

NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church and Online

Preachers and readings for Sunday 23rd June

1Samuel 17(1a,4-11,19-23)32-49;
 Psalm 9;9-20;
 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13;
 Mark 4: 35-41

Worship in Church: 10.30am

June 23rd Revd. Barry Bishop HC
 June 30th Sue Peat
 July 7th Local Arrangement
 July 14th Revd. Barry Bishop

Flowers in church this week have been kindly provided by:
 Jenni & Alison

Weekly Programme

Monday:

Friendship Club (2ndMon) 2.30pm,
Badminton Club 9.30 - 11.30am
BB&GA Anchors/Juniors 5.30-8.15pm
Welcome Cafe 5.30 - 8.15pm
Monday Makers 7.30-9.30pm

Tuesday:

JellyTotz Parents & Toddlers 10-11.30am
Step"n"Style (termtime) 3.45-7.30pm
Men's Social (2nd Tue) 10.00-12noon

Wednesday:

Welcome Cafe 10.00 - 12noon
Welcome Garden 9.30-12noon
Supastrikers (termtime) 1.30-2.15pm

Thursday:

Welcome Cafe 10am - 12noon
BB&GA Company 7.00-10.00pm
Craft Group 10.00 - 12.00 weekly

Friday:

Friday Lunch Club 2nd&4th Fri

Saturday:

Welcome Cafe 1st & 3rd of month

Foodbank – The collection crate is available in the church entrance every week.

Church & PFA Events 2024

June 29th Strawberry Fayre (PFA)
 Sept 28th Jumble Sale (PFA)
 Nov 9th Jumble Sale (HMC)

Local Lay Pastor - Interviews

"It was a pleasure to meet and interview a candidate for the Local Lay Pastor role last week. Several people met and chatted with him and helped him when he had to call the AA to start his car after the interview! It was a difficult decision however the interview panel felt that he wasn't the right person for the role. The intention is to review the job description and person specification to make sure we are showcasing the role to attract more applicants. This will be done in the next couple of months. As discussed at the Church Council last week, we will work with the Circuit staff to cover the gap until a Local Lay Pastor is appointed. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to one of the Stewards."

Barry's Last Service

As you all know, Barry will be leaving us soon. His last Service will be on Sunday 11th August. Please come along and help us to make this a memorable time.

The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch, so please, if you can, bring something along and hand it in before the service. Don't worry if you can't, just bring yourself.

Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Friendship Club will be holding their charity coffee/tea afternoon, with bring and buy.

It will be held on 8th July at 2-30pm.

Everyone is welcome.

Model Railway Show - SPECIAL REPORT

Please see the following page for images of this year's show. Despite the weather being showery, windy and cold (this may have worked in our favour), **we raised a massive £3400**, exceeding previous year's figures, and our expectations.

As in previous years, the event was coordinated by a specific team of fund raisers, however, I feel we need to single out Sue & Andy Woodward for their tireless work not only during the last week, but throughout the previous year. They have been working on things, such as, attending other shows, in order to sign up exhibitors for our event and gathering railway memorabilia (which was a particularly good money raiser).

We must thank the exhibitors for coming to display their layouts, which take many hours to plan and create and it is good that they want to share this knowledge and skill with other enthusiasts and interested people. In the words of a young 6-year-old as he left with his mum **"this is the best day ever"**. People attended from far and wide.

Two kitchens were in action. One to keep the exhibitors stoked up (pardon the pun), and the other for our visitors, selling tea and cakes (see Sue & Sylvias message below).

The list of volunteers is lengthy with all those involved in the kitchens, plus a taxi service for the exhibitors to park off site, car parking management, security, door duty, selling memorabilia and many other tasks. A lot of effort was required to set everything up and put it back afterwards, as the whole of the church premises was in use. **A big big THANK YOU to all volunteers.**

Sue & Sylvia say.....

"A huge thanks to all those who made the most fantastic, tasty collection of home baking for the Model Railway event on our church premises last Saturday.

All the favourite tastes were covered, and very much appreciated.

Although the weather wasn't perfect, the atmosphere of warmth and friendly good humour meant that people stayed longer in our Welcome space and kept them coming back for more.

For those of you who came to help serve, make sandwiches, wash up, clear tables and use the card reader; again, thank you.

Without such friends who are prepared and willing to give up their time and talents, these events couldn't take place and God's church here at HMC wouldn't fare as well; and not just financially.

Sue and Sylvia"

And a message received from a local resident.....

"Hi Chaps,

I just wanted to thank you and your team for an excellent day on Saturday.

Really good show, very good organisation. The exhibitor's car parking off site was a good idea obviously a bit of a pain to carry out but well worth it.

Four hundred plus through the door was a great result. I met lots of familiar faces which was really good and had a chance to catch up with people.

Once again thanks for a very enjoyable day.

Cheers

Gerald Maher"

