



# CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH

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**John3:16**

## Notices for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

We welcome all who worship with us especially if you are a visitor or this is your first time.

Please join us after the service for tea, coffee & fellowship.

If you would like to know more about our church, ask a steward for a Welcome Pack or help yourself from the rack in the foyer.

If you have a hearing aid, please switch to "T" for reception from the church system, during the service.

### Services Today - Aldersgate Sunday

9.40am	Prayer	First Steps Prayer Meeting
10.00am	Service	Rev K. Town
3.00pm	Friends with 'Count everyone in' led by the team	

This week's  
 Church Stewards  
 Door Stewards

Mr & Mrs F. Wheeler  
 Mr & Mrs N. Jones



### Lectionary Readings

Acts 11:1-18  
 Revelation 21:1-6  
 John 13:31-35  
 Psalm 148

### Last Sunday's Offering

£790.09

### Next Week's Service

9.40am	Prayer	First Steps Prayer Meeting - in the schoolroom
10.00am	Service	Mrs B. Gibbs

This year's weekly payment  
 to the Methodist Circuit: **£794**

### Diary for this week

Monday	4.30pm	Creative Kidz Theatre
Tuesday	All am	Coffee Morning
	9.15am	Moo Music - Music & Movement for the under 5's
	11.00am	'Space to be..'. Informal 20-30 minute service, led by Rev Preben Andersen
	7.00pm	Men's Fellowship
Wednesday	9.30am	Mother & Toddlers
Thursday	9.30am	Coffee with God, Bible Study - led by Margaret Andersen
	2.30pm	Sisterhood Anniversary - Speaker, Rev Preben Andersen
	6.00pm	Slimming World
Friday	All am	Coffee Morning
	<b>NO</b>	Choir Practice

**FOODBANK**  
**Please remember**  
**'Dolly the Trolley'**

### Rotas

#### Next Week (26/05/19)

Church Stewards	Mrs P. Harris & Mr A. Richards
Door Stewards	Mrs P. Morgan & Mrs M. Cook
Sound Desk	Mr J. Thomas
Sunday Coffee	TBA
Flowers	Mr M. Strange



### Prayer

Lord God, you answer me when I call. Help me to trust you completely, knowing that you seek what is good for me, that I might bring you honour and praise.

*Amy Boucher Pye*

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These notices are printed and prepared 4U. Please pray for the activities listed and those involved in leadership and witness as well as those who will hear The Good News, perhaps for the first time.

## **JOHN & CHARLES WESLEY: EVANGELISTS & HYMN-WRITERS**

John and Charles Wesley were the founders of Methodism. Two of 19 children born to Samuel and Susannah Wesley of Epworth Rectory in Lincolnshire in 1703 and 1707, their father was the local rector, while their mother was a spiritual inspiration to her many children.

Both John and Charles went to Christ Church, Oxford (1720 and 1726). John was ordained, and Charles and some friends formed a "Holy Club" while still at college. It consisted of men who dedicated themselves to Bible study, prayer, fasting and good works. Such regular disciplines soon earned Charles the nickname 'Methodist'. The name stuck.

Both Charles and John felt called to the mission field, and so in 1735 they sailed to Georgia. Their time among Indians in America was not a success – they struggled for any real spiritual authority in their ministries. Feeling failures, they returned to England in some depression. John summed it up: 'I went to America to convert the Indians; but, oh, who shall convert me?'

Then the Wesleys made friends with some Moravians. They stressed that salvation cannot be earned, but must be received by grace through faith in Christ. Charles was the first to experience this 'true' conversion, when on Pentecost Sunday, 21st May 1738, he wrote that the Spirit of God 'chased away the darkness of my unbelief.'

Only three days later, on 24th May, 1738, it was John's turn. As he wrote in his journal: 'In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed.'

