

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The rearranged Church Council meeting will be on Monday 13th July at 7pm in the church.

As always members of the congregation are welcome to attend as observers.
Trish Church Council Secretary

SINGING THE FAITH..... 287

**When I survey the wondrous cross,
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

We seldom sing Isaac Watts' well-known hymn other than during Holy Week. This is unfortunate because it is about the significance of the crucifixion which is of course central to all that we believe. I was pleased that we sang it this year on Midsummer Day. The theme is that what Jesus accomplished at Calvary is more important than "my richest gain" or "the things that charm me most". The compilers of Singing the Faith re-introduced verse 4, with its enigmatic lines "then am I dead to all the globe and all the globe is dead to me". (That is a reference to Galatians 6 v 14.) I don't know why this verse has been included, especially when it is claimed that Watts himself later omitted it.

Watts, an older contemporary of the Wesley brothers, has been called "the Father of English Hymnody" because of his prodigious output. Fourteen of his hymns are in Singing the Faith; probably the most popular of these is "Joy to the world, the Lord is come!" Isaac Watts was no stranger to hardship; all his life he had long spells of debilitating ill-health and his father was twice imprisoned for his beliefs as a Dissenting minister. Nevertheless Isaac turned down the offer of free entry to university because that privilege was only for Anglicans. He followed his father as a Dissenting minister.

"When I survey" is usually sung to the tune Rockingham, composed as a hymn tune by Edward Miller in 1790. Miller was the son of a stonemason. He ran away from home to make his way as a musician and later played the flute in Handel's orchestra. **R.D.**

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IN THE SHROPSHIRE & MARCHES CIRCUIT



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A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. IF YOU ARE VISITORS WE TRUST THAT YOUR HOLIDAY WILL BRING YOU JOY AND REFRESHMENT OF SPIRIT. PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP IN THE HALL FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE.

SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY 28th JUNE 2026

10.30 am Claire Harmer

SUNDAY 5th JULY 2026

10.30 am Rev Richard Hall – Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 1st JULY 2026

10.00 am to 12.00 Baby & Toddler Group – in church hall

2.30 pm – 4.00 pm "Cuppa & Chat" – in church hall

**WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY
FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE**
Fiona & Tim, Connie, Julien & Ken,
Richard, Paula & Andrew,
Trish & Darren, Alison & Martin,
Christine & Gerry.

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER MORNING

Saturday 4th July 10.30 am at the URC. A festival of music from Brahms, Vivaldi, Fats Waller and more. Flute – Chris Lacey; Soprano – Sarah Westwood; Piano – Richard Silk. No charge but donations welcome for Pazapa Church Stretton which supports education and medical help in Haiti for vulnerable children and families.

STRETTON FOODBANK UPDATE as at 21st June 2026

We were very quiet Friday, with fewer people than last week. Thanks to everyone that helped with food donations last week. Even though the number of people attending has been lower, we still need your help with the following: Small bags of Sugar, Jam, Honey, Peanut butter, Squash (any flavour).

Of course, if you wish to donate something else, we are grateful for everything we receive, but we do **NOT** need any spaghetti, soup, baked beans or cereal at the moment, while our storage capacity remains reduced.

Food donations can be left in the baskets at the Coop or at the Mayfair Centre. We are very grateful for all your support.

As 'Be Still for the Presence of the Lord' is played a few minutes before our preacher of the day leads us in worship, please take this time to be still and quiet and reflect. Thank you.



The Methodist Church
West Midlands District

BLOOM

West Midlands District Festival

Saturday 4 July 2026

PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS **LIVE MUSIC** **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Bloom is our brand new District festival!

Trinity Methodist Church,
Codsall, WV8 2ER
Sat 4 Jul, 10am-4pm

All ages welcome!

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or visit wmmethodists.org.uk/bloomfestival.html

The day will bring together people from across the District for worship, creativity, conversation, workshops, community and much more, all centred around this year's theme: *Rooted & Growing*.
If anyone is interested in attending Revd Shalome is happy to help book tickets 01743 260939.

Items for the Church Notices for 5TH July 2026 to cdgtorridon@aol.com or 01694 328319. Thank you