

# NOTICES & NEWS

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## Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Acts 11: 1-18;  
 Psalm 148:  
 Revelations 21: 1-6;  
 John 13: 31-35

**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)*

May 18<sup>th</sup> Karen Burridge  
 May 25<sup>th</sup> Deacon Sue Peat  
 June 1<sup>st</sup> Alison Jackson  
 June 8<sup>th</sup> Rev John McNeill HC

Flowers in church this week have  
 been kindly provided by  
 Mrs M Fryer

## 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:

**JellyTotz** 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 10.30am  
**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

## AGM – Final Reminder

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The morning service will be followed by a Bring & Share lunch with the Annual meeting immediately afterwards. This change has been made to enable those reluctant to turn out in the evenings to be present.

The agenda is below. The minutes of last year's Annual meeting have been reproduced in the digital copy of this week's Notices (see below 5&6). Please see one of the Stewards if you do not receive digital Notices and they will arrange for a copy to be printed. They can also be found on the church website alongside the Notices.

## Hucclecote Methodist Church

### Annual Church Meeting to be held on Sunday 18 May 2025

- Opening devotions and prayers
- Notes from the Annual Church Meeting held on Wednesday 17 April 2024
- Remembering Church Members who have died since the last Annual Church meeting.
- Appointment of Church Stewards
- Appointment of representatives to the Church Council
- Adoption of the Church Reports
- Any other business
- Date of next General Church Meeting

## Prayer Book

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As you will be aware, we have a prayer book, which is kept on the table in the Welcome and is available for anyone to ask for a prayer for someone, some event or anything of concern.

The Stewards would like to remind you to ensure that, where a specific individuals name is used, permission is received from that person. It is sufficient simply to mention their name, rather than to specify what the problem is. The name will be used in the Prayers of Intercession.

## Car Wash

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The Boys Brigade and Girls Association held their car wash on Saturday, **raising an amazing £500** towards their activities whilst on Summer Camp. This was a very successful event with wide support and it was wonderful to see our young Brigaders and Officers hard at work as a team whilst enjoying the camaraderie and fellowship.

## The Chosen Study Group

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**We will resume our meetings on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, for Season 3.**

Why not come and join us?

So far with Seasons 1 and 2 we have been introduced to many familiar people such as Mary Magdalene and the disciples as Jesus meets and asks them to join him - and we have seen the depiction of well known stories and miracles - The Wedding at Cana, Simon with the big catch of fish, the healing of lepers, the woman at the well, the feeding of the 5 thousand, the healing of the paralysed man at Bethesda, and many more.

The series gives us the historical context, how life looked at that time and an insight into aspects of life under the Romans which we have found enhances our understanding. While there is some dramatic licence, everything is done with respect for the scriptures.

If anyone is interested but can't make an afternoon meeting, I would be happy to arrange an evening group, to start with Season 1. Please speak to Diana if interested.

## Safeguard Training

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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@gloscircuit.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@gloscircuit.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.

Please bring any donations for the sale on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
between 2pm and 6pm.

Here are some of the items you could bring:

- Cuttings, seedlings, pot plants.
- Perennials, annuals, veg plants, shrubs
- Tools and other garden equipment
- Plastic pots – recycling facility – come and help yourself on the day
- Terracotta/Ceramic pots – a large selection will be on sale



**PLANT & GARDEN SALE**

**CAFÉ**

**Saturday**  
**17<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10.30am**

Hucclecote Methodist Church,  
Carisbrooke Rd, GL3 3QR



## No Mow May

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No Mow May is one of the easiest ways to help and connect with wildlife, and the perfect way to start supporting nature in your garden (in May and beyond!).

Join in by letting the wildflowers grow and be part of the No Mow Movement.

### **But I've already cut the lawn, can I still join in?**

Yes! Any time with longer grass will encourage the growth of wildflowers which are great for bees, beetles and other pollinators. Mowing your lawn less frequently can provide enough nectar sugar for ten times the amount of pollinators.

Longer lawns offer birds the perfect foraging spots especially when there are plenty of wildflowers in amongst the grass.

### **Won't I kill all the insects when I cut at the end of May?**

If you can leave some areas long for insects to live in (maybe at one edge of the lawn) then it will certainly help them to survive through June and beyond. However, any extra nectar is good for hungry bees and butterflies, so if you can only do No Mow May it is still a good way to begin to help the wildlife in your garden.

At Hucclecote, we will do No Mow May with the grass in front of church as part of our commitment to looking after God's creation through Eco Church. Keep your eyes peeled: perhaps another orchid will pop up this year!

## Hucclecote Methodist Church

### Annual Church Meeting held on Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 7:30pm

**Present:** the Revd Barry Bishop, Keith Long, Ron Keasley, Elaine Keasley, Sue Clarke, Richard Clarke, Peter Shaw, Kate Amos, Elfed Pugh, Sheila Pugh, Kathy Morritt, Dawn Pearman, Mary Little, Margaret Dunne, Sue Dickens, Diana Godden, Jan Butler, Nick Butler, Mark Dickens, Sylvia Blake, Tim Blake, Beth Sweet, Mike Gregory, Mac McCulla, Sue Woodward, Andy Woodward, Lynne Cooke, Sue Yates, Paula, Debbie Long

**Apologies received from:** John Rainbow, Carole Stokes, Andrew and Jane Jackson, Scott Dickens, Loraine Shaw Barry welcomed everyone to the meeting. Barry opened the meeting by reading Psalm 150 Praise the Lord and with a prayer .

