

	10th May	17th May	24th May	31st May
10.30	Hannah Seeley	Rev. R. Readshaw HC	Abigail Day	Mrs. B. Shuttleworth

YouTube link for this

week: https://www.youtube.com/live/52hOL8lur_U?si=5ScIUxtqw39PwzEX

The link for the funeral of Ches is; <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=gTQJl9KMmo>

Flower Rota	Coffee Rota
10 th May Mrs. P. Porter	Mavis and Joy
17 th May Mrs. A. Love	Lorraine and Margaret
24 th May I.M.O. Mrs. M. Clark	Zena and Audrey
31 st May Mrs. V. Flinders	Anne and Norman

Rev. Peter Christie proposes to celebrate Christian Aid Week by cycling at least 70 kilometres around the Churches of the URC Wolverhampton and Smestow Brook Group, as listed.

Prayer will be offered at each location for its Mission, Outreach and Future. This will be in Christian Aid Week 10th - 17th May, 2026. When? Tuesday 12th May to Lea Road 1.00 p.m. and Oldfallings for 2.00 pm, and Thursday 14th May leaving from Penn at 12.45. Then Wall Heath, Swindon, Wombourne, Finchfield, Tettenhall Wood, Perton Centre and Home. Estimated total 45 miles or 70 Kms.

Further details at petergchristie@btinternet.com. If you wish to sponsor Peter, sponsor form is on the trolley at the back of the church.

Early Years at Soho

The next meeting of Sedgley Local History Society takes place on **Thursday 14th May** at 7:30 pm in St. Andrew's Church, Bilston Street, Sedgley.

The very short *Annual General Meeting* is followed by a presentation featuring the famous Smethwick factory owned by Matthew Boulton. The speaker is Mary Bodfish a favourite with local history groups and Chair of Smethwick Local History Society.

Manufacturing began on the Soho Estate in the 1760s and culminated in building the Foundry where Boulton was joined by James Watt to form one of the most influential partnerships of the Industrial Revolution. Here steam engines were produced to power all kinds of machinery including pumps for clearing water from mines.

Mary uses archive material to tell an entertaining story as the two men set Birmingham on the road to become 'the workshop of the world'.

As usual visitors are invited to come along – admission is £2.