

Roundabout



**The Cotteridge Church
Witnessing at the Heart of the Community**

May 2025

Minister's message

Hello and Easter greetings to you. I hope this finds you well.

As some of you already know, my name is Tariro Mukoja. I was Instituted, Inducted and Licensed on the 13th of April at The Church Of Ascension, Stirchley where I am now the Vicar and have joined you here at The Cotteridge Church as the new Church of England Associate Priest. I am married to Brian and it is both our joy to be joining you as we embark on this new journey together open to what God is going to be doing for us all as a church family.



When I realised that I would be starting my new role in Holy week leading us into Easter, I could not help but reflect on the season we are in. Easter is a season in which we reflect on our faith, renew our commitment and seek spiritual growth. It is an important season for us as Christians, as it highlights the love God has for us through Christ, who went to the cross and through whom we get salvation. There is also the aspect of new life in Christ conquering over death, which I want to believe offers us something to hold on to as we step into this new chapter of doing things differently as a church where, in the fulness of time, we will have 3 ministers (one from the Methodist Church, one from URC and one from Church of England) working together as opposed to having just one. It is in how we are open in seeing things afresh, with new eyes, how open we are to working together, to embrace and share the love of Christ anew to the community around us, trusting that the power that brought Christ to life from death is present with us to bring life in all we do.

It is then with this joy of renewed life in Christ that I am looking forward to working alongside you as we allow God to lead us. My first official service is on the 11th of May but I'm sure by then I will have met many of you in and around the church, café and community. When we meet, do share with me your favourite things about The Cotteridge Church and community.

With hope,

Tariro

Friends & Family.

We welcome Revd Tariro Mujoka as Associate in the Local Ecumenical Partnership at The Cotteridge Church.

Devon Deavall was baptised by Barbara Calvert at the service on March 23rd. We welcome him, and his father Bob to our church.

Geoff W, Dorothy's brother, and Don Carter, father of Susan Claridge and Janet Phillips have died. We send our prayers and condolences to their families and friends.

During the Lent Course - Act on Poverty, we were joined by Cotteridge Quaker Chris Martin, and Imam Qiam. The Imam wrote a message following this - See "A Beacon of Unity" on P8. Thank you Imam Qiam.

Tuesday Fellowship is a group which is open to all. We meet on the 2nd and the 4th Tuesday of each month at 2.00pm in the Cotswold Room and below is a list of dates with the speakers /activities. Please feel free to come and join us.

Thank you. Linda Mann

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP DATES - March - April 2025

DATE	TOPIC	OPENER
May 13 th	Celia with her odd objects	S.B.
27 th	Beetle Drive	H.P.
June 10 th	Favourite Hymns	L.W.P
24 th	John Smith - Magic of the Movies	L.M.

Services in May and June 2025

	4th May Easter 3	11th May Easter 4	18th May Easter 5	25th May Easter 6	
10:30 am	Revd Barbara Calvert All age Worship	Revd Tariro Mukoja	Revd Farai Mapamula HC	Revd R. Collins HC	
	1st June	8th June Pentecost	15th June	22nd June	29th June
10:30 am	<i>TBA</i>	Revd Tariro Mukoja HC	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>

At present we are not holding services on Sunday evenings.

Please note that the wine served at Communion on the second Sunday of the month will be alcoholic [non- alcoholic wine is also available - in a metal cup]. The Communion elements will continue to be brought to the congregation in their seats, and glasses will be collected during the final hymn.

Revd Farai Mapamula is a Presbyter at Selly Oak Methodist Church

Revd Jenny Tomlinson is Archdeacon of Birmingham.

Revd Dr Gary Hall is a Methodist Minister at The Queen's Foundation

Service types: HC - Holy Communion: P - Parade LA - Local Arrangement.

Communion Services are normally held each week at 10.00 am on Tuesdays

Zoom Services are normally held on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm

PROPERTY MATTERS

The **Cotswold Room** was recently redecorated by the volunteer group. After putting paint on walls we decided to replace the carpet flooring. The result was better than we might have thought. Many thanks to all who rolled up their sleeves and applied the



glue before carefully laying the new carpet tiles.

We have had several

positive comments from church members. Following on from that improvement Mike Ravenhill has obtained quotes to replace the single glazed windows with new double glazed ones, hopefully making the room even better at retaining heat and improving the letting frequency.