**Notes from the Annual Church Meeting held on 19 April 2023.** Barry signed the notes from the annual meeting held last year.

**Remembering those Church Members who have died since the last annual meeting.** The meeting reflected on the lives of Alan Carne, Joan Morris, Bob Pearman, Diane Rotherham, and Carol Simpson and gave thanks for all the service they have given to Hucclecote Methodist Church.

**Appointment of Church Stewards** The following Church Stewards agreed to be appointed for a further year, Lynne Cooke Senior Steward, Beth Sweet, Tim and Sylvia Blake, Sue Clarke, Christine Brewster. Lynne and Christine will finish their term of office at next year's annual meeting therefore new church stewards will be needed. If anyone wishes to volunteer as a church steward please speak to Barry or Lynne. Barry gave his thanks to the Church Stewards for all their hard work.

**Appointment of representatives to the Church Council** Jan Butler wished to resign from the Church Council and Nick Butler was nominated to join the Church Council. The following are members of the Church Council Minister The Revd Barry Bishop Church Treasurer John Rainbow Pastoral Secretary Mary Little Secretary of the Council Debbie Long Property and Finance Chair Mark Dickens Boys' Brigade Scott Dickens Communications and Room Bookings Jane Jackson Safeguarding Officer Debbie Long Junior Church Leader Sylvia Blake Action for Children Loraine Shaw First Aid Keith Long Health and Safety Keith Long Assistant Treasurer Andrew Jackson Communion Steward Arnold Eke Christian Aid Ron Keasley GDPR role vacant Hucclecote Hub Representative Keith Long

**Ex Officio:** The Revd John Hellyer Circuit Steward Lesley Ward

**Church Stewards** Lynne Cooke, Beth Sweet, Tim and Sylvia Blake, Sue Clarke, Christine Brewster

**Other Church Council representatives** Andrew Jackson, Bernard Brewster, Dawn Pearman, Kay and Brychan Jenkins, Peter Shaw, Richard Clarke, Ron Keasley, Sandra John, Sue Woodward. Additional help is required with operating the sound system, please see Peter Shaw Communion Stewards are needed, please see Arnold Eke or Barry. Volunteers are needed to help with the Memory Garden, please see Beth Sweet.

**Adoption of Church Reports 2024** The 2024 Church Reports have been downloaded onto the church's website. If a paper copy is needed, please let Tim Blake know and he will print off a copy. The reports were adopted.

#### **Any other Business**

**Church letting** Barry has been approached by the leaders of a community of orthodox Christians from the Indian State of Kerala asking if they could use our church building to hold Christian Communion Services on a Sunday afternoon. Barry wanted to gauge the opinions of Church

members. The following was discussed:

- The group would wish to either screen off or cover the Communion table
- The group have asked if they could use our kitchen facilities as they serve food after their communion services
- The group have asked if there is somewhere where they can store items. It was suggested tidying up and recycling the old hymn books in the Choir vestry.
- Income – the amount charged for rent would need to factor in the use of the heating of the church during the winter months
- If the group wished to use the sound system then they would have to leave it in the same position they found it in and not alter it. Similarly with the organ, there would need to be procedures agreed for the use of the organ
- Any cover or screen used to hide the Communion table would need to be funded by the group.
- It was suggested asking other churches in the Circuit who have rented out their churches to other faith groups to let us have a copy of their proposal so we can adjust it according to what is agreed between both parties.
- The group have 30/40 attending although this could increase
- The group must have public liability insurance
- We would need to review their safeguarding policy
- It was suggested photographs of the layout of the church are placed in the vestry so the group can put everything back afterwards
- The Circuit will need to agree to this, Barry will take this proposal to the staff meeting.
- No alcohol would be allowed on the premises
- There would have to be a trial period and then a review carried out. Following discussions, the Church members agreed to Barry and the Church Stewards taking this proposal forward.

**Size of banners proposal** It was agreed to take this proposal to the next Church Council Mark advised that we need to arrange a date for a church tidy up.

**Lay Worker appointment** Barry advised the advert is ready to be published and the interview date is being arranged.

**Letting of Church premises for an interfaith event** Jane Jackson has received an enquiry regarding letting the church buildings for an interfaith event. Jane was unable to attend the meeting and it was suggested the proposal is brought to the Church Council for consideration. There was a report on the BBC news regarding the recent theft from the Welcome Garden. Sheila Pugh asked about the Church finances. The Church Treasurer, John Rainbow, had provided a report for the annual meeting. The church finances are in a healthy position. Mark reported the Grants sub-Committee had met and we need to have a project to be agreed on before we can apply for grants. Quotations are being obtained to improve the church heating. It was suggested having a gift day and to raise money for a specific project or to purchase a tangible item, for example Members could purchase a radiator etc. The focus would be to hold the Gift Day in November around the time of the Church Anniversary. It was suggested letting members know that any items donated, the church could receive 25% in gift aid.

**Date of next General Church Meeting** Wednesday 14 May 2025 at 7:30pm

**The meeting closed with a prayer and the Grace**