

SHREWSBURY FOOD BANK A big thank you to everyone who has made a donation of food over the last few months. This helps to provide assistance to families in real hardship. The Food Bank has need of the following at the moment: *-tinned meat (small); sugar; long life milk semi skimmed; large nappies (sizes 4,5 and 6);drinking squash; clothes washing tablets; peanut butter and shampoo.* If you can add some of these to our box in the coming weeks it would be much appreciated.

OUR CHURCH NOTICES This is the last notice sheet in this format for some time. For a trial period of six months you will receive a monthly diary sheet with, each week, an insert of the latest news. This is being done to reduce the cost. In May 2014 the change will be evaluated and a final format agreed. Secretaries of church groups need to be aware of the latest dates for the inclusion of items in the monthly diary. The weekly insert sheet still remains at noon on the Wednesday prior to publication.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE A young girl was babysitting for the first time. At bedtime she sent all the youngsters upstairs to bed and settled down to watch the T.V. One child kept creeping down the stairs, but the girl kept sending him back. At 9pm the door bell rang. It was the next door neighbour, Mrs Brown, who asked anxiously whether her son was there? The babysitter brusquely replied "No". Just then a little head appeared over the banisters and shouted, "I'm here Mum but she won't let me go home."

Items for next week's **insert** sheet should reach Doris or Brian Stock by mid-day Wednesday next, 27th November.
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A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY

SUNDAY 24th November 2013



Prayer before worship



God of all right, who has called the church to witness to your purpose for the social and cultural life of our times, give us a clearer knowledge of your will for humankind, and show us how to present it, with wisdom and courage to all people. Amen

TODAY

10am pre-service Prayer Time in the meeting room

10.30am : Morning Worship led by Revd. Richard Hall.

Stewards : Andy Carson & Jennifer Burton

Welcome team: Nesta Parry & Marianne Barden

Readers: Janet & Maurice Wright

Junior Church: Meryl Carson, Natalie Burton & Lesleyanne Jones

After Service Refreshments: Margaret McGoogan

Please join us for Coffee in the Fellowship Room

THIS WEEK

- Monday 25th November 9.30am Art Group—to which you will be very welcome
- 7.30pm House Group at the home of Ros. Lester.
Topic: *Advent Pot Pourri*. Bring something to share with the group.
- Wednesday 27th Nov. 10.30am Praise and Play: to which parents, their children, Grandparents and Carers are welcome.
- Thursday 28th Nov. 3pm Thursday Fellowship: Speaker—Dora Mann
An Indian Train Journey
- Friday 29th November 2pm Ladies' Friday Fellowship: Speaker—Mrs Carol Marshall—*Broome*
- Sunday 1st December 10am Pre-service prayer time: in the Meeting Room
- 10.30am: A Crismon Service led by the Junior Church

A Crismon is a Christian Symbol representing Jesus
Christ

PHILIPPINES DISASTER Today we have a basket in the vestibule for donations to the Methodist Relief and Development Fund for its Philippines Emergency Appeal. MRDF works in partnership with other churches to respond to disasters and the need for water, food, shelter and medical supplies. Donations are urgently needed to cover the cost of this work. If you wish to 'gift aid' your gift please place it in an envelope with your name on the front. Envelopes are available in the Vestibule. Thank you.

JUNIOR CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD The Junior Church Christmas Card will be available in the Vestibule from next Sunday. We would be grateful if you would sign it and leave a donation for Action for Children in the box provided. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE You may have noticed that we now have opening high level windows at the Altar end of the church. These should provide fresh air in the summer months. As these were omitted, by our Architect, from the redevelopment plans he is paying 75% of the cost!

Three other matters are moving towards completion. Firstly, the steps leading down from the road will shortly have a handrail to give support to those who need a hand. This has been generously funded by a member of the congregation.

Secondly, we hope to have another outside notice board by the car park entrance. This will show the many car park users the activities of our church within their community. Finally the use of the Hall as an overflow for large meetings and large funerals has raised a number of complaints. The Organ cannot be heard, although speech is clear. Our 'sound' Engineers have now designed an addition to our sound system to rectify this.

Help with the funding of these last two items would be most welcome.