

NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 12th January

Isaiah 43: 1-7;

Psalms 29;

Acts 8: 14-17;

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Worship in Church: 10.30am

Jan 12th Philip Hyne

Jan 19th Islay Roberts

Jan 26th Colin Pascoe

Feb 2nd Leo Gutteridge

Flowers in church this week have
 been kindly provided by
 Mr & Mrs R Kasley

Weekly Programme

Monday:

Friendship Club (2nd Mon) 2.30pm,

Badminton Club 9.30 - 11.30am

BB&GA Anchors/Juniors 5.30-8.15pm
 (termtime)

Welcome Cafe (termtime) 5.30-8.15pm

Monday Makers 7.30-9.30pm

Tuesday:

The Chosen Study Group 2-4pm
 (in the lounge)

JellyTotz Parents & Toddlers 10-11.30am
 (termtime)

Step'n'Style (termtime) 3.45-7.30pm
 (termtime)

Men's Social (2nd Tue) 10.00-12noon

Wednesday:

Welcome Cafe 10.00 - 12noon

Welcome Garden 10.00-12noon

Supastrikers (termtime) 1.30-2.15pm

Thursday:

Welcome Cafe 10am - 12noon

BB&GA Company 7.00-10.00pm
 (termtime)

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

Jan 11th Jumble sale (PFA)
 Jan 25th Jigsaw Sale

Give Climate a Present

From Christmas Trees to empty plastic sweet tubs, visit our website for full details on how to recycle all the waste generated by Christmas.

There is a link in the "NEWS" section of the Website.

PFA Jumble Sale – 11th January

Second-hand, bric-a-brac and jumble sale

Commencing at 2pm

All the proceeds are for the

Brigades Parents and Friends group.

Please will you bring your saleable items to the hall either:

- Between 6pm and 8pm on the Friday (day before)
or
- Between 9am to 12noon on the Saturday.

HELP please. We also need helpers to sell the items.

We are usually very short of helpers,
 so even if you have not taken part previously,
 please come along to help.

Clearing up after the sale is always a big task,
 so, if you are able to help us after 3.30pm to clear away and
 sweep up, please come along.

Thank you from the PFA

Christmas Cards

Christmas wishes were received to all the church family.
 Many thanks for your kind donations towards the Methodist
 charity "All We Can" which totalled £265.

Church Hall - Electricity Supply

There will be no electricity supply to the Hall and all side
 rooms on Friday 17th January from 8am until 2pm. This
 is due to urgent work to be carried out by National Grid.
 For further details see Andrew Jackson.

Church Family News.....

Sadly, we must inform you of the death of **Maurice Walton** on 28th December. Maurice & Margaret came to us at Hucclecote after living in Portugal for many years. They then moved to Lincoln a year or so ago to be near their daughter. Maurice was a prolific writer of poems and I have been provided with one he wrote for his 90th encompassing his life. I will publish this in due course. Please remember Margaret and their family in your prayers.

Irvine Browning also passed away before Christmas. We pray for Elizabeth and their family as they continue to grieve following the funeral on 6th January. The retiring collection was for the benefit of Hucclecote Methodist Church. Further donations can be made online. Please see full details later in these Notices.

On a HAPPY note.....we offer a belated Happy Birthday to **Heti Joseph** who celebrated her 103rd birthday on 30th December. Heti is not able to join us in church but she is always interested to hear what we are doing and often asks about people.

The Chosen Study Group

We start Season 2 on Tuesday 7th January at 2pm in the lounge. There will be 8 sessions and it doesn't matter if you saw Season 1 or not. **All are welcome to join us.**

The first episode is called "Thunder" and deals with tension building between the disciples as Jesus' ministry and fame continues to spread through Samaria following Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well

Annual Service for Church Unity

The annual Service for Church Unity this year will be on Sunday 19th January at 7pm, and will be hosted by Gloucester Community Church, St Lukes, Stroud Rd.

The theme will be praying for our city of Gloucester and launching the prayer-walking for our city.

Christmas Cards

Sylvia is collecting Christmas cards for the Cobalt unit in Cheltenham until 17th January. Please give square complete cards, not fronts cut off as they do not stack properly. Other greetings cards are accepted throughout the year. They are all up-cycled into new cards and sold for funds. The unit has the latest imaging technology for detecting cancer and dementia and relies entirely on donations and fundraising. Last year the cards sold raised over £32,000! Thank you.

Charity Bags

Charity bags are urgently required for the Jigsaw Sale on the 25th January (see poster below). They are to be placed in the Box on the window sill in the Welcome (please note that the box is available throughout the year).

