



Messenger

Solihull Methodist Church

March 2026



Year of the Fire Horse

The start of the Lunar New Year celebrations were held at Alderbrook School on Saturday 7th February. The change of venue from our church last year proved a good move as there was a record turnout for the event. The car park was soon filled to capacity but there were plenty of halls and rooms to spread all the different activities and food stalls outside braving the miserable damp, cold weather.

Both hot and cold food was on sale. both hot and cold. One hall was devoted to food and the smells were very inviting. Another room displayed art and there was beautiful hand and face painting. Another hall was devoted to craftwork.

Apart from the stalls, there were activities throughout the day. Of course the lion dance proved very popular. See the picture of the packed hall where was quite a crowd trying to get a glimpse of the lion. There were also recitals by music students playing the violin, keyboard and harp and their talent was extraordinary.

Over £1,000 was raised. This will help to support their future activities to integrate Hong Kongers in Solihull.

Well done to the organisers.



Year of the Horse cont.



The top left picture shows the food stalls outside and how popular they were despite the weather.

Top right picture has some of the beautiful craft work that was on sale.

The left picture shows the instruments that were on display and played.

The right picture demonstrates the amazing body painting that was being done.



Lunar New Year Celebrations in church

Shall We Talk had decorated the church for the Lunar New Year celebration service on Sunday 15th February. The colour red was very apparent with some folk wearing red clothes as part of the recognition of the new year.



As everyone walked into church they were given a chocolate coin in a specially decorated envelope. During the service the Cantonese choir sang a special New Year song 'God has come, God has come, proclaim in joy.'

Church Family News

Double Celebration



Alan and Alison welcomed the arrival of their third grandson in February. Finley Ellis is the son of Mark and Alice. Alison also celebrated her 70th birthday recently.

Prayer Box



We pray for:

- Buf Bufton who has moved into a Care Home in Ullenhall
- Joyce Fitter recovering from hip surgery
- Edna Handley as she adjusts to living back home
- David Yarnold adjusting to his care home and for Elaine Harris
- Ann Pickles who is unwell
- Brian Shore as he recovers from a fall from a ladder
- Cedric Woodward who has been in hospital
- Pam Beattie and Chris Cooke as they both recover from wrist surgery

New Church steward

Kevin Garnett was coopted to the stewards' team at the February Church Council meeting. The church will be asked to confirm Kevin as a steward at the annual church meeting in April.



Organised by Churches Together in Central Solihull

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

Friday 6th March
At Solihull URC
 741 Warwick Road, Solihull
 Parking off Union Road B91 3DH

Drop in between
10am-2pm
 for private prayer
 inspired by
 prayer stations.
**With Prayers led from
 the front at 12 noon**

This year's theme is chosen by the church in Nigeria.



Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday

Sunday 29th March 10.30 am Morning Service Rev Donald Ker

Monday 30th March 7.30 pm Holy Week Reflection

Tuesday 31st March 7.30 pm Holy Week Reflection

Wed 1st April 7.30 pm Holy Week Reflection

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 2nd April 7.30 pm Tenebrae and Communion

Good Friday

Friday 3rd April 11.00 am Walk of Witness starting at St Augustine's

Easter Day

Sunday 5th April 10.30 am Easter Celebration and Holy Communion

Please bring a flower to decorate the Easter Cross

Minister's Message

Some years ago, while I was still living in Ireland, I was invited to join a radio discussion with other Irish Church Leaders on New Year's Eve. As it happened Sandra and I were visiting family here in Solihull at the time and so I had to go into the Mailbox in Birmingham and sit in a studio no larger than a cupboard so I could join the conversation remotely. We were asked about our hopes for the New Year. While I can't remember what I said I recall very clearly the reply of the Church of Ireland Archbishop. He said "I want to have a deeper prayer life." I already knew him as a wise, saintly, gracious man for whom life hadn't always been easy but I was struck afresh by his clear, humble statement that prayer lies at the heart of faithful Christian living.

We're focussing on prayer, and in particular the Lord's Prayer, during our Lent Saturday morning breakfasts. At one level it may seem like an obvious study. After all most of us have known the prayer since childhood and we repeat it very frequently. However within these familiar words there are huge themes. How do we think of God and our relationship with the divine? What do we mean when we ask for God's Kingdom to come? Why is forgiveness so important? How do we cope when we are tested? As we think again about these things we also listen to and encourage each other.

