



Copmanthorpe Methodist Church
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Churches Together in Copmanthorpe LEP

Sunday 4 June

- 10.30 Praise & Worship
Duty stewards – Tim & Mandy
- 18.30 Holy Communion led by Rev Julia Skitt
Duty steward – Derek

Sunday 11 June – Church Anniversary

- 10.30 Service led by Rev Luke Smith
Duty steward – Ann
Service will be followed by a barbecue – all welcome
Fairtrade stall also available – come and see the wide range of products available

Neighbourhood prayer

Lord, we pray for the people in our village. We pray particularly this week for those who live in, work in or visit:

College Road, The Link and Manor Heath

We ask that each person may come to know you and that you will bring peace and healing in their lives.

This week all the churches in the Circuit will be praying for
**the work of the Methodist Church in Heworth and
also for the General Election.**

Prayer

A reminder that each week there is a prayer sheet in the entrance lobby. Please write your prayers for other people and situations so that they can be included in the service.

This week in Copmanthorpe

Tues	6 June	Women's Fellowship – 14.30
Wed	7 June	Communion service at St Giles – 9.30
Fri	9 June	Praise and Play - 10.00

CTC Housegroups

Tues	19.30	2 Timothy - Men's group (David Withers)
Wed	9.30	Elijah - prophet at a loss - Jeff Lucas (Marg Brown)
Wed	19.30	James (Ruth)
Wed	19.30	Eat, Pray, Share (Russ/Mandy/Jill)
Wed	19.30	Faith Pictures (Bev)
Wed	19.30	Daniel (Sue Jarrett) –32 Flaxman Croft

Church Anniversary and Barbecue – Sunday 11 June

We are very pleased that Luke Smith (Geoffrey and Hilary's son who is Superintendent of the Liverpool North Circuit) will be taking our anniversary service on 11 June. The service will be followed by a barbecue – everyone is warmly invited. If anyone would like to contribute food items or cash please see Bev. Let's pray for fine weather!

Caring for Life Outing

The open day on 17 June celebrates the charity's thirtieth anniversary and the day will include many varied activities (steel band, tractor and trailer rides, children's activities and much more). A restaurant, farm shop, coffee shop and nurseries will also be open. There will be a thanksgiving service for the work of the charity at 10.30 and the attractions will take place from 12 noon.

The cost is £6 (adults), £3 (under 17s and over 60s), and free for the under 3s. If sufficient people from both churches are interested, it might be possible to organise a coach; otherwise we hope to arrange car-sharing. If you are interested in going, please contact either our office or St Giles (admin@stgileschurchcopmanthorpe.org.uk).

Bible Month

From 18 June to 16 July the Circuit will be taking part in the connexional 'Bible Month' initiative, focusing on one book of the Bible for four weeks. In services, preachers will be preaching on the book of James. Bible study notes for small groups are available from the Circuit office or website. And on Sunday 16 July all churches will be joining together for a Celebration at Central Methodist, from 14.00 to 17.30 – see posters on notice board.

Faith in the Questions

Riding Lights Theatre Company, as part of York Festival of Ideas, is presenting "Counting the Clouds", a new one act play, followed by a conversation with leading scientists, at St Michael le Belfrey, 19.30 on Thursday 8 June to Saturday 10 June. More details can be found at www.ridinglights.org/faith-in-the-questions or www.yorkfestivalofideas.com/2017/community
Tickets are free and can be reserved by calling 01904 613000 or booked online.

Spectacles in Malawi

Ruth Perrott will give an illustrated talk after the service and over coffee on Sunday 18 June. This will last around forty minutes.

Holiday Club 2017 - keep the date!

This year's Holiday Club will run from **31 July - 4 August**.

We want to be able to run the 3 strands of holiday club again for pre-schoolers, and both primary school age groups. **Please let us know ASAP whether you can help this year.** If you've never helped before, why not speak to Janet or Rachel – we'd love lots of new members to join our enthusiastic team. You don't need any special skills and there are lots of different roles that you could do. In particular, we need bakers and people to keep an eye on the entrance and exit doors.

If you volunteer to help with the children, you will need to have completed the current safeguarding training and a DBS check.

Second Saturday coffee mornings

There won't be a coffee morning this month, due to a cancellation - sorry for any disappointment this may cause for lovers of coffee and cake. The next coffee morning will be on 15 July (so it doesn't clash with the village carnival) and will be raising money for the Friends of Copmanthorpe School.

We then have couple of dates available for organisations to use our facilities to raise funds. The dates are 12 August, 9 September and 11 November. If you know anyone who might be interested in booking one of these slots, please ask them to contact Janet White (704203).

Church Leaders' General Election Statement – “That they might have life”

Leaders of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church have called for Christians to be guided by their faith in discerning what sort of society they wish the new government to create and have issued the following statement.

As we prepare for the General Election, we recognise that Christians across our nations will prayerfully vote for a variety of parties and candidates in good conscience. We celebrate the fact that Christian people are inspired by their faith to debate passionately – and to disagree well – on how the United Kingdom should be governed at this present moment. While much of the debate around the election is rightly focused on individual policies, it is also our duty to ask what sort of society we would wish our government to build. As Christians we have to embrace the reality that our vision will never be achieved by humankind alone, and to look beyond our human time-frames to the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is this future hope that gives meaning and direction to present struggles.

Jesus offers us abundant life, life in all its fullness, and we are called to reflect this eternal promise on earth as it is in heaven. If we believe that all people are made in the image of God, we must surely pray, work and vote for a society in which all people are enabled to flourish and live life in all its fullness in the here and now too.

This is a society in which everyone has enough food, resources, shelter and opportunity to succeed, and where people are not left behind or damaged by poverty and inequality.

This is a society where our common humanity is valued and respected, where people can find refuge, and where everyone can contribute towards the common good.

This is a society that acts to protect God's creation, and seeks to be a peaceful influence in the world, promoting human rights, religious freedom and economic justice for all.

So we invite you to pray for everyone standing for office and for all voters. We pray that Christians across our nations entering the polling booth on 8 June do so as followers of Jesus Christ, seeking to take part in creating a society which reflects God's kingdom of goodness and of justice. A society that encourages life in all its fullness.

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