Oakengates United Church

Spotlight

August & September 2016

Sunday 25th September

11.00am

Harvest Festival

Preacher Rev'd James Whately

Monday 26th September 7.00pm
Harvest Supper
Adults £5 Child £2.50
Booking Essential, Enquiries Pat Guy 613737
Bring your own cutlery, plate, dish & mug

All Age
Family Worship

Sunday 14th August11.00am
led by Terry Gilder
Sunday 11th September
Led by Diane Parkin

15th to 19th August 7.00am

Working Week

Jobs for Everyone
Enquiries

19th September 7.30pm

Fellowship

Rev'd James Whately
Holy Communion

THE BB

JUNIORS

2nd Oakengates Boys Brigade
Junior Section

We began our summer session in May with trips to Telford Town Park, games on Oakengates Park and some indoor organised games. The weather has been reasonably kind to us again this year!

The boys took part in the JS Battalion 10-Pin Bowling competition in April which they won. Tim King also had the highest bowling score. The Battalion Sports competition, at the Cheslyn Hay Junior School, was cancelled due to wet weather and the waterlogged ground.

Our last meeting will be on Tuesday 12th July and we will be starting our winter programme on Tuesday 13th September, with games and organised achievement classes.

We do currently have vacancies in the Junior Section. Any boy wishing to bring a friend along in the winter session is welcome to do so. If you are interested, then give me a call on 07548 574901.

Dave Kelly
Officer in Charge

ANCHOR BOYS

The boys have been enjoying the summer session, when we have been able to go out to Oakengates Park. A lot of fun is had on the exercise machines there, by boys and staff!!

The weeks when the rain has fallen, the boys have enjoyed playing table tennis, skittles, connect four and giant Jenna being the most favourite.

We broke up on Tuesday 12th July and will return in uniform for our Winter session on Tuesday 13th September.

We do have vacancies for boys aged 5½ to 8 years.

Please contact
Sue Hollingshead 0793639606
or
Pat Guy. 01952 613737.

2nd Oakengates Company
The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association
Company Section

The Summer Programme has gone largely according to plan except for the fact that once again the trip to the Wrekin had to be cancelled due to bad weather. Other than that, and one other occasion, we have been able to meet outdoors on all weeks with a number of visits to Hartshill Park and the Town Park, another visit to the Golf Driving Range at Horsehay and a very enjoyable Barbeque evening held at the home of Mr and Mrs Alan Woolley, who we thank very much for their hospitality

The final evening of the session before loading the coach for Camp was on the 15th of July when we visited the Ten-Pin Bowling Alley at Telford.

By the time of publication of this article we will be at our Annual Camp at Axmouth near to Seaton in East Devon and we are, of course, hoping for good weather, although Camp ***is*** enjoyable whatever the conditions (usually!!)

The winter Session will start on Friday the 16th of September and we will his year continue to finish at 9:00pm as we have throughout the summer rather than as in past years going to a 9:15pm finish.

Alan Talbot
Leader in Charge

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Friends,

Think of a day in early August – what sort of image comes to mind? A day with the prospect of glorious sunshine; a day with time to stand and stare? I wonder if reality matches the image? We may be basking in the warmth of summer sunshine...

Whatever the weather, these are days of great significance in a variety of situations; from national and international political settings, through sporting events, to church life. You may take an interest in any or all of these topics and you may also be familiar with some of issues that have been before the recent Methodist Connexion and URC General Assembly meetings. Whether in church life or in the world, all these big decisions have their beginning in ideas that form when there is time and space to appreciate the wider perspective.

This is the time when traditionally folk take a break from the regular pattern or routines of life and take a holiday. Holidays are in many ways 'holy days', with the possibility of refreshment and renewal that benefits body and soul. I think that part of the holiday experience is seeing the world a different perspective. You don't have to leave home to do this, though sometimes it's easier in different surroundings. On their own the headline-grabbing changes be they secular or sacred, will only have real effect if we also allow ourselves to be open to the change that comes from seeing life through the perspective of faith in Jesus Christ. A glorious summer day may be just the time for appreciating or committing ourselves to live with this perspective.

Yours, James

WORKING WEEK
15TH TO 19TH AUGUST 2016

The leader of one of our regular user group commented that Oakengates United Church was one of the best maintained buildings she used. Now why is this – I hear you all asking. It is probably because not only do we have monthly working evenings but we have an Annual WORKING WEEK in August.

During WORKING WEEK we try to bottom out the Church. This means that we clean, dust, scrub, tidy, de-clutter, paint, preserve, cut-back, and just generally do whatever needs doing to make the building look good and welcoming for our visitors. First impressions are so important.

So, if you have a few hours to spare during one or more of the evenings during the week of Monday 15th to 'Friday 19th August we can find you something to do. Speak to Keith Bailey in the first instance because there will be opportunities to work during the day if you would find that easier. Do consider helping to keep YOUR CHURCH looking good.

~~~~~~

HOME & WORLD MISSION FUND COLLECTING BOXES

Dear All,

I have had requests for new Home and Mission Fund collection boxes. If you would like a new box I now have some. If more are needed I can put an order in. Please let myself or Dawn know if you would like one specifying if you would like to collect for "Mission in Britain" (Home) or World Mission. Thank you all very much for your continued support.

Charlotte Briggs.
~~~~~~

69th Flower & Craft Show - 13th August 2016

The preparations have been made and all we now look forward to are plenty of entries for the various sections. It is always pleasing to meet friends who support us every year and who, I hope, will do so again next month.

Some exhibitors have been with us for over 20 years and look forward to the occasion in order to try to be the best in the Show.

The support of friends from other churches is always appreciated and helps to create a wonderful spirit on the day.

Cartlidge House

For about 20 years, we have held regular services at Cartlidge House in our efforts to support the work done for the residents in the home.

We have seen over the years that the staff and residents have appreciated the services, and have joined in the singing of the hymns.

The hymns are always chosen so that the residents can remember them from their earlier days, when they would have attended services in their own churches.

We have two more services booked for this year - on 9th October (Harvest) and 18th December (Carols) - and we would ask as many as possible to support our efforts. Both services will begin at 3.00pm and will last for 30-45 minutes.

Please come and see the happiness we bring to these people.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2016

In the last Spotlight I reported that we had raised £245 at the coffee morning on Saturday 14 May. At that time we had not had the opportunity to count the money donated through the house-to-house and Church collèctions and I am pleased to report that we raised £375.60 making the total £620.60p. This is about £80 down on 2015 so we will have to think how we can increase the amount we raise next year (2017). If anyone has any good ideas please let me know. A copy of the amounts collected by the Churches in the Oakengates & Donnington area is on the notice board.

Sylvia Bailey
Christian Aid Rep.

SUMMER FETE - THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who took part in setting up, running the stalls and games and clearing away on Saturday 11 June. I think everyone will agree that the Hall looked wonderful with all the red/white/blue bunting and it would have been difficult for passers-by to miss the decorations outside. The tables laid out in the style of a street party were a roaring success and I think we may adopt this for future events such as the Fayres.

The total raised for Church funds is just over £1,000. This is a very good effort considering how many other events were happening on that day because it was the Queens Official 90th Birthday. I think we can look forward to 2017 being even more successful.

Saturday 24th September
10.00am until 12 noon

Coffee Morning

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Thursday 29th September 7.30pm
Autumn Bible Reflections
See Notice Board

Sunday 9th October
3.00pm
Service at Cartlidge House

Saturday 15th October
10.00am until 12 noon
Coffee Morning
In aid of Shoe Box Fillers