(Steve & Tony prepping the floor before laying carpet tiles)

An area of the **Malvern Room** had suffered an ingress of water from the outside

roof. Dev Sampla was called in to fix the roof problem then we waited a while for things to dry out. Eventually Dev was asked to return so that he (and his employees) could repair the plaster. As you can see it required high scaffolding and professional expertise so the volunteer group stood back on this one.

The **Clee Room** has also recently been redecorated, but at that time we decided to leave replacing the carpet. With a success in laying tiles in the Cotswold Room the volunteer group decided to lay new tiles in the Clee Room. We have recently been joined by a new volunteer, Bill Brown, and he is proving a valuable asset. As well as stripping floors of stuck foam he is prepared to point brickwork on the roof when the weather is suitable. In short, the property volunteers have recently added their time and energy to keeping the church premises up to scratch for the cost of the materials.

Peter Childs





This year Christian Aid celebrates 80 years of supporting some of the poorest, most dispossessed people in the world across all faiths, those with no faith, and all ethnicities. Fundraising efforts are understandably concentrated on Christian Aid Week which this year is from May 12th to May 17th but their projects and campaigns continue all year and every year. Thanks to CA children in Syria have been able to restart their education following the earthquakes in 2023, and in Rafah, Gaza, Palestinian children have been given brief respite from war and encouraged to keep their culture alive.

During Christian Aid week this year the focus is on Aurelia, a farmer and community leader from Guatemala, where gruelling heatwaves and extreme weather are destroying her crops and her farm and livelihood. This illustrates the urgent need for CA's Restore Campaign which seeks to challenge the reckless corporations that are driving the climate and debt crises which are trapping millions of people in poverty. The financial system that most of us live by was developed by the so called developed countries and is stacked against low income countries which the rich countries have traditionally colonised and robbed of their resources. This perpetuates a cycle of debt and allows greedy lenders to prey on the most vulnerable, like Aurelia, robbing them of their dignity and denying them the opportunity to make their lives better.

The UK Government is uniquely placed to make polluters pay and leaders to cancel debts. Many of the world's biggest polluters have headquarters in the UK and 90% of debts owed by low income countries to private companies are governed by UK law. CA have a petition for you to sign and to share and they are organising regular online webinars and workshops if you would like to know more.

Go to www.christianaid.org.uk>news>campaigns

Donate today!



<https://giving.give-star.com/online/christian-aid/christian-aid-week-2025-f087c>

Using this link donations will go direct to Christian Aid who will be able to tell us how much we raise at The Cotteridge Church.

Barbara Calvert

**Annual Garden Party
Tea
for
Christian Aid
3-5pm Sunday 18th May**

5 Middleton Hall Road,
Cotteridge
B30 1AB
All welcome!



**And now faith, hope,
and love remain, these
three, and the greatest
of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13**

MealTokens

Many thanks to all who have so enthusiastically supported the new meal token initiative. We had a tremendous response and now have a whole stock of tokens to be distributed. Every token pays for a free meal for the recipient at the church café.

The tokens are being distributed through the Foodbank based at the

Cotteridge Quakers Meeting House. Anne and Nicola who manage the Foodbank are delighted with the scheme and monitoring it carefully. Each token is given to a selected client of the Foodbank. Priority categories are the elderly, families and those living alone. The name of the recipient is written on the back of the token, can only be used by them and then when they come into the café for their meal the token is collected in. In this way we have a record of those who have taken advantage of the scheme.



One elderly couple came in with their tokens, enjoyed a meal so much they came back the next day with some cakes they had made to donate to the church café! At the end of the April, I will meet with Anne and Nicola again for an evaluation. One thought is that the tokens might be especially valuable in the school holidays when the whole family could come in for one of Tina's fantastic all-day breakfasts.

Barbara Calvert

Charles Wesley

Commemorated on 24th May - in the Anglican Church Charles Wesley was born 18 Dec 1707 in Epworth, Lincolnshire, the 18th child of parents Susanna & Samuel and where his father was rector of the local parish church of St Andrew.

He died on 29 Mar 1788 in London

He was an English Anglican cleric and a principal leader of the Methodist movement. He was a prolific hymn writer who wrote over 6,500 hymns during his lifetime, many of which are still frequently sung now. Some of the more familiar include:

- "And Can It Be That I Should Gain?"
- "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
- "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
- "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"
- "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
- "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
- "O Thou Who Camest from Above"
- "Rejoice, the Lord is King"
- "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

He was educated at Oxford University, where his brothers had also studied, and he formed the "Holy Club" among his fellow students in 1729. His older brother John founded the Methodist Church. He followed his father and brother into the ministry in 1735, and travelled widely though Britain converting followers to Methodism. In 1749 he married Sarah Gwynne, the daughter of a Welsh convert.

