddles and lakes. Surprisingly we didn't have a drop of rain although it was overcast and not warm. The snowdrops and daffodils were amazing and really cheered us up as did the tea and cake at the café.

Walk two on the second Saturday in April was also muddy and wet but what a different day, warm sunshine and blue sky. Ten of us led by Peter and Val set off from church to Mercia Marina to do a walk last done by the group in 2017 on a grey and misty day.

Mercia Marina has seen a few changes over the past months and building still seems to be taking place. I was surprised to find out that it is the largest inland marina in Europe with berths for 630 boats. We admired the newer double width boats with steering under cover, a luxury way to experience the canals. We made our way to the footbridge over the Trent and Mersey Canal and as expected we had to negotiate very large puddles on the path and if you preferred not to paddle there was thick mud either side. Good thing we all had boots!



As we crossed the railway line and then walked alongside it there was time for a bit of trainspotting as the line was quite busy. We headed towards Willington negotiating the access to a small sports field, challenging due to the thick mud.

I was amazed at how many new houses have been built over the past few years in Wellington, it must have doubled in size. Hence the new very large health centre. The roads seemed very busy and it took us quite a while to get everyone safely across. At least the pavements weren't wet and muddy. We eventually reached the canal again and set off back towards the marina once more on a flooded and muddy towpath. There were lots of boats moored alongside. By now we were beginning to feel the need for refreshment and some people stopped for a quick snack. Then onto the café at the Marina for a hot drink before heading home

Laraine Tuplin

## Help needed in June

Sunday June 24th is the day of the Mickleover Summer fete. We will as usual be asked to provide marshals for the road closure. If you have helped before, please let me know if you can help again - if you haven't helped before, please let me know if you could spare an hour on the day.



All Saints are planning to offer tea and cakes at the vicarage - please let me know if you would like to help in any way and I can let them know - I'm sure they'd welcome some support.

And everyone, please keep the date free - lets support this great local initiative and show the church's presence.

Mike Shooter

**Statement and prayer about Syria from The Revd Loraine N Mellor, President of the Methodist Conference, and Jill Baker, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference**



We lament the continuing violence in Syria and remember the Syrian people whose lives have been devastated by years of war.....

The use of chemical weapons is deplorable, and it is essential that those responsible are identified and held accountable for their crimes. There is a role for the whole international community to play in bringing justice to this situation.

We pray that in this situation national leaders will demonstrate qualities of understanding, perception, creativity and commitment.

Compassionate God,

Who cares for every created being, having even numbered the hairs on our heads,

We pray now for each person in Syria.

In these dark days, may decisions be made that honour the sanctity of life created by you;

May wise and far-sighted counsel prevail that seeks the well-being of all humanity.

Prince of Peace,

We open our hearts to you and confess our willingness to seek easy responses that require others to pay a hard price;

We open our reason to you and pledge our commitment to hear your words of compassion and peace.

Lover of Concord,

let your love shine through those who bring aid and solace in the land of Syria,

Those who choose between violence and peace,

Those who influence opinions in words and tweets.

Creator God,

Hear our cry and help us work together to seek peace and pursue it.

Amen

## Regular Activities at MMC

Mon-Fri	10.00am	Church Office open until 12.15pm	
Mon-Fri	9.15am	Preschool group-Term time only	Crèche
Mon	10.00am	Live at Home office until 12 noon	
Mon	12.30pm	Simply Faith	Wesley Rm
Mon	1.30pm	Little Micklers-Toddlers -Term time only	Large Hall
Mon	6.00pm	Derwent Beavers	Large Hall
Tue	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship	Wesley Rm
Tue	6.30pm	Red Fox Cub Scouts	Large Hall
Wed	9.30am	Prayers and meditation	Chapel
Wed	10.00am	Live at Home office until 12 noon	
Wed	5.00pm	Dove Beavers	Large Hall
Wed	5.30pm -	Girls Brigade - Explorers/Juniors/Seniors/	Large Hall
Wed	7.30pm	Wesley Guild	Wesley Rm
Thurs	6.30pm	Brown Bear Cub Scouts	Large Hall
Thurs <sup>3rd</sup>	7.30pm	Prayer Time	Office
Fri	10.00am	Live at Home office until 12 noon	
Fri	10.00am	Drop in café -Refreshments &	Social Area
Fri	7.30pm	Kinder Scouts	Large Hall
Sat <sup>1st</sup>	12noon	Lunch (except January)	Large Hall
Sat <sup>3rd</sup>	10.00am	Fairtrade café & Traidcraft stall	Wesley Rm

# Diary for May 2018

Tues 1st	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship - Revd Greg
Tues 1st	4.00pm to 6.00pm	Messy Church
Weds 2nd	10.00am to 12noon	Funtime -coffee, game sand fellowship
Weds 2nd	7.30pm	Wesley Guild - Sue Atherton Dementia Support
Sat 5th	12noon	Lunches
Tues 8th	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship - Peter Nelson
Weds 9th	7.30pm	Wesley Guild - Alan Rowe Life of a Policeman
Sat 12th	8.00am	Prayers in Church
Tues 15th	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship - Yanyan Case
Weds 16th	10.00am to 12noon	Funtime -coffee, game sand fellowship
Weds 16th	7.30pm	Wesley Guild- AGM with refreshments
Tues 22nd	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship - Rosemary Holmes
Weds 23rd	7.30pm	Wesley Guild - no meeting Church AGM
Sat 26th	8.00am to 9.00am	Prayers in Church
Tues 29th	2.30pm	Spring Bank Holiday

## THURSDAY HOUSE GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDY

**At 10.00am at 233 Ladybank Road Mike and Marilyn Bagworth**

**At 7.30pm at 3 Station Road Charles and Liz Norman**