



May 2019

Together in Wotton

Christians worshipping & working together in Wotton under Edge



Sun 12 - Sat 18 May

**Shop in the
Baptist Church Hall**

The Rope Walk, Wotton-under-Edge

Monday 13 May: 8.45am to 4pm

Tuesday 14 May: 8.45am to 2pm

Wednesday 15 May: 8.45am to 2pm

Thursday 16 May: 8.45am to 2pm

**GOOD QUALITY CLOTHING, BOOKS, JEWELLERY,
UNWANTED GIFTS, WORKING ELECTRICALS (PAT
Tested), PLANTS, CAKE STALL & MUCH MORE**

Tea and coffee served all day
Soup lunch served 12noon - 2pm

(More about) Christian Aid Week

12 - 18 May 2019

The week begins with a Service at the Oliver Memorial Chapel, Synwell, at 6pm on Sunday 12 May. This will be led by Revd Canon Iain Marchant, with speaker Ann Pearce, a Methodist Local Preacher.

See Poster on page (i) for details of shop opening times

If you have anything to donate, in addition to arrangements made in individual churches, the Christian Aid team will be at the Oliver Chapel hall from 10am on **Saturdays 4 and 11 May** to receive and sort all your goodies (not cake or plants, obviously - though they will need them as well).

There will also be street collections on both Friday and Saturday



Town Hall Tea for Open Doors

Sunday 26 May, 2.30 - 5pm

This tea is being held on behalf of those suffering because of their faith. All funds raised will be sent to 'Open Doors' who work to support persecuted believers and help them to be a shining light in countries where religious oppression is greatest.

Do come along if you are able and enjoy home made cakes etc. It's a Bank Holiday weekend, so bring any friends & family who might be visiting you

Chris Lowther

Praying for the Churches

In May we are asked to pray for Wotton Baptist Church. Elsewhere you will see an early advert for the summer Holiday Club, and we pray for Karen Dover as she plans for this, giving thanks for her time and energy, and her commitment to all the youth work she undertakes.

In September the Baptist Church will elect a new and larger Leadership Team, and we pray that God guides the right people to stand for this.

Arlene suggests we could pray for all their young people, especially that they will encounter God at *Spree*, a youth weekend away 28-30 June, and for all the young people going through their exams.

Tom also says: "We're having more and more contact with more and more people who are struggling financially and socially. We need wisdom as to how best to work with others to share Gods care and love for them."

Working at the Car Wash Blues



Hand car washes have sprung up all over the place and are a cheap and usually quick and efficient way to get your car cleaned. However, they have also been identified as a hotspot for human slavery, where people are often forced to work long hours, for little or no pay, and under threat of violence.

Raids by police around the UK have found victims of human slavery living in appalling conditions.

Safe Car Wash is a mobile phone app which allows drivers to report signs of modern slavery. It asks motorists about a series of indicators of forced labour including the use of children; fearful behaviour, lack of protective clothing and prices lower than £6.70 then sends the anonymised data and a GPS position to the National Crime Agency and the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority and directs users to the Modern Slavery Helpline.

The app has been launched by the Clewer Initiative which is the Church of England's Campaign against modern slavery, and the Santa Marta Group, the Catholic Church's anti-slavery project.

Bishop Alistair Redfern, who heads the Clewer Initiative said: "They recruit people who've got mental health issues, broken relationships, come from another culture where they don't trust the police or they may have immigration issues."

For more information or to download the app see

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/safe-car-wash/id1391799915?mt=8>



Messy Church at St Mary's

Saturday 11 May

9.30 - 11am

'Pray, pray, pray'

Breakfast, activities and worship for all ages.

All Welcome

THE



INCREDIBLE

HOLIDAY CLUB

Wotton Baptist Church

Monday 22 July - Friday 26 July

10am-12:30pm

Registration starts 9:45am on first day

For all children who have finished

Reception to Year 6

Registration forms can be downloaded and completed in advance from www.wottonbaptist.org.uk but this does not guarantee a place and you still need to queue

Contact Karen Dover on 01453 844726 or karend@wottonbaptist.org.uk for more info

Aarrgghh! I keeping meaning to go, then I forget ...

First Monday of the month, 10am United Ramblers meet at the United Church
Every Monday 2-4pm St Mary's Games in the Parish Room
Every Tuesday, 10.30am Prayer Group meets at the Parish Rooms
Friday 10 May, 6.30pm Sing & Social at St Mary's - all welcome

Praying Together Morning Prayer Group – Tuesdays 10.30am St. Mary's Parish Room

A year ago, Churches Together in Wotton put together some Lent Prayer Groups – this Tuesday group is still going strong with people from a number of different churches coming together weekly to pray, reflect and chat. If you would like to join them, please turn up on a Tuesday morning or contact Roger Wyse on 844222.



United Ramblers Monday 6 May

Cambridge Walk

Leave United Church at 10am

Start from & lunch at *The George Inn*, Cambridge

Distance : approx. 5 miles

An easy, flat circular walk in the Vale of Berkeley, south of Frampton-on-Severn, taking in the River Cam (which is a feeder for the canal) and a section

of the Gloucester and Sharpness canal.

Fine open views and a mixture of open land, attractive and varied woodland, including Oak Wood.

Spot the wonderful water birds.

An interesting nature reserve en route.

Leaders : Alan & Babs Pearn (01454 260649)

This news sheet is produced on behalf of Churches Together in Wotton. If you have any comments, or would like items included in future issues, please contact me, Judy Mills email judy.mills@live.co.uk