Although he promoted Methodism, he did not want this to be separated from the Anglican church, unlike his brother John, who wanted them to be separate.

After a period of illness he settled in Bristol in 1756, and then, finally in Marylebone, London, where there is a blue plaque on the site of his [now demolished] home.

Part of a stained glass window in Cambridge Rd Methodist Church, Kings Heath, depicting Charles Wesley. Celia Lester



Gardening at Church

Spring has arrived & with it the abundance of blossom, especially the apple, pear & crab apple trees which have survived the months of grey, wet winter!

The greenhouse is being cleaned ready to start vegetable & flower seeds.

We welcome a new volunteer, Brian, from Beaumont Park, & know this will spread some of the work, but to keep the lovely space colourful, alive & vibrant we are constantly looking for volunteers who can offer even just an hour weekly.

The greenhouse has space for anyone to use, both for themselves & Church. Please see Chis, or Bob if you can help us.



A Beacon of Unity:

Reflections on My Visit to The Cotteridge Church, Birmingham

Today, I had the profound privilege of visiting The Cotteridge Church, a beautiful ecumenical partnership of The Methodist Church, The Church of England, and The United Reformed Church. From the moment I arrived, I was embraced with a warmth and hospitality that truly reflected the spirit of Christ—a spirit of love, openness, and brotherhood. My deepest gratitude to Chris Martin and all the wonderful members of the church for their gracious welcome and for fostering an environment where hearts and minds can meet in mutual respect.

Our discussions were fruitful, enlightening, and deeply moving, as we explored matters of faith, scripture, and tradition. What struck me most was the shared commitment to understanding one another, not merely as representatives of different traditions, but as fellow seekers of truth and servants of the Divine. These conversations are not just exchanges of ideas—they are bridges built over the divides that too often separate us.

In a world where differences are often weaponised, where division is amplified, and where fear can overshadow compassion, dialogues like these are revolutionary acts of peace. They remind us that our faiths, though distinct, all call us toward love, justice, and unity. When Christian and Muslim leaders, when people of all beliefs, come together in sincere conversation, we dispel ignorance, dissolve prejudice, and plant seeds of harmony that will flourish for generations.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, “The believers in their mutual kindness, compassion, and sympathy are just like one body. When any part of the body suffers, the whole body feels pain.” (Sahih Bukhari). Similarly, the Bible teaches, “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1). These are not just words—they are divine calls to action.

Today, at The Cotteridge Church, I witnessed the living embodiment of these teachings. This is the work that heals communities, that mends broken trust, and that lights the way toward a future where peace is not just a dream, but a reality we build together.

To all faith leaders, to all who hold influence in your communities: Let us never underestimate the power of dialogue. Let us never grow weary of reaching out, listening deeply, and standing together. For in unity, there is strength. In understanding, there is hope. And in faith - true, sincere faith - there is the power to transform the world.

May God bless The Cotteridge Church, its congregation, and all who walk the path of peace. And may our continued efforts bring us ever closer to a world united in compassion, justice, and love.

Imam Qiam

Pope Francis

Pope Francis died on Easter Monday, the day after he gave his Easter Blessing to everyone in St Peter’s Square in The Vatican, and to all his followers throughout the world. King Charles said “His Holiness will be remembered for his compassion, his concern for the unity of the Church and for his tireless commitment to the common causes of all people of faith, and to those of goodwill who work for the benefit of others.” Let us remember him for his dignity, sincerity, and love for God, and for all his followers.





The Cotteridge Church
Joint Church Council
Summary of Proceedings Thursday 13th March 2025

Present: Dorothy A., Stephen A., Pam W., Roger C., Alison S., Mike M., Mike R., Norman M., Sandra W., and Chris P., joined the meeting via Zoom.

Apologies: Received from Jane S., Absent: Phil A.,

The meeting opened with a short prayer. Roger shared a new update on Jane S.,

Minutes of previous meeting held on 15th January 2025:

The minutes were agreed as being a true record.

Matters arising:

Ministry going forward: Tariro M., has been appointed to be an Associate Priest here and Incumbent at the Church of Ascension – Stirchley. Awaiting news of her Licensing Service.

AV System: See item on Agenda.