Over the last couple of months the members of the Circuit staff have been getting together to think about our Circuit Mission Action Plan. When it was drawn up a couple of years ago we noted five priorities: Transforming Life; Inspiring Worship; Radical Compassion; Social Justice; A Methodist Perspective. In our conversations about how we're doing we were strongly reminded that prayer lies at the very centre of all we are seeking under God to achieve.

Of course there are many ways to pray, and one way isn't better than another. Some people are comfortable speaking out their prayers in a group. Others find it helpful simply to keep silence in God's presence. Some pray as the

Holy Spirit guides them in the moment. Others find that the liturgies of the Church and the written words of others are most helpful. Personally I use a variety of styles and methods, but the one thing I know is that I need a deeper prayer life.

When it comes to praying we are never finished learning and discovering new depths. In his poem entitled "Prayer" George Herbert used twenty seven images and emblems for prayer, all in one sentence. He spelled some words differently from how we spell them now but hopefully their meaning is clear.

Take time to read his poem slowly and see which images enlighten or challenge your spirit.

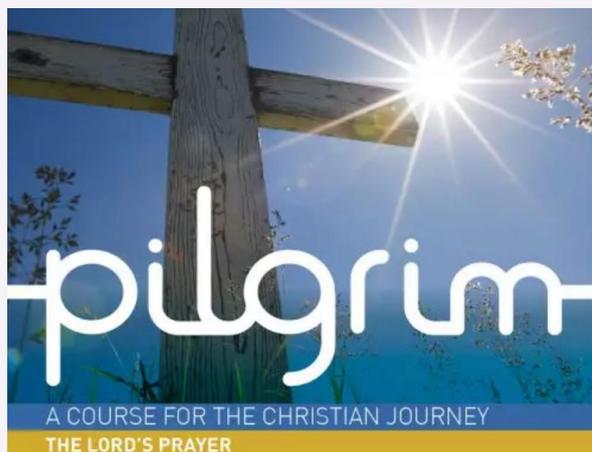
Prayer, the Churches banquet, Angels age,
God's breath in man returning to his birth,
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth;
Engine against th' Almighty, sinners towre,
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,
The six-daies world transposing in an houre,
A kinde of tune, which all things heare and fear;
Softnesse, and peace, and joy, and love, and blisse,
Exalted Manna, gladnesse of the best,
Heaven in ordinarie, man well drest,
The milkie way, the bird of Paradise,
Church-bels beyond the starres heard, the souls
bloud,
The land of spices; something understood.

Rev Donald Ker



Study Book

The study book for the Lent breakfast and housegroups to discuss during Lent is the Pilgrim study series on the Lord's Prayer



Lent

Lent Breakfasts

Organised by Churches Together in Central Solihull
Will be held at 8.30 am at
Solihull Methodist Community Hall
Price £3.00

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| Sat 7 th March | Your kingdom come, your will be done
Revd Nick Parker, St Alphege |
| Sat 14 th March | Give us this day our daily bread
Fr Dominic Kavanagh, St Augustine's |
| Sat 21 st March | Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us
Linda Faber, United Reform Church |
| Sat 28 th March | Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
Renewal |

Church council report

At the church council meeting on Monday 16th February, the council:-

- Agreed that a new photo book would be made ready for when our new minister Rev Andy Moffoot starts in September
- Approved Alan Hung as a pastoral visitor. The stewards have co-opted Kevin Garnett onto their team and he will be officially elected at the AGM
- Approved Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025
- Approved the reserves policy
- Heard how some of the £99,000 from SMBC for the work at Shall we Talk will be spent
- Heard that our lettings income has increased. It was agreed to give the circuit £17,300 more towards our assessment.
- Thanked Caroline Hinchliffe for all the hours she puts in as Treasurer.
- Heard the new boiler is working well
- Had an update on the Room 3 and community hall development. The work has gone out to tender and is expected to be undertaken in July and August this year.
- Thanked the Property Committee and all the people working towards this start date.

