

## WIMPOLE ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

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### Sunday 15 March 2020

11.00 a.m. Mrs Joanne Eckersley  
Introit H & P 139. The Kingdom of God

### Sunday 22 March

#### Mothering Sunday

11.00 a.m. Rev. Joe Adams

#### Collect for today:

*Christ, Son of the living God,  
Who for a season laid aside the divine glory  
And learned obedience through suffering:  
Teach us in all our afflictions  
To raise our eyes to the place of your mercy  
And to find in you our peace and deliverance.  
We make our prayer in your name. Amen*

#### WIMPOLE ROAD NEWS

**The new 'Spring' issue is now available in the vestibule, priced £1.00**

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served in the parlour following the service  
There is no charge but a donation box is available.

**Everyone invited - especially any visitors to our church.**

Stewards on duty

Margaret Clubb

Juliet Balls

## NOTICES AND DIARY DATES

### **TODDLER GROUP.**

**Monday 16 March 12.45 – 2.30 p.m.**

Open to all parents and carers with babies or toddlers.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

**Wednesday 18 March from 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.**

Please look in for a free cup of coffee or tea, biscuits, cake and a chat.

### **CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

**Wednesday 18 March 1.45 p.m.**

Open to church members, neighbours and friends. Each session costs **£1.50** to include a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit. *Graham Duthie*

### **THURSDAY CIRCLE**

**Thursday 19 March 7.00 p.m.**

**Quiz Evening in aid of EACH charity.**

**This is an Open Evening – all welcome**

### **PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - CANCELLED**

**Monday 16 March 7.00 p.m.**

This meeting has been **cancelled** – please let **Edward** or **Jeanette** know of any issues by email for onward circulation to members. Thank you.

### **PASTORAL MEETING**

**Thursday 2 April 7.00 p.m. in the Vestry**

Will all Pastoral Visitors please note the change of date and attend if possible.

*Norman Broom*

### **BOOK CLUB**

**The next meeting of the Book Club is on Monday 6 April at 9.30 a.m.**

We will discuss 'Where the Crawdads sing' by Delia Owens.

### **THINKING OF OTHERS DURING LENT**

During the weeks of Lent we are collecting boxes of 'Cup a Soup' for the Soup Run.

A box is in the vestibule. if you would like to contribute. Thank you for your help and support. *Christine Duthie*

## **COLCHESTER METHODIST CIRCUIT ACTIVITY DAY**

**Saturday 4 April 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. at The Ark**

This has been postponed to the above date.

The subject will be **‘The Wonder and Mystery of John’s Gospel’**.

On this circuit activity day, through Bible studies, prayer stations and worship we will be offering some ways in which John’s gospel can be better appreciated.

Coffee will be available from **9.30 a.m.** and **lunch will be provided.**

A suggested donation of £5 to cover costs is invited.

**Please enter your name on the sign up sheet if you wish to attend.**

## **CIRCUIT PRAYER ROTA**

**Wimpole Road have been allocated Fridays**, when we are asked to choose an hour in which to pray for the work in the circuit.

**At some point during that hour**, devote this time to God.

## **EASTER IN NEW TOWN - Wednesday evening Lent Studies**

Looking at the film *‘Broken’*, starring Sean Bean, **every Wednesday**

**7.00 p.m. at St. Stephen’s Church Centre. Everyone welcome.**

**Full details of all the Easter and Holy Week Services on separate flyer.**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

To *Andrew Topple* whose birthday is today. Also greetings to *David Ablewhite* who celebrated yesterday.

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## **CORONAVIRUS - GUIDANCE**

The latest advice from the Connexion is found here on the Web.

**<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/latest-news/all-news/the-methodist-church-coronavirus-guidance-and-resources/>**

I expect it will change for the following week and new guidelines will be sent next week.

However I have summarised or copied 6 key points:

**{See separate sheet}**

*Rev. Joe Adams.*

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**FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Jean Baker; Pat Baker; Joy Smith; Shirley Frewer.**

**CIRCUIT and other FRIENDS:**

**Sally Geller (nee Cotton).**

**Updated details and full list available on the Prayer Table.**

**PLEASE PRAY** for all who are unwell, troubled or bereaved and who need our prayers, especially for those living in **Worsnop House** for whom we will be praying this week.

**COLLECTIONS**

<b>Sunday 8 March</b>	Envelopes	£ 89.00
	Cash	£78.51
	Standing Orders	<u>£103.46</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£270.97</u></b>

**ITEMS FOR NOTICES**

Please forward to **Alison Ablewhite** by phone, e-mail or post by Friday midday. Tel: (01206) 869505 or e-mail: [alison.ablewhite@btinternet.com](mailto:alison.ablewhite@btinternet.com)

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**WELCOME TO EVERYONE WORSHIPPING  
WITH US TODAY.  
WE HOPE THAT THIS ACT OF WORSHIP  
WILL BE A BLESSING TO ALL.**

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**N. B.** All morning services in this church are now recorded on audio tape. If you would like to borrow one for yourself or a friend, please contact **Edward Pentney** or one of the Church Stewards.

There are '**Welcome**' leaflets at the back of the church for visitors to take if more information required or they need to speak to a minister.

**New CIRCUIT PLAN for March - May**, as well as the current **CONNEXION** magazine.

Copies of all these publications available in the vestibule.

**Please take a copy.**

## **CORONAVIRUS ADVICE 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

**1. It is absolutely vital that you wash your hands with soap and water often and / or use hand sanitiser gel.**

**All servers at Holy Communion MUST use hand sanitiser.**

**2. Older members and those with medical conditions causing weaker health and greater vulnerability should not attend church for the time being.**

**This is an act of mutual care and concern, and is not a desire that people 'give up' Church.**

**Services are recorded at Wimpole Road every week and will be available on the Internet usually the same or the next day.**

**If you are missing and want access to these let one the stewards or myself know.**

**I am willing to send out orders of service, prayers and sermons used each week to all who are missing if they want them.**

**Let me or one of the stewards know and we will do this.**

**3. Even if you would normally go to church with a cold at this time do not. Follow the best medical advice and stay at home.**

The virus may not be dangerous to those who are well but soldiering on will put at risk those who are not as strong or well as you so if you are unwell please don't come to Church.

**4. For the time being please DO NOT SHAKE HANDS OR EMBRACE on the way in, out, or within the Church.**

5. While the risk of spreading the virus remains these rules must be kept for when Holy Communion is served –  
Bread should be prepared by one person who has thoroughly washed their hands before cutting the bread up in to small pieces; wine /juice must be in small glasses and these must be picked up by those receiving not servers.

{As is always the case communion wine once poured MUST NEVER be put back in the bottle}.

**6. For the time being Pastoral Visiting should be done via the telephone not in person - if in doubt refer to me.**

**Rev'd. Joseph Neil Adams**

