

NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 19th January

Isaiah 43: 1-7;

Psalms 29;

Acts 8: 14-17;

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Worship in Church: 10.30am

Jan 19th Islay Roberts

Jan 26th Colin Pascoe

Feb 2nd Leo Gutteridge

Feb 9th Rev John McNeill HC

Flowers in church this week have
 been kindly provided by
 Mrs S Dickens

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)

JellyTots 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 25th

Apr 12th

May 17th

Jigsaw Sale

Church Jumble Sale

Plant Sale

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 Garden/Car Park Maintenance

It's human nature that we are quick to comment when things aren't quite right, however, we seem to simply accept when things are looking clean and tidy or nicely decorated without consideration as to who is responsible. Please join with us in offering our thanks to Chris and Len who both work tirelessly throughout the year looking after the borders, trimming the shrubs, clearing the leaves and many other jobs. Thank you Len & Chris, from the church family, for all that you do.

The Chosen Study Group

Season 2 started on Tuesday 7th January and will continue each Tuesday 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.**

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).

Maurice Walton – 90th Poem

In memory of Maurice, here is the poem he wrote for his 90th Birthday.

I'm 90 today
And I'd just like to say,
There is nowhere that I'd rather be,
Than with family & friends
One thing never ends
The pleasure of your company.

As a farmer's young son
I had lots of fun
Just playing around on the land,
But at age of just ten,
My life changed again,
In a way that I hadn't planned,

So off I was sent
To Newark on Trent
where my schooling began, but no fuss
I was late every day
And was early away
For I travelled each journey by bus.

But school didn't suit,
So off I did shoot
To Lincoln, to learn me a job
The ladder I chose, as most of you knows
Was wireless and mending TV's
And also to earn a few bob.

Conscription was next
But I
vexed
Joined the RAF it was to be
Three wonderful years
With not many tears,
On God's little isle in the sea.

One moment so sad
Which was very bad
Was the loss of Johnny, my friend!
On a servicing flight
Things didn't go right
And a mountain top signaled his end

But then came the joy
For this air force Boy
A letter for me I was told
It was from my future wife,
(Still my trouble and strife.)
Renewing our romance of old

Well, that was my plan
Until her Old Man,
Brought us down to earth with a slam
You'll not get your fling
Nor a Wedding ring
Until you have passed your exam.

As life trickled bye
We still didn't cry
But started to work as a pair
Until that great day
One can't take away
Our wedding in weather most fair

Two girls and three boys
Brought us lots of joy
Though some thought our house was a
hive
But nighttime was bed
For each sleepy head
And somehow we all did survive.

We passed through the years
Without many tears
Until all our working days done
Retirement planned
It sounded quiet grand
The plan was for frolics and fun

Beware of your wishes
For like little fishes
Your plans may just slither away
Whatever your wealth
You also need health
To enjoy your pleasure and play

At first it was great
Life on a plate
Just dashing around with free will
Then Margaret fell down,
And fractured her crown,
That kept her remarkably still!

Then she was unwell
For a very long spell
Besotted by COVID and flu
Then shingles as well
For a long itchy spell
She just hardly knew what to do.

Then came a long spell,
When I wasn't well
And Margaret my carer most fair
My legs and my chest
Are not of the best
For walking, I need a wheelchair!

To tie up loose ends
My very good friends
And family wherever you are
I wish you good health
Much better than wealth,
But both would be best, by far!

FRAN attends to our health,
And PHILLIP our wealth
Without them we'd be a sad pair
Sincere thanks to our Fran
And to my right-hand man
For pushing me round in my chair.

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.

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

Jigsaw Puzzle Bring & Buy 25th January

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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