- Approved the Safeguarding Policy.
- Heard that the church project team had raised over £2,500 for the Awareness Foundation. Their next events would be the Quiz, SMASH concert and Escape Rooms. Your support at one or more of these events would be greatly appreciated.
- Requested that ideas for a new project come as well as a team of people to run the events. The new project will be decided at the next meeting of the church Council in June.
- Received reports from
 - Churches Together in Central Solihull,
 - The Greener Church Group,
 - Safeguarding,
 - Church Life and Mission Committee
 - Lay Pastor and Community Worker,
 - Children. Youth and Family Worker
 - Data protection.

The Church Annual Meeting will be on Sunday 26th April 2026

The next council meeting will be on Monday 8th June 2026 at 7.30pm

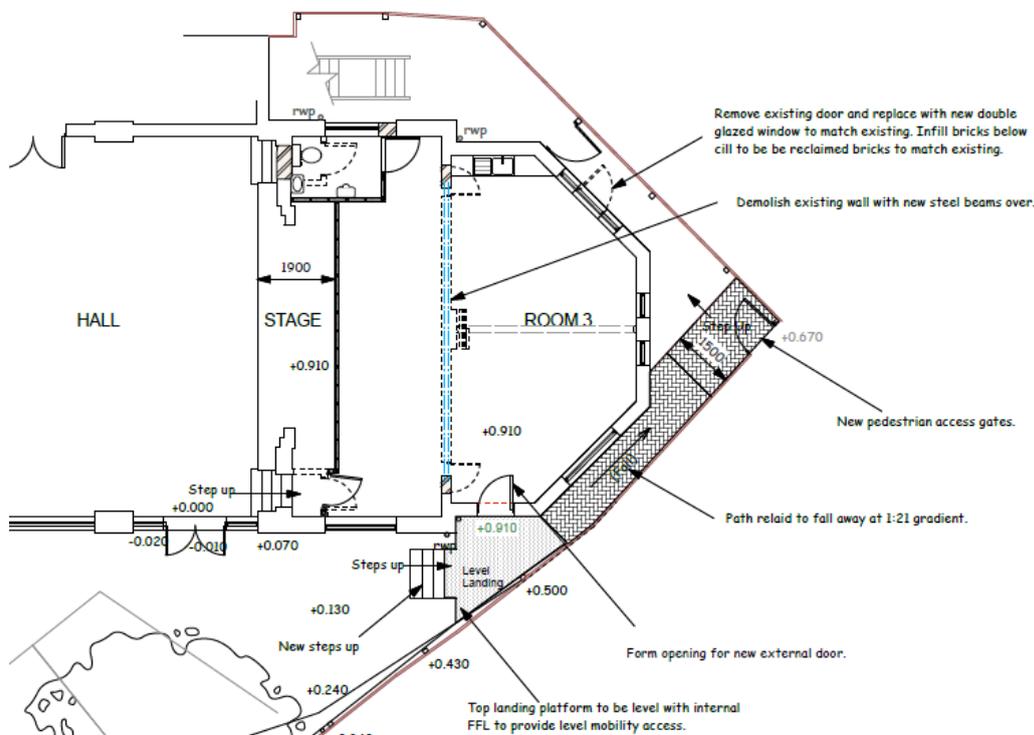
Helen Banks
Church Council Secretary

Community Hall, Room 3 Development

This is a progress report on the Proposals to refurbish part of the Community Hall. In 2025 Church Council agreed that we would explore making changes to the underused stage in the Community Hall and Room 3 behind so that we could make better use of the space.

We appointed Tim Richardson as Designer in the summer of 2025 to work up the preliminary proposals. A Planning Application and Consent has been obtained for the External work and changes to doors and windows.

- A new attractive entrance into Room 3 is to be provided from outside with flight of smart steps from the car park and an alternative entry for wheelchair users



through a new gate onto the Station Approach public footpath, (near to the Samaritans driveway entrance.)

- The remainder of the works are also shown on the plan with a new toilet and tea station being provided and a much smaller stage.
- The project includes complete refurbishment of the main hall, with floor being sanded and sealed, new blinds along with complete redecoration. Outside walls will be insulated internally to new Room 3 and the Hall.

Circuit and District are content that the work can proceed when all the costs and funds are sorted and both have offered us grants.

