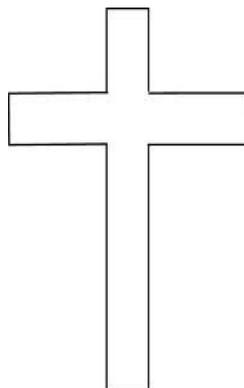


KEMPSTON METHODISTS NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends

The Seven Wonders of the World.

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World". Though there were some disagreements the following received the most votes: 1. Egypt's Great Pyramids. 2. Taj Mahal 3. Grand Canyon 4. Panama Canal 5. Empire State Building 6. St. Peter's Basilica 7. China's Great Wall.

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. She asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many. The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help". The girl hesitated and then read: "I think the Seven Wonders of the Worlds are: 1. To see 2. To hear 3. To touch 4. To taste 5. To feel 6. To laugh 7. To love.

I have just spent two weeks on a very small island in the West Indies. No TV, shops or traffic. It was a Garden of Eden (complete with non poisonous snakes). We got up at 6am to watch the sunrise (not as hard as it sounds, it was lunchtime in Britain) We marvelled at the abundance of nature around us, above us in the sky and beneath us in the sea. It is not surprising that the local people spend their life singing praises to the Lord. So think on as we celebrate our Harvest Festival next week, that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

This coming week try and write your own Seven Wonders of the World and to any youngsters reading this NOT your mobile phone

All God's Blessings

Julie Cunliffe

Psalms 23: 1-4.

'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.'

Creator God, we praise you for the beauty and diversity of the countryside, and for every opportunity to enjoy the diversity of its landscape and the flora and fauna within it. Please give wisdom to those responsible for planning and development, so that they can protect the environment while meeting human needs. Amen.

The following names were in the prayer book at East:

Doreen Bavington

Please continue to pray for these people and situations.

Sue Fluhrer has asked if we would remember in our prayers the family of Ron Turner's youngest niece Jennifer who has recently passed away and whose funeral was last Friday.

Sponsored Bike 'n Hike Saturday 14th September 10am to 6pm

Organised by Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust

Cyclists, walkers and sponsors required. Also people to 'man' the church for an hour during the day.

If you can help in any way, please contact Stuart Simms on 766427.

Half of any money we raise will go to Kempston East.

Midweek Communion is this Wednesday 11 September at East. Please note that both coffee beforehand and Communion will take place in the Church.

Tickets for the Harvest Supper at East on Saturday 14 September at 6.30pm are now on sale priced at £4.00 for adults and £1.50 for children. Please see Pauline Ayres for your tickets.

Our Harvest Festival services at East will be held on 15 September. As part of our thanksgiving we invite you to bring gifts which can be placed on a table at the front of the church before the service begins. These gifts will then be shared between St John's Hospice at Mogerhanger and the Prebend Street Day Centre. There will also be a retiring offering on that day and this money will be given to the Bedford Foodbank.

Song's of Praise at Wootton Green. A big thank you to all of you that provided the cakes and other food and help on the day. The weather was really good. The sum of £210 was raised from sale of tickets and given to the KEMC Vision Fund and a further £50 to the Gadsden Band. Roger Skipper

Leprosy Mission Collecting Boxes. Yes, it's that time of the year again. Those of you with boxes, would you please let me have them for emptying. We like to hand the money over to Leprosy Mission when they visit the Church at the beginning of October. Roger Skipper

Wesley Guild The new session of the Guild starts on Tuesday 10th September at 7.30 p.m. and we like to see more new members, when you would be made most welcome. If you would like a programme, there are a few copies at the back of the Church or please contact me. Roger Skipper

Special cleaning at East

I would like to thank all of you who helped with the special clean of the Fellowship Room, Beginner's Room, Kitchen, Toilets, Foyer and Lounge recently. It was not an easy job this year as the cleaning had to be fitted around the redecoration of the New School Hall which itself required a team of people last Saturday to put it back together again. However, all of the rooms are now very clean and many thanks to you all for your help. Michael Stevenson Property Committee Chairman



We welcome you to our churches today.
Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after
the service.

The Prayer Team will be in the west porch
after the morning service at East - please
drop in if you would like someone to pray
with you.

Sunday 8 September

- 10.30 am Morning Worship at East: Mr Chris Fox
10.30 am Morning Worship at West: Rev Matt Fugill (HC)
6.00 pm AWAKE at East: Rev Matt Fugill

Tuesday 10 September

- 1.30 pm Little Angels and Knit and Natter at West
7.30 pm Wesley Guild at East: 'A Holocaust Experience'

Wednesday 11 September

- 10.00 for 10.30 am Midweek Communion at East (see note inside)
8.00 pm Bible Study Group

Thursday 12 September

- 8.30 - 10 am Kempston East is open for prayer
12.30 pm Lunch Club at East
6.30 pm Anchor Boys and Junior BB at East

Friday 13 September

- 9.30 - 11.30 am Parents and Toddlers at East
7.00 pm BB Company Section at East
7.00 - 9.00 pm Choir practice at East

Saturday 14 September

- 6.30 pm Harvest Supper at East

Sunday 15 September

- 10.30 am Morning Worship at East: Mr Geoff Talbot
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6.00 pm Evening Worship at East: Mr Geoff Talbot
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Kempston East is open every THURSDAY (not Fridays as before)
morning from 8.30 - 10.00 am for prayer

The organ music following this morning's service at East is:
Scherzetto Eric Thiman

Items for next week's Newsletter to Cilla Talbot
Tel: 854434 or cillatalbot@btinternet.com By Wednesday evening.