NOTICES & NEWS

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Nov 9th

Worship in Church and Online

Preachers and readings for Sunday 16th June

1Samuel 15:34 - 16:13;

Psalm 20;

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:

Worship in Church: 10.30am

June 16th Revd. Barry Bishop

June 23rd Revd. Barry Bishop HC

June 30th Sue Peat

July 7th Local Arrangement

Flowers in church this week have been kindly provided by:
Mr M Trigg

Weekly Programme

Monday:

Friendship Club (2ndMon) 2.30pm, Badminton Club 9.30 - 11.30am BB&GA Anchors/Juniors 5.30-8.15pm Welcome Cafe 5.30 - 8.15pm Monday Makers 7.30-9.30pm

Tuesday:

JellyTotz Parents & Toddlers10-11.30am Step"n"Style (termtime) 3.45-7.30pm Men's Social (2nd Tue)10.00-12noon Wednesday:

Welcome Cafe 10.00 – 12noon Welcome Garden 9.30-12noon Supastrikers (termtime)1.30-2.15pm

Thursday:

Welcome Cafe 10am – 12noon BB&GA Company 7.00-10.00pm Craft Group 10.00 - 12.00 weekly Friday:

Friday Lunch Club 2nd&4th Fri *Saturday:*

Welcome Cafe 1st & 3rd of month

Foodbank – The collection crate is available in the church entrance every week.

Church & PFA Events 2024

June 15th Gloucester Model Railway Show (HMC)

June 29th Strawberry Fayre (PFA) Sept 28th Jumble Sale (PFA)

Jumble Sale (HMC)

Facebook

We are intending to increase the activity on our Facebook page and would welcome any articles or information you may have. Please send it in the first instances to the "Notices" email above.

You can also help to boost the presence of our church by becoming a "Friend" of HMC on Facebook, which would further increase our audience. The direct link is below.

https://www.facebook.com/hucclecotemc

Model Railway Parking

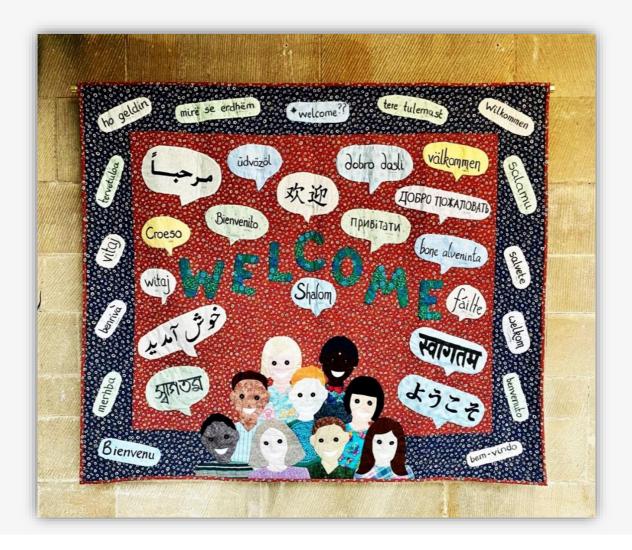
We have received permission to use the car park at Hucclecote Rugby Club **(GL3 3QH)** during the Model Railway event. Could all volunteers, who are able to walk the distance back to church, please use this facility

Photocopier

As the Library is being transformed into a second-hand shop ready for the Model Railway Event, the photocopier will not be available after Tuesday 11th until the following Monday.

WELCOME Banner

The banner below has recently been hung in the passage between the church and the Welcome. We think it was first created just after the Welcome was built. Anne Beddington was instrumental in designing it but that's all we know. If you have any more information would you please contact Mark Dickens or Peter Shaw.



June is an important month for helping the environment

We are in the middle of **Great Big Green Week** (8th to 16th June) so look out for events celebrating that. We are not having anything at Hucclecote this year as we have fundraising events at church on both 8th and 16th June.

This year's theme **Let's Swap Together for Good** is all about making positive changes to help create a safer, greener future. It might be swapping skills in the Welcome Garden or at Craft Group (or just chatting in the Welcome Café) or helping the re-use of clothes and other items at one of our Bric-a-brac and second-hand goods - every swap adds up to make a big difference.

By taking action together, we can show that people everywhere care about tackling the climate crisis and protecting nature. If you have a swap story that is worth sharing please contact nick.butler@phonecoop.coop.