John and Charles Wesley then devoted the rest of their lives to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ – and turned England upside-down. When the established Church threw John out, he took to the fields, preaching to coal miners and commoners. His itinerant evangelism took him 250,000 miles on horseback and to preach over 40,000 sermons. His small "societies" attracted some 120,000 followers by the time of his death.

Charles became the most prolific and skilled hymn-writer in English history, writing hymns that are sung widely today, such as "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling." In all, he wrote more than 6,000 hymns.

The legacy of the two brothers lives on. As well as Methodism, their teaching has widely impacted the holiness movement, the Pentecostal movement, and the charismatic movement.

## **THE STORY BEHIND THE HYMN: 'ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN LORD'**

Not many university students are able to write Christian songs which become worldwide hits, but Don Emry Fishel managed it with his Alleluia No. 1. Nearly 50 years on, it is loved and sung by millions of Christians worldwide.

Fishel wrote it in 1971, while he was a student at the University of Michigan and also music leader of a Roman Catholic charismatic community based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. These were the days of folk songs and guitars, and Alleluia No. 1 fitted the prevailing mood perfectly. Written in E Major, it is ideal for guitar accompaniment.

Mr Fishel became a freelance flutist, flute instructor and composer. He was publications editor for the Word of God and Servant Music for a number of years, and then worked in computers for 25 years. In 2008 he moved to Nashville and returned to music, teaching the flute.

Alleluia No 1 was Fishel's first song, written "rather quickly, in about an hour." It had four verses to begin with, but a fifth verse (which became the third verse) was added later, as he prepared for baptism. As Fishel explained, he wanted the line 'We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever' "to be the centre of the song."

Alleluia No. 1 was first published in the UK in Sound of Living Waters, in 1974.

## **A MOTHER'S POEM**

"Cleanin' and dustin' can wait for tomorrow. Babies grow up, I've learned to my sorrow.  
So quiet down cobwebs; dust go to sleep, I'm rockin' my baby, cause babies don't keep!"



**action for children**

### **ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

It is time for me to empty the Home Collecting Boxes.

Please hand them to the duty steward by **the end of May** at the latest.

Thank you for all your help in collecting for the needy children and families.

### **EASTER OFFERING**

The total collection this year was £229. The envelopes raised £179 and the Sisterhood Maundy Thursday donation was £50.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

*Chris Jones*

### **SISTERHOOD ANNIVERSARY**

**MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2.30pm**

**Speaker - Rev Preben Andersen**

**ALL LADIES WELCOME**

### **CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH**



### **CLEANER REQUIRED**

**5 1/2 hours per week  
(Friday afternoon)  
@ £9.50 per hour  
More details on request**

**If interested please contact Preben**



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Circuit**

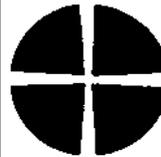
**FAREWELL SERVICE  
for Rev Andrew Webster**

**JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6.00pm**

**St JULIAN'S METHODIST CHURCH**

17 St Julian's Ave, Newport' NP19 7JT

**ALL VERY WELCOME**



### **METHODIST HOME MISSIONS**

Thank you for your generosity.

**We raised £172.99**

If you would like a box, I have few spare

Many thanks,

*Barbara Simms*



### **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The funeral service for **Alison Czajkowski** aged 74 will be at

**Caldicot Methodist Church on**

**FRIDAY MAY 24<sup>th</sup>  
AT 12.00 noon**

Prior to interment at Caldicot Cemetery.

All members at the church remember the family in our prayers.

### **TRANSPORT TO ST JULIAN'S FOR REV ANDREW WEBSTER FAREWELL SERVICE**

A coach has been booked for Sunday 2nd June and there will be spaces available? The cost is £4 pp and we leave Chepstow at 5pm so can pick anyone up in Caldicot at 5.15pm. If those who wish to come with us could either email me or phone me (409406) I will add their names to our list. I will need to know by Sunday 26th May.

*Stuart Nuttall*

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