Staff Handbook: Awaiting a review – in hand.

Church Memorials: Jane S., has met with the Churchwarden at King's Norton. They do have provision for memorials to be stored should we be able to locate them. Awaiting further information.

List of members names together with their Pastoral Link name. A list has been collated and printed; this is available from the church office.

Chair stacking: A notice covering the safe stacking of chairs is now in place in Malvern Room: It was noted that some people have not seen the notice. For safety, members are asked to speak to anyone stacking chairs above 25 and 6 free-standing and direct them to the notice.

Safeguarding:

No issues have been raised.

Reports:

CSC: The report had been circulated. There were no items that required approval from JCC. BB numbers have improved / Saplings numbers are varied, story time has been re-introduced / Knit and natter is expanding to use Cotswold Room / Conversations with MFA are ongoing / A lending library for tools is being explored / The exercise class has regular attendees / A yoga class for ladies only has started / Good progress is being made with the Social Justice Plan: key dates are on the church calendar / Roundabout will continue to have regular features, and the Let's End Poverty poster is now the default poster on the Tower noticeboard / Donations have come in for the Lent Meal Vouchers – to date 72 vouchers have been paid for / A Christian Aid tea is to be held in the Coopers family garden on the afternoon of 18th May.

The way in which the meal vouchers are to be used was discussed, and also how the donated money would be used should the vouchers not be redeemed – Vouchers will be numbered, only given out through the FoodBank, a clipboard with a list of vouchers will be put in place, this will note names too - remaining funds to be used to provide meals through the hardship fund.

The report covered the first year aims of the CSC Strategy.

Worship: The report was presented to the meeting and dealt with the Lent course, memorials, from Feedback from the URC minister overseeing Cotteridge and the

new Pastorate, mentioned that the Profile did not contain much information on what the church does in the community. The Profile will be looked at by JCC Chair to determine what it covers – and update as necessary.

A discussion took place on the arrangement of chairs for some services – whilst it is felt not everyone is happy with how they are arranged at times – some visitors find having different arrangements to be most welcome. Trying various settings and having tables and chairs out for Parade services will continue.

Action: Chair to review the profile for the URC

P&M: Apologies given for the late circulation of the report – No feedback or approval required. The report covered the maintenance that have been handled and noted the difficulty in obtaining quotations for ongoing work.

It was reported that quotations for replacement windows in Cotswold had been received – these to be referred to P&M for a speedy acceptance and work to be ordered.

EcoChurch – articles on the environment appear regularly in Roundabout, and the noticeboard in Pennine Way has been updated. Sandra W., was thanked for her work on Eco matters and for keeping members and visitors aware on environmental issues. A formal vote of thanks was requested to be given to the team for the work carried out in tackling the redecoration works. Plans are taking shape to refurbish the vanity unit in the female toilets.

It was noted that tackling maintenance tasks in-house will continue as long as tasks are within the skill set of volunteers, and the intended timescale for projects is reasonable.

Administrator: Alcohol on church premises – the rules concerning serving alcohol in a Methodist building had been circulated – the current position is that alcohol is not permitted except for Anglican Holy Communion - following discussion it was agreed that the Administrator be permitted to explore the possibility of receiving permission to serve alcohol here, clarification of what ‘Conference’ means – to be looked into as it is felt the use of alcohol would assist in meeting the church objectives as set out in the strategic plan.

Issue concerning the difficulty of getting signatories for expense claims and Invoices. The meeting agreed that all JCC members become signatories. Newly elected, co-opted and ex-officio members will automatically be a signatory, retiring members will be removed from the signatory list. The Administrator will be requested to make documents requiring authorisation to be available on a Sunday.

The church is awaiting SMS – the heating engineers to inspect the pipes in Pennine Way over the summer months – JCC are happy for this work to be carried out on the condition that an estimate of costs is discussed prior to any work being undertaken – there should be no work begun in which the costs are unknown.

The question of the radiators in Malvern room being unfit for purpose was deemed to be inaccurate – the main issue it is felt is the controls and settings.

Action: Chair to notify Administrator of decisions reached.

CTB30: meeting to take place next week – 20th March 2025.

Finance: The accounts have been circulated for approval.

The projected income and expenditure figures which make up the main Budget have also been circulated. The Budgets for specific groups are being issued shortly.

The Treasurer informed the meeting that the Reserves Policy requires amending – as an employer we need to budget for redundancy payments – An estimated figure

has been taken into consideration in making the calculations. The Policy will be updated shortly.