Tenders have now been received and are still being appraised and finalised. Indications are that we have an overall total cost in the order of £190,000.00 and that sufficient funds are available to proceed.

The intended timescale could see the works being undertaken in July and August 2026 when the Main Hall and Room 3 will be closed for our use.

Church Project News

Next fund raising events

SMASH's next musical spectacular

Saturday March
21st at 7:00 pm
here in the Church

Tickets after Sunday services
or online
ticketsource.co.uk/SMASH



In concert with

SMASH
Musical Theatre Group

and special guests
THE CANTONESE CHOIR



YOU ARE INVITED!

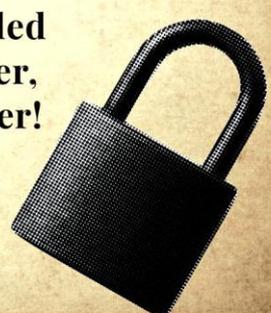
To a Night of Escape Rooms

Can you solve the clues before time runs out?
Enter a world of mystery, teamwork, and excitement.

SATURDAY 18 APRIL
6PM
SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH HALL

Join us for a night filled with puzzles, laughter, suspense - and supper!

TICKETS £10 PER PERSON



Next Church Project

The stewards are looking for an enthusiastic group to organise the next church project (starting in the autumn of 2026) and run it to support a charity of their choice. Normally we alternate between charities which work in the UK and ones which work abroad. As this year's charity is in the Middle East, particularly Syria, the next project would ideally be in support of a local charity.

If you are a group that is interested, please let us know via the church office. If possible, it would be helpful to have a short description (say half a page) of the proposed charity, the work it does and, if relevant, how it is connected with Solihull Methodist Church.

Church family photos



Church Family Photos
November 2019

The Church Council would like to have an up to date church photo album available for when our new minister, Rev Andy Moffoot comes in September. As you can see the last one was done in 2019. Over the next few weeks, you will be asked to sign a form giving permission and for your photo to be taken.

Thank you

Brilliant young artist

Dr Sue Ann Mak preached at the morning service on Sunday 1st February. She pointed out that the Beatitudes (Matthew chapter 5, v 2 – 11) turned the world upside down. She showed a picture by Anna inspired by another part of Jesus's ministry, the feeding of the five thousand. The picture shows what the world



looks like when things are overturned and set right. Anna is a member of Young Church. The congregation were extremely impressed with her interpretation and Rev Nigel Collinson showed it again on the following Sunday morning. We will probably be seeing more of Anna's art in the future.

Soupa Talks

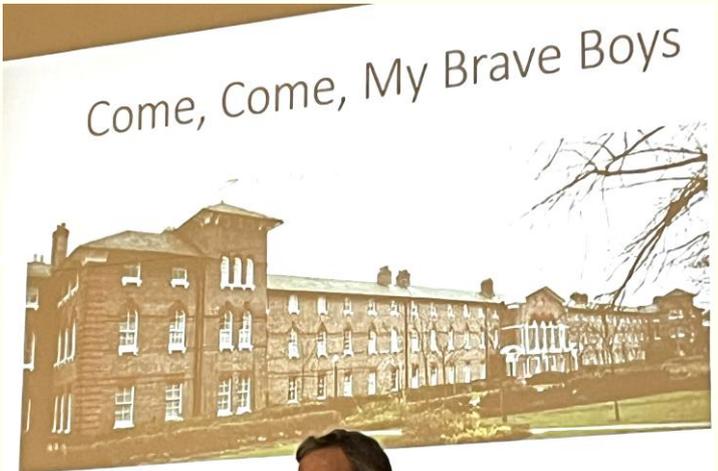


Offers of help are needed for Soupa Talks to continue.

Soupa Talks is one of the church's best outreach activities and has been run for years by a strong team. However, the Balmers and the Fitters, who started the talks in 2013, are now feeling their age and they will retire at the end of the current season. And, Ivan Crowdell, soup-chef extraordinaire, is looking to move to be nearer his family. We thank them all for the success of Soupa Talks.

We would like the talks to continue and so need new volunteers to help (alongside continuing volunteers) on just 12 Wednesdays between September and April. The types of help needed include: food preparation; setting up and clearing away; shopping; liaising with speakers; and handling the finances.

