



Davenport Road Methodist Church

Growing ...Because God is changing lives

Morning Worship

Welcome to our morning worship. We start with a time of worship songs and prayers. This is followed by an All-Age Talk, after which our offering is taken and then the children leave us for their own activities. We continue with more sung worship followed by God's message from a minister or local preacher. We conclude with a response to the message and prayers of intercession. We hope you will enjoy participating in this with us.

Evening Worship

Welcome to our evening worship which follows a more traditional style and is often based on the lectionary readings for the day.

Notice Sheet

Items for the next notice sheet may be given to Ann Gray or sent to: notices@davroadchurch.co.uk before 9.00 am each Thursday

Prayers for you and others

Please take note of the names on the screen needing our prayers this week. If you would like prayers put on the screen or said in church for you or those you love, please let Rosemary Britton or one of the Stewards know, (but make sure you have the consent of those you want prayers for).

In your private prayers remember before God those situations in the national and international news needing prayer. If you want someone to pray with you today, please speak to one of the Prayer Stewards at the end of the service.

As a church we have a Prayer Cycle. If you or someone you love requires praying for please contact June Pratley. Tel: 01993 868570 or email june.pratley@tiscali.co.uk. But make sure you have their consent.

MINISTER Rev Peter Goodhall Tel: 01993 845322
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For more information about Davenport Road Church visit our website: www.davroadchurch.co.uk or ask for a Welcome Pack from our Door Steward.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
we do so want to pray but other thoughts crowd into our minds.
We are so easily distracted.
Lord, speak to us, despite the distractions.
Lord, speak to us, in and through the thoughts that come crowding in.
Lord, speak to us.
Loving Father, help us to hear what you are saying as we follow Jesus in life's race. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 19 February

10.30 am Mr Richard Bloomfield
6.00 pm Mr Ken Mumford

Monday 20 February

1.30 pm "Meeting with Jesus" House Group Speak to Michelle for the venue
7.30 pm House Group Speak to Rosemary for the venue

Wednesday 22 February

9.00 am Rendezvous - a time to meet and chat
7.30 pm All Age Worship

Thursday 23 February

7.30 pm House Group -123a Brize Norton Road, Minster Lovell

Friday 24 February

6.00 pm Girls Brigade

Saturday 25 February

7.30 pm Voicebox Choir at High Street Church

Sunday 26 February

10.30 am Rev Peter Goodhall (Holy Communion)
6.00 pm Mr Eddie Fowler

A warm welcome to our services today, especially to visitors. You are invited to join us for coffee after the morning service. Sunday School is available for all children aged 0-16 (except on family services when we worship as a family). Normally, the children stay in for the first part of the service and then go out to the hall next door for fun activities. There is a hearing loop for those with impaired hearing. Large print copies of the songs and hymns are available from the door steward.

NOTICES

Churches Together In Witney
Wednesday 29th February 2012, 7.30pm
Lower Hall, Methodist Church, Witney.
FOOTPRINTS THEATRE TRUST PRESENTS
Captiv 8 ...

Contemporary storytelling
for all those who work with children and young people.

Prepare for the Olympics

Ideal for: Holiday Clubs, Junior Church, Sunday Schools, Assemblies

Book a place by contacting:

Sue Spankie at sue@gst.org.uk, or tel or text: 07540 166 137

Payment of £12.50 per person required to confirm booking by 15th February 2012, OR speak to JOY AYERS

Count Your Blessings 2012 leaflets are now available.

As last year, you may like to support Christian Aid this Lenten season, by using the ideas in the leaflet as a guide to help focus on Lent - reflect, pray and give thanks for God's blessings and make a financial gift.

It is suggested that we keep a collection box/envelope at home and return the donation at the end of Lent - in an envelope marked 'Count your Blessings' to Linda Souch or the duty Steward.

This year the donations will probably go to a new project helping a group of widows in Zimbabwe who have formed a farming collective. Not definite but we will report back. Carole Hester.

THE BESOM in WITNEY

The Besom, set up in 1987 and in Witney since 2005, helps people make a difference. It provides a bridge between those who want to give time, money, skills or things, and those who are in need. It ensures what is given is used effectively. The service it provides is free. Their focus is primarily on helping members to get out into the community around them and further afield. This can be done by giving things, giving time as an individual or as a group and giving money. At our recent Pastoral meeting the work of Besom was discussed, and it was felt that it would be worthwhile to let our church members be more informed of the work of Besom and also to provide a box in the porch where items of non-perishable food, items of bed and household linen etc could be collected. These articles would be passed on to Besom in Witney on a regular basis. Larger items of furniture can always be offered by contacting the group direct, who will then collect at their convenience free of charge.

There are leaflets in the porch to explain their work further. We hope you will feel moved to support their work.

NOTICES

Women's World Day of Prayer, Friday 3rd March

10.30 am St Mary's

7.00 pm Congregational Church

Speaker at St Mary's will be Rev Sally Wright

Churches Together in Witney & District Lent Soup Lunches 12.30—2.00 pm

Thurs	1st March	Our Lady & St Hugh Catholic Church
Tues	6th March	High Street Methodist
Thurs	15th March	Congregational
Fri	23rd March	St Mary's Cogges
Weds	28th March	St Mary's Church Green
Weds	4th April	Davenport Road Methodist

Proceeds to Christian Aid & CAFOD

As you can see, Davenport Road Church is hosting this event on Wednesday 4 April (in Holy Week). Jill Bailey would be grateful for offers of 'homemade' soup for the occasion. Please contact her as soon as possible if you can help in this way.

Fair Trade Fortnight 27th February -11th March 2012

There is a Fair Trade Market in the Langdale Hall in Witney on 10th March. Apart from many interesting stalls there will be entertainments and refreshments. But there is more to Fair Trade than a yearly market, so why not look up the web site www.fairtrade.org.uk/step or simply type Fair Trade into your browser. Fairly-traded goods available at St Mary's, Church Green on 4th March & Holy Trinity Church on 11th March. Ann Marsden.

FLOWERS

This week the flowers have been kindly donated by Mrs P. Smith. Thank you.



AND FINALLY ...

A man wrote a letter to one of the Chicago hotels he planned to stay at while on vacation: "I would like to bring my dog with me. He is well behaved and well-groomed. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room?"

The hotel owner replied, saying, "I've been operating hotels for thirty years. I've never had a dog steal bedclothes, towels, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to kick a dog out in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog skip out on a hotel bill. So, yes, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay, too."