Irvine Browning - Donations

Please see below a link to the collection for the late Irvine Browning: <https://funeral-notices.co.uk/notice/browning/5224610> if you do not wish to, or cannot click on the link, you can find the collection by going to the funeral-notices website and searching for the person.

We will in turn send the collected funds by BACS with a reference number and deceased name. Separately, we will send you a full report of the donations by email with the same reference so that you can easily reconcile the payment and report. The report also gives the name and email contact for the funeral director who placed the notice.

Below is a link to Reach's funeral notice pages which explains a little more about how the pages work:

<https://funeral-notices.co.uk/help/how to use online donations>

Advanced Notice – Safeguard Training

The next Creating Safer Space Foundation Training Course for all Church Volunteers is being held via Zoom on Thursday 6 February 2025 from 6:30pm to 9pm.

All Church Volunteers who have never attended a Methodist Church Safeguarding Training Course or who haven't attended any Safeguarding Training within the last five years, are invited to attend the Foundation Training Course.

To receive the Zoom meeting invitation and the latest Creating Safer Space training handbook, please contact Debbie Long dlong1962@outlook.com.



Hucclecote Methodist Church



Our Services for January 2025

5 th	10:30am	Rev John McNeill Covenant Service
12 th	10.30am	Mr Philip Hyne
19 th	10.30am	Mr Islay Roberts
26 th	10.30am	Mr Colin Pascoe

Remember, "pray" is
a four letter word
you can say anywhere

A Message from the Street Pastors

“ Hi

Attached is a copy of our latest Prayer Bulletin for Gloucester Street Pastors. We are grateful to God for the faithful service of Diana Godden over many years. For specific prayer, we remember Ron Keasley, our Treasurer, overseeing our finances and attending Management Team meetings.

Every blessing

Mike Tookey, Prayer Coordinator”

Gloucester Street Pastors Prayer Bulletin December 2024



Members of the team at Wellfest – Hartpury Sep 2024

Our Work

14th Sept A homeless man had lost all of his possessions and so the team sign posted him to contact City Mission on Monday.

21st Sept Our team supported the police with a possible rape victim whilst she gave her statement and we then escorted her to the taxi.

5th Oct A couple were arguing, a homeless man tried to intervene but was then knocked out. We called the police and a medic and the aggressor was arrested.

26th Oct Susan* was stranded in Gloucester and was helped to find access to details for her transport to Northants.

2nd Nov Our team helped Lisa* and Karen*. Lisa had been helping Karen home as she was very drunk, but in doing so fell and hit her head. The street medics took Lisa to hospital and the team stayed with Karen for over an hour until she was sober enough to get help her a taxi home.

9th Nov Tom* was helped up from the floor, given some water and given help to start his walk home.

16th Nov The team came across a very drunk man who was sat down in a corner and soporific. Our team looked after him for about 1 hour until he was well enough to take a taxi to his hotel.

30th Nov Simon, a young drunk lad was sat outside a shop. He was offered water and after an initial reluctance to talk, after a while quickly engaged chatting with the team.

(*Not their real name)

Every week we continue to receive thanks and compliments from services and members of the public.

Thank God

Give praise for the appointment of our new Administrator Lesley Dinwoodie. Please pray for her as she continues to serve and get to grips with the variety of tasks associated with running Street Pastors.

Thank God for His guiding hand in directing Street Pastors to vulnerable individuals in need of assistance.

Praise God for the sending church fellowships. Pray for a deepening bond through prayer support.

Please Pray for

More opportunities to share the love of Jesus on the streets of Gloucester.

The Management Team as they meet monthly to oversee general operating strategies and specify modes of operation.

Uphold the families of Street Pastors as they often step outside their comfort zones in order to provide support.

The King will reply ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.
Matthew 25 v 40

Jigsaw Puzzle Bring & Buy 25th January

See the poster at the end of these notices for full details.

Sue is asking for any unwanted puzzles you may have hiding in the loft.....

“Following on from last year’s wonderful event, we are holding another Bring and Buy Jigsaw Sale (no books this time).

January is a really good time after you have finished all those Christmas puzzles you may wish to donate them to this sale.

*Please bring along your unwanted jigsaws and leave them on the table in the library after Christmas. We will also be open to receive any puzzles from 7-9pm the Friday evening before the sale and from 9am on the morning of the sale. We need all types of puzzles please including any children's jigsaws and the proceeds will be equally divided between our church funds and WaterAid charity. Offers of help on the day would also be appreciated. The Welcome Cafe will be open on the day for refreshments. Please tell your friends and neighbours to come along and join us too.
Thank you, Sue Woodward”*

Bring and Buy 

Charity

Jigsaw Puzzle Sale

 **Saturday January 25th** 
10am-12:30

 **Free entry** 

Loads of jigsaws
for sale at
bargain prices

Coffee and cake 

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