

Brackley Methodist Church

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Welcome to worship.

If you are new to our church, please make yourself known to one of the Stewards and join us for coffee after the service.

An induction loop provides sound for hearing aid wearers during worship.

This week

Sun	10.30	Morning Service led by David Teckoe
Mon	9.30	Noah's Ark – Holiday
Tue	2.30	Tuesday Fellowship – Holy Week. Rev Pat
Wed		
Thur		
Fri		Coffee & Hot Cross Buns following Walk of Witness
Sat		
Sun	10.30	Easter Day Service & Holy Communion led by Rev Pat Olivent Hayes

Information for the next **Notice sheet** should reach Sonia Keen (23 College House telephone 703254 sonia.keen@btinternet.com) by – see note.

If you have anything for the **Church Website** you can contact Ali Bromhall at ali.bromhall@gmail.com

Praying....

Please consult the Prayers board in the Hall. Requests for prayer may be pinned there. This week we pray for the church at Buckingham. Please pray for the following preachers who are elsewhere today. Rev Pat at Towcester (10.30), Malcom at Gawcott (6pm).

Serving....

Today:

flowers	Vera Douglas
steward	Helen Evans
welcome	Dorothy Glover & Joan Boatwright
music	
coffee	Sheila Bowley

Next week:

flowers	Janet Crisp
steward	Bill Crisp
welcome	Roger Geyton & Roy Quigley
music	
coffee	May Ellis & Dorothy Glover

News....

Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday we will be decorating the Lent cross with flowers, as is our custom. I would be grateful if as many people as possible brought a few flowers with them to help with this. It would be helpful if those bringing flowers arrived a little earlier than usual.
Thank

THIS WEEK IS HOLY WEEK

You are invited to attend the following events around the cross in the quiet room – please use the side entrance.

Monday to Wednesday at 6:00 to 6:30 pm Reflections at Brackley

Monday – The scene in the Temple

Tuesday – The Day of Teaching

Wednesday – The Day of Waiting

These reflection at Silverstone at 7:00 – 7:30pm if you cannot get to Brackley

Thursday at 7:00pm at Silverstone Methodist Chapel Passover Supper:

There are twenty places available

Please let Rev Pat or Helen Evans if you would like a place asap for catering purposes.

Good Friday 10:30am Short service followed by Walk of Witness to Burgess Square followed by Hot Cross Buns at Chapel. If you cannot walk prayer and quiet reflection at chapel.

Friends at Silverstone Methodist Church invite you to their special evening service on Easter Sunday when, as part of our service, we will be receiving a beautifully embroidered lectern fall, in memory of Jean Statham, from the Silverstone Stitcher's group (which Jean was a member of). Those of you who knew Jean and Desmond knew that they were both very faithful members of the Chapel here and worked and witnessed in many ways throughout the time they were with us. Jean played our organ and piano for many years too and they were both much loved by us all. We felt that Easter was a good time to receive this beautiful gift to the Chapel so we so we hope you might be able to join with us. Coffee and cake will follow the service. Thank you. Judith Hodges. See Notice in foyer.

Cyclone Idai Appeal. The East African Flood Appeal.

As a result of your kind donations we were able to send a total of £554.75, (which included £250 from our budgeted giving) to All We Can (Methodist Relief and Development Fund) for their East African Flood Appeal. This will be used in needs of those so desperately affected.

Well done for your terrific response and thank you.

Gareth

Sunday Coffee

Vera Douglas and Cherry Almy are not able to continue on the coffee rota. This will leave three couples who are, quite understandably, not able to commit to doing coffee every third week, therefore we need more people to make the coffee.

If you are able to help please let Sonia know.

The Church AGM is on Sunday 12th May following a Bring & Share Lunch. Could I have any items for the Agenda/Reports by 29th April please.

Sonia

Appointment of Church Stewards

Bill Crisp and Helen Evans have completed their 6 years this year. Debbie Munn is prepared to stand again next year and Janet Crisp, Brenda Markham and Gareth Evans are also prepared to stand as stewards. Beth Miskimmon is prepared to stand as an assistant steward. They will all need to be Proposed and Seconded at the AGM and Sonia has forms for this.

Rev Pat

Reminders....

As is the norm there will be no cakes on Good Friday. Enid

Pause for Thought.....

Through The Storm

A young man applied for a job as a farmhand. When the farmer asked for his qualifications, he said, "**I can sleep through a storm.**"

This puzzled the farmer... but he liked the young man, so he hired him.

A few weeks later, the farmer and his wife were awakened in the night by a violent storm ripping through the valley. He leapt out of bed and called for his new hired hand, but the young man was sleeping soundly.

So they quickly began to check things to see if all was secure. They found that the shutters of the farmhouse had been securely fastened. A good supply of logs had been set next to the fireplace.

The farmer and his wife then inspected their property. They found that the farm tools had been placed in the storage shed, safe from the elements. He sees that the bales of wheat had been bound and wrapped in tarpaulins.

The tractor had been moved into its garage. The barn was properly locked tight. Even the animals were calm and had plenty of feed. All was well.

The farmer then understood the meaning of the young man's words, "I can sleep through a storm."

Because the farmhand did his work loyally and faithfully when the skies were clear, he was prepared for any storm. So when the storm did actually break, he was not concerned or afraid. He could sleep in peace.

I think the moral of this story is that if we tend to the things that are important in life, and not concentrate on the aching of unfulfilled business.

If our words are always sincere and spoken in love, we will show Jesus to those we meet. We will never allow ourselves to say 'I could have, I should have' then we can sleep in any storm. And when it's our time to go, our good-byes will be complete.

Jesus said "I have come that you might have life and have it in abundance."

Jesus died so that we might live. This holy week may we find his peace so that we can live with hope and joy in our hearts.

With my love and prayers

Rev Pat