

"ENGAGING ISSUES" - Tuesday 7th NOVEMBER at 7.30 pm

Curating Controversies.....interperating Britain's complicated past.

Alex Turrell the National Trusts Senior Collections and House Officer at Powis Castle , Welshpool will talk about presenting and preserving artifacts acquired during Britain's colonila and slave trading past. The telling of their stories tells us as much about ourselves then and now , and remains controversial today.

The venue as usual will be the United Reformed Church , High St., Church Stretton



The Methodist Church



Church Stretton

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.*

SUNDAY SERVICES

Please join us for coffee & fellowship in the hall after these services.

5th NOVEMBER 2023

10.30 am Rev George Heinz - Holy Communion

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2023

10.30 am Adrian Williams - Ludlow

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE STRETTONS

Churches Together Christmas Tree Decoration Making

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the tree decoration making session. We will be holding another one tomorrow Monday 6th November 2pm - 4pm in our vestry. Please bring with you something to use to cut through pipe cleaners. Nail clippers are good!

ALSO.....An invitation to all Church Members. Would anyone be willing to act as a Churches Together representative on a subcommittee of the PCC. There would be no more than 3 meetings per year. The subcommittee would be responsible for the oversight/governance of The Strettons Foodbank so that it was covered by the PCC's insurance policy and its finances were audited in accordance with charity commission guidance. It is not responsible for the organisation and day to day running of the Foodbank. Please prayerfully consider if you could offer to take on this role.

Please see **Sue Hill** if willing to volunteer. Many thanks.

"WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK"

MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Churches Together - Christmas Tree Decoration
in the vestry - please see opposite

TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2023

2.00 pm Autumn Study Group - in the vestry

WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2023

10.00 am - 12.00 Babies & Toddlers - in the church hall

2.30 pm - 4.00 pm "Cuppa & Chat" - in the church hall

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Church Council will be on Monday 13th November at 2.30 in the church hall. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend as observers.

Trish Howard

WHITE PEACE POPPIES

These are available on the table by the entrance door. If you would like to know more please read the article I wrote on page 12 of the November Stretton Focus.

Ruth Davies

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Owing to the unavailability of suitable dates in December, our Christmas Meal will take place on Sunday, 07 January 2024 at 12:30 pm. The caterers are Oak Apple, a local firm from Frodesley, the cost for a two-course meal, main and dessert plus tea/coffee is £20.00, only 5p more than last year! I will put the menu choices on the noticeboard in the hall; let me know what you want as soon as convenient.

Carole Coles

Items for the Church Notices for Sunday 12th November 2023 to
cdgtorridon@aol.com or telephone [01694 328319](tel:01694328319) Thank you.

REFLECTION..... on divided personalities.

In reading about the life of Thomas Cromwell, the close advisor to Henry VIII, it seems that he was a very kind and considerate family man, but as an advisor to the King, he was ruthless and totally uncaring. It appears that he was a man of a divided personality. It was similar for highly ranked Nazi officers at Buchenwald, who would without thought send captive Jews to the gas chambers, then after a day's cruel work, return home to enjoy a pleasant time with their families. It would seem that they had divided personalities.

We are quick to condemn all such examples, but we could so easily trace a similar attitude in our own lives. We may be selective in our choice of friends, but be readily critical of others. One may remember the time when we were critical of those who were Anglican and Roman Catholic. Even within Methodism there was a clear divide between Wesleyans and Primitive Methodists. There is a danger for everyone of us to be entrapped by such an attitude, critical of how people live who are different from ourselves.

In no circumstance could we show that Jesus was a divided personality. He was the friend of everyone whoever they were. He was gracious to Pharisees who were willing to accept him, as well as publicans and tax collectors like Zaccheus. When he was crucified, he died because those of divided loyalties felt condemned by him. When three days later he rose from death, it was to call us to be one with him, as undivided personalities, "to love one another even as I have loved you."

Tony Hearle

