## SUMMER FUND RAISING EVENTS AROUND THE CIRCUIT

## **PLANT SALE**

You are invited to a grand plant sale on Monday 25 August at Clun Methodist Church 10am - 4pm - entry is free.

Many different plants will be for sale with proceeds going 50/50 to Alzheimer's research and Clun Methodist Church.

Plenty of roadside parking - all are welcome.

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## STRETTON FOODBANK UPDATE as at 16th AUGUST 2025

Steady session on Friday. Thanks to everyone that supported us last week with food donations. We had a good supply for those that came.

This week we need your help with:

- 1. Microwave rice
- 2. Tinned peas
- 3. Tinned rice pudding
- 4. Peanut butter

Of course, if you wish to donate something else, we are grateful for everything we receive.

Food donations can be left in the baskets at the Coop or at the Mayfair Centre.

# The Methodist Church

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 24th AUGUST 2025** 

10.30 am Rev Brian Spencer – Holy Communion SUNDAY 31st AUGUST 2025

10.30 am Wesley Morris

## **TUESDAY 26th AUGUST 2025**

11.00 am Sandford Service – at the home

**WEDNESDAY 27th AUGUST 2025** 

**10.00 am to 12.00 Baby & Toddler Group** – NO MEETING

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

**SATURDAY 30th AUGUST 2025** 

2.30 pm to 4.30 pm Cream Teas at 1 Bridleways

## WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Linda & David Moores, Geoff Parsons, Gillian Patton, Hazel Ratcliffe, Tim Record, Christine & Gerry Richardson, Brenda Roberts.

### **DON'T FORGET - CREAM TEAS THIS COMING SATURDAY**

This is a fundraising event to be held at 1, The Bridleways from 2.30 to 4.30pm. We are hoping for fine enough weather to use the garden so if you can bring a garden chair to sit on it would help! Further help serving on the day would be appreciated. **Ann and Jon** 

### METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOKS

The *Methodist Prayer Handbook* is changing! The *Handbook* is reformed and reenergised, with prayers presented in refreshing new ways to nurture prayer life. The new edition has a fresh new dynamic look and style.

The *Prayer Handbooks* for the year September 2025 - August 2026 will be available end of August or early September. The price is still £4.20. Please place your order on the notice by the door. If you are not sure whether this is what you want, there is a past sample by the order sheet.

**Ruth Davies** 

## JAMS & MARMALADES!!

Don't forget to check on the varied selection of delicious jams, marmalades and chutneys in the hall that Linda Moores has made to raise monies for church funds.

## **SANDFORD SERVICE**

The next service at the Sandford Home is on Tuesday next (26th August) at about 11am. As before you are invited to attend but if you cannot please remember this service, the residents and staff in your prayers.

Items for the Notices for Sunday 31st August to cdgtorridon@aol.com or Tel: 01694 328319

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE STRETTONS**

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Churches Together guided walk. I have received a lot of positive comments with everyone having had an enjoyable time.

Thank you to all who contributed cakes and helped in any way to make the afternoon so successful.

Sue Hill

## REFLECTION upon the Apple Tree in Linden Lea.

The Apple tree is a popular tree. After pollination we watch the apples develop so that they are ready to collect.

Children love to reach up to the lowest boughs to pick the newly ripened fruit, while adults set a ladder against the larger boughs, so as to pick an abundance of apples at the centre of the tree and putting them into their buckets. The best apples are at the height of the tree and unreachable, until the winter winds begin to blow so that these apples lie among the dead leaves at the foot of the tree. The apples are then ready to be gathered. They make a popular contribution to a Harvest Festival, when we thank God for all that he gives to us.

The apple tree, according to William Barnes, has a childlike appeal. He remembers the days when he sat on the lowest bough in Linden Lea letting the busy world go by. Nowadays, as an adult, he is in the world of business, but glad to return home to sit on the bough where once he sat, free from the demands of work. He sings the song which he himself wrote:

"Let other folk make money faster
In the atmosphere of dark room'd towns
I don't dread a peevish master
Though no man do heed my frowns,
I am free to go abroad,
and take again the homeward road,
to where for me, the apple tree,
doth lean down low in Linden Lea."

**Tony Hearle**