



# NOTICES

## Invited??

Last weekend we were blessed to have Melissa and Hugh and her friend Jane over for dinner. We have known Melissa and Hugh from our time back in Buckinghamshire, when we all were part of a church there. We met again when Melissa suddenly turned up at Beacon last year, having not known that her and Jane were good friends. What a small world. When we heard that Jane had them over as visitors, we jumped at the chance to invite them for dinner and Melissa accepted. Just one problem: I had forgotten to invite Jane, even though in our minds we were always



expecting her! Luckily Melissa reassured her of this and there she stood, when we opened the door. All was well. No such mess-ups when it comes to the Lord's invitation! Jesus says to all of us: "***Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.***" (Rev.20) So if you haven't done so already, go and open the door! What are you waiting for???

## This Week

### Sunday July 8th:

Morning Service: This Sunday morning our speaker will be Joanne Muir on the theme of 'Wholehearted/Halfhearted - Genuine wisdom' (James 3 v 13-18).

Evening Service: Our 7pm service at the church office will be led by Dave Williams on 1 Samuel 17.

### Saturday July 14th:

Morning Prayer Meeting at the Church Office starting at 8am.

### Sunday July 15th:

Morning Service: This Sunday morning our speaker will be Roger Smallwood on the theme of 'Wholehearted/Halfhearted - Hezekiah' (Isaiah 38).

Evening Service: Our 7pm service at the church office will be led by Roger Smallwood on 1 Samuel 18. This service will be followed by 'Prayers for the Persecuted Church'.

**Monday 16th July:** On this day we are resuming our Prayer Meetings, which will be held on various Mondays. We'll be meeting at the church office and will be starting at 7.30 and finishing at 9.00pm.

## For your Diary

### **Saturday July 21st - Cloverley Hall 50 Years Celebration Day**

The Celebration Day will include children's table top crafts. Laura is asking if Beacon folk could save their cardboard tubes from the inside of kitchen rolls and wrapping paper (not from toilet rolls) for children to make Victorian-era kaleidoscopes! For more info please talk to Laura or contact Cloverley Hall.

### **Saturday August 4th M4G & Inspire Event**

#### ***Visit to Ironbridge including 'Industrial Revolution' tour.***

The Industrial Revolution has led to the biggest change in human lifestyle since the invention of farming thousands of years ago. It began in Shropshire in 1709 with a new process for producing iron on a larger scale than before, and this was soon combined with the steam engine to produce power on large scales - first to power machine tools in factories, then in transport with engines that powered ships and trains. It could only begin where several factors came together, and Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale had them all. Come on a free guided tour that explains what happened and shows you the sites and sights of the early Industrial Revolution!

#### ***Event itinerary:***

9am: Departing Whitchurch (car share will be arranged)

10am: Walking & educational round-tour to various sites (4 miles walk with stops)

1pm: Pub lunch at the Riverside and return car journey

3pm: Back in Whitchurch

Please book your place with Erik or Jan as soon as you can. Thank you.

### **Saturday August 18th Wedding of Jessica Faith Muir to Benjamin Armon**

Service followed by tea & cake at 12:30pm at St. Alkmunds Church, Whitchurch.

## Other Items

### **We're making an album!**

We're looking for songs to create an album of music from Churches in our region (Christ Central Shropshire). We'd love to hear your own worship songs and/or songs about faith. If you would like to contribute, please send a submission to [ccshropmusic@gmail.com](mailto:ccshropmusic@gmail.com). Submissions must include a sound file of a rough recording and a file containing the lyrics, along with your full name and name of the church you belong to. No more than two submissions per person please. Our aim is to encourage creativity and to stir up songwriting gifts. While we won't be able to include everyone's contribution, we will make sure that all submissions are given feedback from the team. The submission deadline is 3rd September!

### Provision of food during the School Summer Holidays

Following on from the success of the trial we operated last Summer, where we were able



to provide food for families who find the long summer holiday with no 'free school meals' a particular challenge we plan to extend the initiative this year. In 2017 the trial was conducted in conjunction with Whitchurch Infants School and The Children's Centre. This year we are opening up the opportunity to some fifteen schools located within our area of operation. The offer will be to provide two 'food-boxes' in week 1 and week 4 of

the holidays. The 'box' will contain sufficient food to feed the children for a three week period - i.e. in place of their school meal.

Help in enabling us to provide some of the following items would be much appreciated

- Long life milk or powdered milk
- Pasta sauces
- Tinned meat products – ham, meatballs, chicken, Bolognese, chilli etc
- Tuna fish
- Tinned spaghetti
- Squash / fruit juice
- Individual fruit juices for packed lunch
- Sandwich fillers – meat/fish pastes, peanut butter, jam, spreads
- Cake – long life and seal wrapped
- Snack bars and chocolate biscuits
- Individual packs of crisps

Please leave in your normal depository bin – at your church , TESCO or Sainsburys. This initiative has been supported by the local schools and Children's Centre, Whitchurch Foodbank, and Churches Together.