

# NORTHGATE

The weekly notices of  
**OAKHAM METHODIST CHURCH**

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**March 2024**

***Passion Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>***

***Easter Day 31<sup>st</sup>***



***The Cross Awaits***

***Easter - He is Risen***



## **Three Weeks`Diary**

### **March**

### **Passion Sunday**

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 10.45am Mr Ernest Fytch, tea & coffee**

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Living the Questions (WH)

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> 10.15am Art Group (DH)  
7.30pm Bowls (DH)

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Moving Together (DH)  
10.00am Prayers on Thursday (WH)  
2.30pm Thursday House Fellowship (see back page)  
4.30pm Private Woodwind Concert (WH)

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 6.00pm OMC Quiz Night (DH)

### **Palm Sunday**

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 10.45am Rev Andrew Hollins, tea & coffee**  
**6.00pm United Service at Barn Hill. Preacher**  
**Rev Gill Newton, President of M Conference**

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Private Woodwind Concert (WH)

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> 10.15am Art Group (DH)  
4.30pm Rutland Junior Strings (WH)  
7.30pm Bowls (DH)

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Moving Together (DH)  
10.00am Prayers on Thursday (WH)  
7.30pm Tenebrae Service, **Uppingham MC**

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> 10.15am Good Friday Walk (see back page)  
11.00am Service at Buttercross (see back page)

### **Easter Day**

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 10.45am Rev.Bekkie Wright, Communion, tea & coffee**

### **April**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> 1.30pm Stan Fox Funeral (see back page)  
7.30pm Rutland Flower Club (WH)

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.15am Art Group (DH)  
7.30pm Bowls (DH)

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Moving Together (DH)

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 10.45am Rev Sarah Lamb, tea & coffee**



**The flowers for 17 March** have been given by Carol Penfold in memory of family & friends, arranged by Carol, and the **Easter Flowers**, provided from flower funds and arranged by The Team

**OMC Treasurer** – it is with regret I have decided to step down at the AGM on 21 April after over 20 years in the Role. The Church **MUST** have a Treasurer therefore Council is seeking someone to continue this vital work. I will fully support my successor until they are comfortable and *au fait* with the system. If you are able to undertake this Role then please contact me at 07808 775794 or [rogerrowell.7@gmail.com](mailto:rogerrowell.7@gmail.com) for a chat about what's involved

Thanks, Roger

**Lenten Cross** - During the weeks leading up to Easter we have been putting symbols on our Lenten Cross following the journey that Jesus made. On Easter morning (31st March) we will have removed the symbols and we are asking everyone to bring 2/3 flowers (no foil) with you to Church on that morning to thread them through the wire on the Cross to transform it for Easter morning.

Angela W

**Lets Talk** - Ladies ---There will be no meeting on Thursday March 28th as it is Maundy Thursday. **We next meet on April 11th**. Newcomers more than welcome to join this informal fellowship group!  
For more information talk to Ruth.

**Lent Course using the Churches Together in Oakham Lent Studies** - the Tuesday Evening Study Group who meet at 7.30pm on Tuesdays at 13 St Albans Close, LE15 6EW, the Haden's, will be using the **Churches Together in Oakham Lent Course prepared by Shakeel Nurmahi: 'A Holy Journey'**. If any OMC worshippers would like to join this course and receive copies of this course, please let me know so that I can email the course files to you. email [jdjhaden@btinternet.com](mailto:jdjhaden@btinternet.com)

John H

**The annual Walk of Witness** through Oakham, on Good Friday (29th March), is being organised by our church this year: many thanks to all who have offered help. We will still need a few people to hand out Hot Cross Buns to those who walk with us or come to the Buttercross. We assemble at St John & St Anne from 10.15; the walk will set off at 10.30 reaching the Buttercross around 10.50 for our short act of worship led by Bekkie. Also note: the CTiO AGM and Committee meet on **Thursday 21st March**; all are welcome at the AGM which will begin at 10.15 at Oakham Baptist Church. A copy of the Agenda for the AGM, and the Chair's Report from Revd. Stephen Griffiths, are on the CTiO noticeboard. The Committee meeting follows. Please contact Polly Moverley or Tony Law for more information.

**Thursday House Fellowship** - we meet together at 86 Braunston Road on **21st March at 2.30pm** when Rev Paul Cockburn is going to lead us in a Blessings Workshop. Do come and join us. Angela and Edward.

**Good Friday, 29 March, CTiO Walk of Witness** – OMC is responsible for organising the Walk this year. Rev Bekkie will lead the Act of Worship at the Buttercross. As always, volunteer stewards will be needed from 9.30-11.30am along the route and to hand out hot cross buns. If you can help, please contact Tony Law or Polly Moverley

**Stan Fox's funeral** will be on **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 1.30pm at Grantham Crematorium. Friends from Church will be very welcome. Betty is very grateful to everyone who has been praying for them and would specially like to thank Logan and Graham for their practical help.

**Circuit Monthly Newsletter** – if you are able to send a short prayer to Rowan at Circuit for the Newsletter on a rota, please talk to a Steward

**Ecumenical Prayers** – during February the Ecumenical Prayers will be held at The Baptist Church for March & April, 1pm each Thursday for half an hour. All who have a heart for praying together in this way are welcome. Clare

#### **Future Dates for Your Information**

**The Leprosy Mission Spring Effort** is on **Sat 20 April**. At 11am there will be a piano recital by Neville Favell and at 12 noon Logan will enthral us with a medley of rice dishes-more details after Lent, but book this date now Barry Gent

**Sunday 21 April, OMC AGM** following the morning Service

**Circuit Farm Weekend 18/19 May** – see the poster in the foyer for full details of the weekend. Please let Adrian know if you can help with car parking

**Friday 24 May, Bourne MC, Wesley Day Celebration** – singing some Charles Wesley hymns, readings and poetry. Offering taken for MHA

<p>The next Northgate will be produced <b>for 7 &amp; 14 April</b>. <b>Any items for inclusion should be with Roger Rowell</b> by 6pm <b>Wed 3 April</b> at <a href="mailto:rogerrowell.7@gmail.com">rogerrowell.7@gmail.com</a> or 07808 775794</p>
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