

# NOTICES & NEWS

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## Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Isaiah 65: 17-25;

Psalms 118: 14-20 or Psalm 150:

1 Corinthians 15: 19-26;

John 20:1-18

**Worship in Church: 10.30am**

*(Junior Church sessions are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> &  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month at 10.30am:*

Apr 18<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Good Friday Service

Apr 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday,

(Holy Communion-Rev John McNeill)

Apr 27<sup>th</sup> Local Arrangement

May 4<sup>th</sup> Russell Buley

May 11<sup>th</sup> Rev John McNeill HC

Our Easter displays will be complete on Easter Day. You can also see them before and after. Pop into the church when you are visiting.

### Weekly Programme

#### **Monday:**

**Badminton Club** 9.30-11.30am

**Carers Coffee Morning** 10.30-11.30am  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Mon)

**Friendship Club** (2<sup>nd</sup> 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** (2<sup>nd</sup> 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** 2<sup>nd</sup>&4<sup>th</sup> Fri

#### **Saturday:**

**Welcome Cafe** 10-12noon  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of month)

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

## Church & PFA Events 2024

May 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Plant Sale

May 31<sup>st</sup> Jumble Sale – PFA

June 29<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Fayre – BB&GA

July 12<sup>th</sup> Model Railway Exhibition



*On this Easter morn, a joyful light appears, a  
 testament to faith, dispelling our fears.  
 Jesus, risen, victor of death; s cruel hold, a  
 promise kept, a story to be told.  
 Let's rejoice and celebrate the hope He brought, a  
 world renewed, a future brightly wrought.*

## Easter Events

Please join us over the Easter period. Most of these services are listed in the left-hand column.

**Maudy Thursday** - 17<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm

This service will be held at Churchdown Methodist Church.

**Good Friday** - 18<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm

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

**Easter Sunday** - 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Easter Offering

The Easter Offering envelopes will be collected in, together with the offertory, at our Easter Service this week.

There will be some spares in the porch as you go into church. If you would like to Gift Aid, please remember to add your name, postcode and amount to the back of the envelope.

This year, we will be collecting for the Methodist World mission Fund. The theme is "**Education for All.**"

Our offering will be dedicated and blessed during a special service on the following Sunday in our church service, where we will learn more about the work these monies will be supporting.

## Jumble Sale

The Jumble Sale on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> was again hugely successful, raising £975 for church funds.

A huge thanks goes to the many helpers without whom this would not be possible. The success is also down to everyone helping to dispose of the large quantity of leftovers. To have this professionally cleared would cost a few hundred pounds. Whilst we do a couple of tip runs, others take clothes for re-cycling and those who are able in the congregation fill their black bins and blue sacks.

A huge thank you to everyone.

## Safeguard Training

The next **Creating Safer Space Foundation Training Course** for all Church Volunteers is being held via Zoom on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 from 6.30 – 9pm. This is for all volunteers who missed the training in February.

All Church Volunteers who have never attended a Methodist Church Safeguarding Training Course or who have not attended any Safeguarding Training within the last 5 years, are invited to attend the Foundation Training Course.

To book a space, please email [safeguarding@glosccircuit.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@glosccircuit.co.uk) and the Zoom meeting invitation will be sent to you nearer the time. Debbie Long will also arrange for the latest Creating Space training handbook to be provided.

## Plant Sale

**Now is the perfect time to divide your perennials and pot some up for the plant sale.**

If you can do it this week, they will have a month to settle into the pot and be in good condition to sell on May 17<sup>th</sup>.



If you are sowing annual seeds or vegetables, please sow a few more or pot some up for the sale. Vegetable plants sell out especially quickly and we can always sell more than we have.

All contributions will be very welcome and help to raise funds for the church. Plant donations can be brought to the church on the afternoon of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May.



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.

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