Approval of the accounts was proposed, seconded and approved.

The accounts will be forward to the Independent Examiner following the meeting.

Action: Final Budget figures to be circulated – Reserves Policy to be amended. Accounts to be forwarded to the Independent Examiner.

Correspondence:

Line Manager for Administrator will remain unchanged until a future Minister can take over.

AV system: The latest quotation was received following the meeting with Practical AV in January. The quotation exceeds the proposed budget mentioned at that meeting. The issue was raised as to whether a new system is necessary as no funding has been put aside. The treasurer confirmed that while funding is available, the costs involved may be better used elsewhere. As previous meetings have determined a new system is to be sourced and following suggestions received from two representatives who have been part of the group exploring AV solutions, it is proposed we move forward with the upgrade by removing some items it is felt we can do without – mainly the 65” screen, stand and cables, and the two smaller monitors, stand and cables – in addition it is hoped that the annual maintenance charges may be negotiable. An additional suggestion is that members may be approached to make donations towards the cost. It was agreed that the Administrator was to be asked to liaise with Practical AV as soon as possible and have the upgrade work undertaken.

Action: Administrator to liaise with Practical AV in amending the quotation and having the required work carried out.

Mention was made of suggestions received for decoration of the Malvern Room, the ideas will be kept in mind for looking at in greater details at a future date.

Membership: Currently stands at 71.

Events:

13/04 Palm Sunday – 10:30 am - Revd. Farai Mapmula

17/04 Maundy Thursday – 19:30 - Revd. Barbara Calvert - Holy Communion

18/04 Good Friday – 10:30 am - Revd. Roger Collins – service followed by the Walk of Witness at 11:15 am

20/04 Easter Sunday – 10:30 am – Revd. Dr. Gary Hall – Holy Communion

Details are on the website, the Tower noticeboard and in the notice sheet.

Denominational Items:

No items for discussion or information have been received.

AOB: It was noted that we are nearing the first anniversary of the Strategy Plan – a suggestion to update the congregation on the work that has taken place during the year should take place at the Annual congregational Meeting. This was agreed. Chairs of Committees to be asked to prepare a short presentation for the meeting.

The treasurer informed the meeting that the Administrator had successfully applied for a grant from the City Council - £3,000 was gratefully received earlier this month. Thanks were expressed for her timely application.

Action: Committee chairs to be notified of the presentation for 18/05.

Future meetings: 16/07., 18/09., 11/11., AGM 18/05 following morning worship – a light lunch will be available.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with The Grace at 21:25

Doris's Retirement.

Doris has decided it is time to retire from her rôle of serving in our Coffee Bar. She has been helping there since it first opened almost 40 years ago, so we thought we should have a special "Thank You" for her as she leaves. There was a presentation of gifts and cards, and, of course a cake for her to cut. She is the best cake cutter ever - and she has had lots of practice!



Then about 24 of us joined her for lunch in the Waseley Room - formerly part of our Day Centre. Tina brought us all a lovely meal, freshly cooked, and it was an enjoyable occasion. It was good to see our new Anglican minister Tariro Mujoka there too.



Doris with members of C2U who have helped her on the Coffee Bar



Thank you for all your service over the years, Doris.

We hope you will still come often to the Pennine Way to see all your friends.



Sultana Sponge

I have had quite a few good comments about this, so I thought I would share the recipe. All my sponge cakes have the same basic mixture:- the weight of the eggs in margarine and sugar, and about 25% extra flour. Then you can add extra flavours such as vanilla, lemon or orange juice & zest, coffee, cocoa, nuts, or you could use soft brown sugar. It will work with all sizes and numbers of egg too.

I use large eggs, which weigh about 2.5 ounces each. Usually for this variety, I use 4 eggs, which make an ~ 12" square cake. So:

Ingredients:

soft brown sugar	10 oz	Large eggs	4
baking margarine	10 oz	Sultanas	5 oz approx
Self raising flour	12/13 oz	Demerara sugar	handful

Method

Place sugar & margarine in a mixing bowl and cream together.

Beat eggs, and weigh flour. Add about a quarter of the egg mix to the creamed fat & sugar, and mix in. Add about a quarter of the flour & mix in. Repeat this until all egg and flour are added. Mix in the sultanas.

Transfer the mixture into a large baking tin and spread so that it is about 1 inch deep, and make it slightly higher at the edges than the middle, so that it bakes flat.