If you are interested in being involved, or want to know more, do please contact Glen Mullineux or one of the other stewards.



Michael Skinner singing the shanty 'Come, come my brave boys'

Soupa Talks had a bumper attendance on Wednesday 11th February when Michael Skinner came to talk about Sea Shanties. Michael is a keen sailor and very much appreciates the work of the RNLI, so he goes round the country giving his talk to raise funds for the RNLI. It was a really good afternoon with everyone joining in the choruses of the shanties and over £200 was donated to the RNLI.

Green Matters



Can you help Top Up the Carbon Footprint Fund?

Almost 6 years ago our Church Council decided it should 'offset' the carbon dioxide (CO₂) it puts into the air from using gas and electricity in the Church so it was no longer marking global warming worse. It did this by paying for something to 'soak up' the CO₂ like trees, or could reduce the amount of CO₂ being used. Last year the Church paid for more efficient cooking stoves for poor villagers in India. Traditional cooking used lots of wood leading to deforestation and health problems due to the smoke. The efficient stoves reduced the wood used and the CO₂ emitted. The Church Council set up a fund so that church members could contribute to this crucial initiative.

Initially the Church reviewed its decision every 3 years. It is now proposed to make it permanent. Currently offsetting costs about £200 a year and the fund needs topping up. If you could make a donation it would be most helpful. Just send it to the Church, saying it is for the Carbon Footprint Fund. All donations can be gift aided. Thank you.

Why Your Garden is Important

There are nearly 23 million residential gardens in the UK which cover an area 4 times larger than England's nature reserves, and gardens in England cover 30% of the urban area. Gardens provide 'islands' or 'stepping stones' which help birds, bees, butterflies and other native wildlife to search for the food they need, and the places to live and multiply. Motorway embankments are designed to work in a similar way and are sometimes known as linear parks.

So whatever you do in your garden to help wildlife, for example not mowing the lawn in May when insects use tall grass and weeds as places to breed, or making a bug hotel or just having a pile of rotting logs where bugs can find nesting places, or a shallow bowl of water always there (or, even better a pond) for birds, you are contributing to the richness of the whole countryside. And, if you don't have a garden, even a window box or a flower pot can help. A crocus in a window box has nectar which is just right for a bumblebee.



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More about bees

An article in the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) magazine explains that, unlike bumblebees and honey bees. most bees, though equally essential as pollinators, don't live in colonies. They live solitary lives and the female spends most of her life looking for places to nest. Some find holes in the ground or old beetle holes but you can provide nesting sites as well using so-called 'bee posts'. You need an old untreated wooden post or log into which you drill lots of holes varying in diameter from 1/12th inch (2 mm) to large, 3/8th inch (10 mm) diameter. Ideally they need to be about 6 inches deep (150 mm). Each year clean out the vacant holes and wait for more bees next year.



A Word about Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs are known as the gardener's friend. They are carnivores and love slugs, worms, snails and other insects. But they are in trouble. Rural populations are down 50% since 2000 and urban by 30%. They hibernate from November to March and don't like heat so tend to be night time creatures who can roam a kilometre or more searching for food. So, if you are lucky enough to attract one, 3 actions will help keep it happy. First, make sure there are holes at the bottom of any fences so that Harry, let's call him, can get out and back. Second, keep a patch for a few slugs. Don't use chemicals, let Harry keep the numbers down. Third, as leaves start falling in Autumn, keep a pile in a sheltered corner where he can settle down to sleep for the winter. That's all. Whatever you do don't offer saucers of milk. Hedgehogs are lactose intolerant and will get sick. Bread isn't good for them either.

*Richard Balmer: On behalf of the Greener Church Group:
John and Linda Innes, Pam Beattie, Bryan Fitter, Anthony Gough, Sue Kelley, Derek Giles, Sue Balmer, Glen Mullineux, Sandra Ker.*

We are proud to be a GREEN CHURCH caring for God's Creation



The worsening crisis in Venezuela

While global attention has shifted elsewhere, the crisis in Venezuela continues to intensify. With limited mainstream media coverage, the daily realities faced by ordinary Venezuelans risk being overlooked. The country is now living under intense pressure following the removal of former president Nicolás Maduro, alongside ongoing United States military and economic intervention.

