



# Wootton Bassett United Reformed Church May 2012 Newsletter



## Services

Sunday services begin at 10:30am

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| 6th May   | Service marking Christian Aid Week led by the worship team                                      |
| 13th May  | Terry Riches including Holy Communion   |
| 20th May  | Hugh Milsom   |
| 27th May  | Paul Rhodes   |
| Pentecost | We welcome Pastor Rhodes of Rodbourne Cheney Baptist Church to lead worship for the first time. |

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We praise you, gracious God.,

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Revd Tom MacMeekin was scheduled to lead our worship on May 6th. He cannot be with us as he has gone to be with his elderly mother in America, who is very ill. Our prayers are with him and his family.

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### Pastorate profile

Angela Bell is joining Bryan Elkington and I working to produce our Church's part of the pastorate profile. I will represent us at a joint meeting of Elders and Interim Moderators from the three churches on 14th May to start putting the whole document together.

*Jenny*

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### Church maintenance

After the worst of the winter weather passed (and before it came back!) we have had work done on roof joints and the downstairs outside woodwork. In the next weeks the hall will be redecorated, the painter will work around room bookings.

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Remember our **plant sale** at the end of May

. . . let's hope the weather improves so our plants start growing!



Happy Birthday this month to  
Brian, Richard, Fiona, and Nicky

### Rotas for May

	Church Flowers	Welcome	Vestry	Readings	Junior Church	Crèche	Tea
6th	Doreen	Jack	Tom	Sheila, Ron	Eileen	Fiona	Andrew & Eileen
13th	Betty	Eileen	Jenny	Elizabeth, Barbara	Jenny	Elizabeth	Bob & Sheila
20th	Barbara	Bob	Barbara	Nicky, Fiona	Jenny	Eileen	Elizabeth & Brian
27th	Elizabeth	Sheila	Elizabeth	Margaret, Betty	Jenny	Isobel	Jack & Isobel



This year in Wootton Bassett we are raising funds for ongoing work of the Bible

Society in Nicaragua. This vital work is providing Bibles, help and encouragement for children who are attending hospital suffering from cancer; and also practical help for their parents who are often poor. There is an article about this in the current magazine of Word in Action.



On Saturday 30th June there will be a strawberry tea at Church Croft between 3 and 5.

On Saturday 3rd November a Coffee Morning will be held, also at Church Croft.

Further details later, but please book the dates now and support this worthy cause.

*Barbara*



### Christian Aid Week 13th-19th May 2012

Our service on May 6th will be based around resources from Christian Aid giving us understanding of the work done by Christian Aid partner the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone in helping an agricultural community. Envelopes will be available for anybody who wants to contribute money towards Christian Aid week. Then starting on 13th we will be collecting door-to-door.

MCSL has encouraged the farmers in Gbap (pronounced Bap) to set up a food production group to work together to maximise the area's farming potential. Here, members of the food production group work on the community's land. MCSL has given simple tools, including the hoes pictured here, to help their work.



### More dates for your diary

We hope to have a Sunday afternoon with **Sankey** hymns soon. Watch out for a date.

Friday 15th June

**Concert by Chippenham Male Voice Choir**

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## Church Diary for May

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Vision4Life Larks bible study

Tuesday 8th 9:30pm (Note this is 2nd Tuesday in the month this time)

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Christian Aid Coffee Morning and Cake Stall

Saturday 12th 10:00-12:00 Methodist Church

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Community Litter Pick

Saturday 12th 9.30 for 10am start meet at Methodist Church Hall

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Christian Aid Week

Sunday 13th - Saturday 19th

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Vision4Life Owls bible study

Tuesday 15th 7:30pm

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Church Walk at Jubilee Lake

Friday 18th Meet 10:00am at car park

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Sunday 20th Items for next newsletter to Jenny please

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Elders' Meeting

Monday 21st 9:30am Church Lounge

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Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

Saturday 26th 10am-12

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**Hive Coffee Club** for parents, carers, and babies and toddlers, meets Thursday mornings, 9:30 till 12.

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