

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR 19<sup>th</sup> November

Zephaniah 1.7,12-18; Psalm 90.1-8, (9-11),12; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11;

**Matthew 25.14-30**

## And for 26th November

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Psalm 95.1-7a; Ephesians 1.15-23; **Matthew 25.31-46**

## “PRAY ALWAYS FOR ALL GOD’S PEOPLE” (Ephesians 6:18)

We continue to hold in our prayers and thoughts: Phil & Bridget;  
Jennie & Peter Binks; John Pearson; Sheila; Mary W;  
Jennifer Tonks; Jenny F.; and all who have recently been bereaved.

## **For Prayer**

As we reflect on another year together as one church we give thanks for our shared journey and pray for God’s guidance as we embrace the future, with a new Trustee body supported by so many others as we use our gifts in the life of Wellspring.

Think of Revd Mark Clay, Regional Minister and Team Leader of EMBA as he recovers from major heart surgery last week, and pray for colleagues as they cover his role during these next few months.

## **A Welsh Prayer**

*O Dduw ein Creawdwr...*

O God our Creator,  
like the collier digging underground  
and the quarryman chiselling the face of the slate,  
you are at work to discover treasure in unexpected places.  
May we produce something beautiful for you,  
even from the darkness and the coldness,  
that we may bring glory to your name  
and for the sake of the coming of your kingdom.  
Amen.

*Revd Jennifer Hurd*

*Wales Synod Cymru*

*(From The Methodist Prayer Handbook.*



19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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**O Israel.....**

## **What's On?**

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30 a.m.** Morning worship with Communion, led by Revd Kevin Price and we welcome friends from Cromford Methodist

**1.45 p.m.** Circuit Walk - meet at Park Head, Matlock

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**7.30 p.m.** Life Group at the Hough's

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**9.30 a.m.** Coffee Stop

**6.00 p.m.** Brigades

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**10.00 a.m.** Churches Together Communion led by St Mary's

**7.30 p.m.** Churches Together AGM at Wellspring

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**6.00 p.m.** Prayers for revival and growth - meeting at St Mary's

**7.00 p.m.** Circuit Advent Celebration – Belper Methodist Church

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30 a.m.** Morning worship at **Cromford Methodist Church** led by Maggie Davidson

**4.00 p.m.** Afternoon Worship at Waltham House led by Sue Watts

## Coming up

### **Christmas Matchbox Appeal for Ukraine**

On Sunday we will be launching our Christmas Matchbox Appeal for Ukraine. Why a matchbox? Because the most flexible, sustainable and effective way to continue to support the people of Ukraine will fit into a matchbox if you fold it up small enough! Last year, our combined matchboxes yielded £525 for Ukraine. On Sunday, we'll find out about how Christian Aid has been working to support refugees, and how our continued support is vital. Please take a matchbox home with you, fill it and return it by Sunday December 10th. Thank you!

### **Muddy Church - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2.00 - 3.30 p.m.**

It was great to see several Wellspring folk at the Stone Centre last month and we are invited to *wander and wonder* again, starting from Marehay Methodist Church, Warmwells Road, Ripley, DE5 8JE for a short walk and also spending time in the church garden thinking about Christingle.

### **Circuit Walk - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

For a longer walk, meet at 1:45pm at Park Head, Matlock – the route will include, Old Matlock, Matlock Bridge, Riverside, and The Dimple (not too much climbing!) and led by Richard Walker: [richardanne70@gmail.com](mailto:richardanne70@gmail.com)

### **Churches Together in Wirksworth & District AGM – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 7.30 p.m. at Wellspring**

WE are Churches Together, so it would be good to have more representation from Wellspring – all invited.

### **Circuit Advent Celebration – Belper Methodist Church, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.00 p.m.** A service of preparation for the season of Advent.

### **Trace and the Resonators concert at Cromford Methodist Church, 25<sup>th</sup> November**

As part of the Circuit Mission activity and our own outreach **Cromford Methodist Church** has arranged a concert by Trace and the Resonators on **25<sup>th</sup> November**. Trace is an accomplished Christian singer songwriter and the evening is something of her faith journey through well-known cover versions and self-penned songs. The evening starts at 7:30 pm and refreshments will be available in the interval.

**Charities Fayre:** Sales at our stall raised £70 for Wellspring funds. A big thank to Barbara, Lilian and Jenny and all who supported them. Kind regards Rob.

**Welcomers please!** The Worship Rota covering December, January and February is now available thanks to Jenny, however there are still a few gaps for more Welcomers please!

You are invited to an afternoon about **the work of The Leprosy Mission on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 2.30pm at Codnor Methodist Church**, Mill Lane, Codnor, DE5 9QF.

The speaker will be Guy Willcock, from The Leprosy Mission. This is an afternoon circuit event in the style of the evenings the circuit has arranged in previous years. Refreshments will be available, and there will be the opportunity to make a donation to The Leprosy Mission. All are welcome.

Parking is available for a few cars in front of the church and there is a free car park next to the church. Please share transport if possible.

### **Wellspring Advent Reflection - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 5.00 - 7.00 p.m.**

An opportunity to pray and reflect quietly, and also join in set prayer on the hour during this evening at the beginning of Advent. In past years this has been a very special time and space. All are welcome, and please feel free to come and go as you like.

### **Warm Spaces**

*Warmer Wirksworth* is back from 1<sup>st</sup> December when Wellspring will be heavily involved again offering our usual weekly and monthly events, and *Lazy Lunch* returns using our worship space on Wednesdays from 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. (as the Annexe is in use by *Young Futures*).

This year a community bus has been arranged from various stops around Wirksworth on **Wednesdays**, so look out for the poster with details of all our *Winter Warmers*.

### **Wirksworth Christmas Lunch – 25<sup>th</sup> December**

A hot Christmas dinner with plenty of company... not everyone gets to enjoy what most of us have on this special day, so we are grateful to Paul Briggs, Ian Ambrose and their team as the *Wirksworth Christmas Lunch* returns this year *and* at Wellspring. Anyone who would like to help, please contact Paul: [busyplanet@outlook.com](mailto:busyplanet@outlook.com)

### **Action for Children Support**

After-Christmas Party in support of Action For Children on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January, at Wellspring Church. Time 4.00pm to 7.00pm, Buffet Food, Games, Music, Slides of Praise. Come along and join in a great time of Family Fun.

### **Jigsaw Foodbank**

There are collection points in the Co-op, St Mary's and Matlock Sainsbury's for donations of non-perishable food items for local families in need. Currently they particularly need tins of meat and fish, coffee, chopped tomatoes, custard, rice pudding and biscuits please. Until December 1<sup>st</sup>, Wirksworth Co-op are also accepting new unwrapped gifts for the Toy Appeal 2023!

Please send all materials for the 26<sup>th</sup> November edition to Barbara Wilson by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November: [barbarawilson3579@gmail.com](mailto:barbarawilson3579@gmail.com)