

NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 13th April

Isaiah 50: 4-9a;

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24;

1 Corinthians 15: 19-26;

(or Acts 10: 34-43)

Luke 24:1-12 (or John 20:1-18) ;

Worship in Church: 10.30am

(Junior Church sessions are on the 2nd & 4th Sunday each month at 10.30am:

Apr 13th Andrew Maxwell

Apr 18th 7.00pm Good Friday Service

Apr 20th Easter Sunday,
 (Holy Communion-Rev John McNeill)

Apr 27th Local Arrangement

May 4th Russell Buley

Flowers in church this week have
 been kindly provided by
 Mrs P Robinson

Weekly Programme

Monday:

Badminton Club 9.30-11.30am

Carers Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am
 (3rd Mon)

Friendship Club (2nd Mon) 2.30pm

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

Welcome Cafe (termtime) 5.30-8.15pm

Monday Makers 7.30-9.30pm

Tuesday:

JellyTots 10-11.30am

Parents & Toddlers (termtime)

Men's Social (2nd Tue) 10-12noon

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

Step'n'Style (termtime) 4-8.30pm

Wednesday:

Welcome Cafe 10-12noon

Welcome Garden 10-12noon

Supastrikers(termtime) 1.30-2.15pm

Thursday:

Welcome Cafe 10 - 12noon

Craft Group 10 - 12noon

BB&GA Company 7-10.00pm
 (termtime)

Friday:

Friday Lunch Club 2nd&4th Fri

Saturday:

Welcome Cafe 10-12noon
 (1st & 3rd of month)

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

Church & PFA Events 2024

Apr 12th Church Jumble Sale
May 17th Saturday - Plant Sale

Ted Wilson

Ted's funeral is to be on Thursday April 17th at 12.45pm in our church, followed by a private cremation. All are welcome to refreshments in the hall.

Family flowers only and any donations to Sue Ryder, Leckhampton

Choir Concert Fund Raising

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Hucclecote Methodist Church and Gloucester and District Christian Choir Members for a fantastic night. **Total raised so far for Children with Cancer, from the event and also donations, is £1210.**



Ladies Friendship Club

The next meeting is on Monday 14th April and will take the form of Easter Devotions led by Jenny Jackson. All are welcome to come along at 2.30pm.

Lent Prayers – 13th April Week 6

‘The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.’ Genesis 2:15

In this final week of Lent, we invite you to pray for an end to plastic pollution with an agreement on an international treaty and also for the work of Tearfund with churches and community groups in Latin America aiming to reduce pollution from waste in their local area.



An example of Tearfund’s work can be seen in Honduras, where they have been working alongside Pastor Wilfredo Vásquez, who leads the Church of God in El Rincón. He says: “We had a serious problem with trash, there was waste everywhere in our community. A lot of the rubbish was being burnt. Items included plastics, clothes and nappies. Before there was never any garbage collection. As a church we have worked on cleaning up the community, and have run awareness campaigns about the use of plastics and the burning of garbage.”

Alongside Tearfund, Wilfredo has also worked with community leaders and the local government and now a rubbish truck goes through the town once a week collecting waste. A youth group from the church also collects and recycles plastic, while the other recyclable waste is collected at segregation points across the community. A banner hangs outside the church saying ‘Let’s be part of the solution, not the pollution’.

Yosely Andino, 48, who lives in El Rincón and used to burn her waste, once needed a nebuliser for her granddaughter Valery who suffered breathing difficulties. “One of my granddaughters suffered chest pain, due to smoke pollution, the air was contaminated, but now the way we do it [dispose of waste], it is no longer burned and she has improved in that she no longer gets sick.”

Two billion people, one in four, worldwide (including 40 million people across Latin America and the Caribbean) don’t have access to safe waste collection and disposal. This devastating reality means that as many as one person every 30 seconds is dying globally from illnesses and diseases caused by living near dumped and burnt waste, such as heart disease, cancer and respiratory infections.

Unfortunately, UN talks on a treaty to end plastic pollution finished in December without an agreement in place, but will restart this year.

“While the waste collection and bins being installed in El Rincón will make a big difference to this community, there are hundreds of thousands more communities like this. We need far more action from governments and companies, which is why an ambitious treaty is essential,” said Miriam Moreno, Tearfund’s Environmental and Economic Sustainability regional manager for Latin America and the Caribbean. “The treaty is a once in a lifetime opportunity to bring about an end to the worldwide problem of plastic pollution, this means driving down plastic production and making sure the rest is safely collected and recycled.”

Easter Services

Please join us at one of our services during the period of Lent and over the Easter period. Most of these services are listed in the left-hand column.

Maundy Thursday - 17th April 7.30pm

This service will be held at Churchdown Methodist Church.

Good Friday - 18th April 7.00pm

Rev John McNeill will lead us in a time of worship.

Easter Sunday - 20th April 10.30am

For those who wish, the service will be preceded by a light breakfast at 9am. All are welcome to join in our service and Holy Communion at 10.30am.

Family Fun Event -

Helpers needed

The Junior Church are organising a Family Fun event for Easter

Wednesday 16th April between 4-6pm,

This is for local families and families from the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association. It will be similar to Messy Church, with a choice of crafts and other activities followed by food.

Please would you be able to help with an activity, preparing and serving the food, or the planning? All help will be very gratefully received. Many thanks.

Please contact Sylvia or Beth

EASTER QUEST
FAMILY FUN EVENT



Games, crafts and food
 Wednesday 16th April
 4-6pm
 Hucclecote Methodist Church
 GL3 3QR

Jumble Sale -- Saturday 12th April

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

Commencing at 2pm

All the proceeds are for Church Funds.

We need lots of Charity bags. Please leave them in the box in the Welcome

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.

Many thanks to all who support us.

PS: Charity bags are required throughout the year to help clear up after various events. Please leave in the Welcome



A place for all the family to
Come together, play,
be creative with crafts,
games, Bible stories,
Songs and party food.

Messy Church is about hospitality, where
conversations are enjoyed over a shared
meal. An oasis of welcome, reflecting
a God of unconditional love who wants
all people to have life in all its fullness.



Where: Churchdown Methodist Church,
Chapel Hay Lane, GL3 2ET.

When: Sat. 5th April, Sat. 10th May
Sat. 7th June & Sat. 5th July.

from 3.30-5.15pm.

Voluntary donation.

Children must be accompanied by
a responsible adult.

For more info contact Julie, Email:

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