Maduro's removal did not bring an end to his political movement. Hardline Chavistas remain in positions of power, including interim president Delcy Rodríguez. For the people of Venezuela, this has meant a further deterioration of an already devastating economic situation. The collapse of essential services, soaring prices for food and basic goods, and growing insecurity have placed unbearable strain on communities across the country.

Standing in prayerful solidarity

The Methodist Church in Britain continues to stand in prayerful solidarity with our partner of over two decades, the Methodist Christian Community of Venezuela (CCMV). Bishop Francisco Mendoza, head of the CCMV, has shared a stark update with Methodists in the UK.

“The economic situation is precarious. Venezuela is currently under a naval blockade and is unable to sell oil, as tankers cannot enter or leave the country. Although Venezuelan crude oil could produce many vital products, the country no longer refines its own oil. To meet basic needs, petrol is imported from Iran, fuelling a growing black market and widespread speculation.

Venezuela relies almost entirely on imported medicines, mainly from India and Iran, resulting in critical shortages. Power blackouts are becoming increasingly frequent due to a lack of fuel for electricity generation, severely affecting both healthcare and daily life.

Basic food supplies, baby formula, and medical services are increasingly scarce. In hospitals, surgeries are being delayed or abandoned altogether because operating theatres lose power mid procedure. Surgeries are being interrupted or cannot be performed due to power outages in operating rooms.”

Growing repression under the State of Emergency

Alongside the humanitarian crisis, political repression has intensified. A recently declared State of Emergency allows police and military forces to stop citizens at any time to check mobile phones or social media accounts. If anything considered anti-government is found, individuals risk detention, prosecution for treason, imprisonment, and possible torture. Fear has become a daily reality for many Venezuelans.

A tense calm, in prayer and hope

Despite these dangers, faith communities continue to hold on to hope. The Revd Glen Mendoza, Treasurer of the Methodist Christian Community of Venezuela, shares: “For now we are living under a tense calm, in prayer and with hope in Christ.”

Caring for children left behind

The CCMV continues to serve faithfully during this time of uncertainty, with a particular focus on children. Over the past five years, many parents are among the 8 million Venezuelans who have migrated to other parts of the region and beyond, leaving grandparents, aunts, and uncles to take on caring responsibilities.

Despite their best efforts, many children still lack adequate education and nutrition. Local churches remain a vital source of stability, care, and compassion for these vulnerable young people.

Please join us in prayer for Venezuela

Almighty God, we lift up the people and nation of Venezuela before your throne of grace. We pray that your hand of provision, comfort, strength, mercy, and hope would uphold the hearts, minds, and lives of all who are suffering. We ask that you would soften the hearts of those in positions of power, bringing wisdom, justice, and integrity. May there be meaningful change in governance, and a renewed commitment to democracy, peace, and the common good. We pray for the possibility of free and fair elections, so that the people of Venezuela may determine their own future with dignity and hope. Amen.

Prayer by Sandra Lopez, partnership coordinator for the Americas

Soupa Talks



Light lunch, chat and an interesting talk
1.00 pm in the Community Centre

- Wednesday 11th March** **Nepal, abode of the gods**
Caroline Hinchliffe
- Wednesday 25th March** **Fings ain't wot they used to be:
the changing English language**
Prof Clive Upton
- Wednesday 8th April** **History of Becketts Farm**
Simon Beckett

Wednesday 15th April Spring Cream Tea

With piano duets from
Two's Harmony

In the church.
Tickets £10 from Sue Balmer



Proceeds will go to 'Blood Bikes'

Church Mission Statement

We believe that to make the all-embracing love of Jesus Christ known, we need to be brave in God's changing world so that all can belong and find hope

Anxious? Concerned?

Contact the confidential

Prayer Chain

via Chris Giles
via the church office



The Messenger Team

Sue Balmer, Rev Donald Ker, Bryan Fitter,
Jeff Horton, Sue Kelley,
Glen Mullineux, and Lawrie Rumens

Please send material for publication to
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We reserve the right to edit articles if
necessary.