World Refill Day a global day of action for refill and reuse is back on Sunday 16 June.

By using refills we can drive change and show businesses, brands, and governments the need to shift from single-use plastics to refill and reuse.

Research shows that while people want to reduce single-use packaging, there is a lack of access to reusable options. Governments must legislate mandatory standards for

reuse to help the industry meet the rising demand and eliminate plastic pollution. A reusable future is possible, but we must act now!

Our nearest refill shop is Roots café on Alvin Street in Kingsholm – their refurbished café is now open and as you can see is full of dry goods, cleaning products and all kinds of other things. You can take your own containers and fill/ refill them with as much as you need. Why not pay them a visit?

Finally, **Plastic-Free July** is just around the corner, so keep your eyes open for more suggestions about how to reduce plastic waste.





Model Railway Show - Saturday 15th June 10am-5pm

Please put this date in your diary. It is a fantastic event, whether you are interested in modelling or not (I can speak from experience). Here is an update from the team......

"Almost there, Saturday June 15th, 10am to 5pm, for our annual Model Railway Show where the proceeds go to our own church funds.

As well as over 14 model and transport exhibits inside the church, the hall, the lounge, library and the Fellowship room, {we are that big!} we have refreshments and a second-hand stall selling anything connected to trains and vehicles etc.

We need extra bits for the second-hand stall please. Any type of diecast toys, Dinky, Corgi damaged or play worn, any model railway items, railway or transport books and magazines, Airfix models in the box or made up (or half made).

If you have anything to donate, please leave it in the box in the Library marked Railway Show or bring it along on Friday 14^{th} June between 10am and 4pm when we will be in the hall setting up the event and will be happy to receive your donation. If you need us to collect, please phone Sue and Andy on the numbers below before June 14^{th} and we will see what we can arrange.

If you grew up in this area, you may have old photos of the 2 Gloucester Railway Stations before Central station closed (now the site of Asda). John from Gloucestershire Archives will be at our show and he will be interested to see any photos that you or your relatives may have taken. Please bring them along for John to see, Gloucestershire Archives stand will be in our church on the day.

Sue & Andy Woodward 01452-615143 07974935031"



Are you benefiting from the legacy of D-Day?



I know the general election campaign is saturating the news at the moment but as commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day the opportunity to live in a democracy and vote in elections is part of what they were fighting for.

As you may have experienced during the local elections the process of voting has changed quite recently. Here is some brief information to make sure you are ready to cast your ballot.

Get Ready

You need to be:

- · Registered to vote.
- Have the correct Photo ID when you actually go to vote.

If you voted in the recent local elections then you are already on the electoral roll and you are already registered to vote. If you are not sure, contact your <u>local Electoral Registration Office</u> to find out if you're already registered to vote.

Registering to vote

If you have recently turned 16, or moved into the area then you may still need to register to vote where you are now. If you are living in England, you can register if:

- You are a British citizen. or an Irish citizen.
- · You are aged 16 or over.

The deadline for registering to vote in the General Election is 11:59pm on 18 June 2024.

How to register

You can register online it usually takes about 5 minutes. You will be asked for your National Insurance number (but you can still register if you do not have one). After you've registered, your name and address will appear on the electoral register.

There is a different process to <u>register anonymously</u>, for example if you're concerned about your safety or the safety of someone in your household.

If you would prefer a paper form you can register using a paper form. You'll need to print, fill out and send the form to your local Electoral Registration Office.

Check you have the right sort of photo ID

You'll need one of the following types of photo ID to vote:

- · a UK or Northern Ireland photocard driving licence (full or provisional).
- · a UK passport.
- · a Voter Authority Certificate (see below)
- · an older person's bus pass
- a disabled person's bus pass

Important

- The photo on your ID must look like you. You can still use your ID even if it has expired.
- The name on your ID must match your name on the electoral register. If it does not, you'll need to either:
 - register to vote again with your new details (see above).
 - or take a document with you to vote that proves you've changed your name (for example, a marriage certificate)

Small differences do not matter. For example, if your ID says 'Jim Smith' instead of 'James Smith'.

If you do not have any of the accepted photo ID If you do not have a type of photo ID that allows you to vote, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

This won't be the most interesting article you have ever read, but hopefully it gives you all the information you need to participate in the General Election. Please share it with anyone who needs it.