Sprinkle Demerara sugar thinly and evenly over the top.

Bake in a medium oven [~170°C fan] for about 20-25 minutes, until a skewer pushed into it comes out cleanly. Leave to cool in the tin, and then cut up into pieces.

You can use coarsely chopped cooking apple [peeled and cored first] instead of the sultanas, to make a sponge pudding. Then serve with custard or cream.

Enjoy!

When I bake cakes for a church celebration, I use a 12" square tin, and each layer has a 4 egg cake mix [just to give you an idea of the amount of cake you get from a 4 egg mixture]. A normal 8" diameter needs a 2 egg mix.

Celia Lester

VE Day 80th Anniversary 8th May 2025

This year marks 80 years since the end of the Second World War - commemorated by the Victory in Europe Day, when the Allies accepted the surrender of Nazi Germany.

Our Government has planned four days of celebration from Monday 5th to Thursday 8th May.

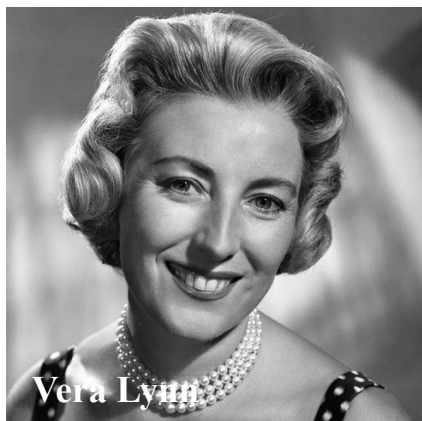
[Visit the Sky News website for details.]

Locally the National Memorial Arboretum will host a tea party for veterans and their families.

Nationally, at the end of the day 2,500 beacons will be lit across the UK, from about 9.00 p.m.

Let us remember the 384,000 British troops and about 70,000 civilians killed during this war, and give our thanks for their service and sacrifice.

The world total is about 60 million deaths.



News from Peru

Jean Morgan has sent details of the news from her friend Penny, who is very active in helping her husband Juan Carlos in his ministry at the church Jesús El Nazareno [JEN] in Lima, and also San Juan Evangelista [SJE] in San Francisco de la Cruz. It is now 40 years since Penny came from across the sea to Lima, and there were celebrations on 12th April.



Here is their message

In San Juan Evangelista there was a celebration for Gregoria as she celebrated 90 years (NOT usual here; 2.5% reach 80), during which she succeeded in talking about the importance of having Jesús in our lives. She was also present at the first “Almuerzo para Abuelitos” (lunch for senior citizens) in SJE in



March. In JEN these lunches continue to be popular, especially since most of those who attend are “founders” of El Nazareno which was founded in 1981 (when, like Villa el Salvador, there was no running water, electricity etc.)



As for work with young people, in SJE there is now a new leader for the group – Luis. Please pray for him as well as for Deyanira and Esteban, the young people who have been doing this. They have had a bonfire on the little hill by the Church, been to see a Christian film at the cinema, and other activities

Please continue to pray for Peru. President Dina Boluarte has an approval rating of 4%, as does Congress. Extreme poverty is about a third of the

population (several families in both JEN and SJE are in this category) despite Peru having one of the best economic growth levels in Latin America (due to copper prices). However the main concern continues to be safety on the streets; any improvement is unseen so far. Head teachers at private schools were recently given a course on how to cope with extortion threats, and police will now be able to shoot anyone caught in the act of committing crimes endangering the police.

As we thank God for His faithfulness, thank you too for your support of us and so many others here – in the Church, communal kitchens, etc. May our faithful God bless you and keep you secure in Him

Juan Carlos & Penny

Boys' Brigade



In March one of our members , Tommy, along with his mum, raised over £1,000 for the Royal British Legion, by sleeping the night in a tent on a farm near Bewdley. Amongst the food they ate was Kangaroo and Squirrel!. They would like to thank everyone who supported them by being a sponsor.

Now that the lighter nights are here, our thoughts are turning towards warm sunny nights playing games in the park,



and our weekend in the countryside at Peckwood



Our General Knowledge Quiz in aid of the Church and Hospice took place at the end of April, and raised £320.

Bob Hotchkiss.

Used Stamp Collection



Thank you everybody who has been saving used postage stamps for Birmingham City Mission. We have a new red box in a new place, on the shelf under the Welcome notice on the right as you come through the door into the church building.



Jean Morgan.





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