Please send photographs **separately** as jpeg
files

**NB. Last date for the April Messenger
items is
Sunday 15th March**

Church Team



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Minister
Day off - Friday



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Children, Youth and
Families worker



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March Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10.30 Morning service Ruth Keast	2 9.45 Pushchair Club 10.00 Shall we talk? 7.30 Scouts	3 9.30 Communion 10.00 Bible Study 10.30 Men's Coffee 5.00 Rainbows 6.00 Brownies 7.00 Youth study	4 9.30 Morning prayers by Zoom	5 6.00 Beavers 6.30 Cubs 8.15 Badminton	6 10.00 Cantonese Fellowship 6.30 Youth Club	7 8.30 Lent Breakfast
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15 Mothering Sunday 10.30 Morning service Worship consultation committee	16 9.45 Pushchair Club 10.00 Shall we talk? 7.30 Scouts	17 9.30 Communion 10.00 Bible Study 10.30 Men's Coffee 5.00 Rainbows 6.00 Brownies 7.00 Youth study	18 9.30 Morning prayers by Zoom	19 9.30 Ramble 6.00 Beavers 6.30 Cubs 8.15 Badminton	20 10.00 Cantonese Fellowship 6.30 Youth Club	21 8.30 Lent Breakfast 7.00 SMASH concert
22 10.30 Morning service Rev Peter Bates 6.30 Reflective communion service Rev David Butterworth	23 9.45 Pushchair Club 10.00 Shall we talk? 7.30 Scouts	24 9.30 Communion 10.00 Bible Study 10.30 Men's Coffee 5.00 Rainbows 6.00 Brownies	25 9.30 Morning prayers by Zoom 1.00 Soupa Talks	26 6.00 Beavers 6.30 Cubs 8.15 Badminton	27 10.00 Cantonese Fellowship 10.30 Friendship café 6.30 Youth Club	28 8.30 Lent Breakfast 3.00 Celebration Saturday
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Steward and Church Council Nominations

Nominations are needed for the Annual Church Meeting. Do you want to find out how the church works? Do you want to be involved in decision making for the church? Then this could be a role for you.

Church Council member needs to be

- ✓ A church member
- ✓ Free for just 3 meetings a year in the evening
- ✓ Prepared to be a trustee of the church
- ✓ Able to consider the views of the whole church when making decisions at meetings

Church Steward needs to be

- ✓ A church member
- ✓ Willing to attend monthly meetings and liaise with other committees
- ✓ Support worship on Sunday morning (on a rota basis)
- ✓ Prepared to be a trustee of the church
- ✓ Willing to think strategically about church life.



Eco-Lent '26
Knowle Parish Church

Understanding Creation Care
- a study course for Lent 2026

Tuesday 24th February God Cares About Biodiversity Loss – Prof. Darren Evans, Professor of Ecology and Conservation, University of Newcastle

Tuesday 3rd March God Loves The Oceans – Cara Parrett, Marine Biologist, The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, Cambridge

Tuesday 10th March God Loves Planet Earth – Rev. Dr Dave Bookless, Head of Theology A Rocha International

Tuesday 17th March Climate Change is Complicated – so what might we do? Prof. Mike Hulme, Professor of Human Geography, University of Cambridge

Tuesday 24th March Climate Change and Social Justice – Prof. Robert Beckford, The Queen's Foundation, Birmingham

'We are now faced with the crisis of Climate Change. My hope and prayer are that Christians will be found at the vanguard of those who influence public opinion and agitate for governmental action' Rev John Stott in 2005

All talks are at Knowle Parish Church at 7.45pm

Each role is for 3 years.

Nomination forms are available from

cc.secretary@solihull-methodist.org.uk and must be completed by **Sunday 19th April**. For more information speak to one of the stewards or Helen Banks, the church council secretary.

Pushchair Club

If you are going past the church on a Monday morning you will see how busy the car park is with Shall We Talk going in the church and Pushchair Club in the Community Hall.

Currently Pushchair Club is thriving and is almost at capacity given the number of helpers they have available on a Monday morning.

These pictures give an idea of some of the activities that the children get involved in.



It is not only the children who enjoy themselves but also their parents, grandparents or carers who bring the children.

Our thanks must go to Jacki Lancaster and Abi, the youth and family worker who have worked so hard to make it the success it is today.

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