

NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 25th May

Acts 16: 9-15;
 Psalm 67:
 Revelations 21: 10,22 – 22:5;
 John 14: 23-29 or John 5: 1-9

Worship in Church: 10.30am

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

May 25th Deacon Sue Peat
 June 1st Alison Jackson
 June 8th Rev John McNeill HC
 June 15th Gareth Zimmerman

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

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:

JellyTotz 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 2025

May 31st Jumble Sale – PFA
June 29th Strawberry Fayre – BB&GA
July 12th Model Railway Exhibition

Plant Sale

The Plant Sale last Saturday was a tremendous success
 raising over £1500 for church funds.

This event continues to be very popular with our wider
 community.

A big thank you to all who contributed to this mammoth
 team event.

Anne Wilson – Thank You

*Anne and her family say a very big and grateful thank you for
 all the care and support shown over the last few months and
 especially for the daily lifts to Sue Ryder and for all the many
 cards and flowers.*

*We are delighted that an amazing total of £2588 in donations
 has been forwarded to Sue Ryder, Leckhampton*

Thank you all, Anne

Prayer Book

You will no doubt be aware that we have a prayer book,
 which is on the table in the Welcome. You are welcome to
 enter a prayer request for the coming Sunday each week.
 This could be for an individual facing problems or health
 issues, a prayer of praise and thanks or, on a wider scale, for
 example, world peace.

Our Stewards have specifically emphasised that, if it is for a
 named individual, you must **obtain permission** from the
 person or their family first. The name only is to be mentioned
 in the service and to facilitate this the names will be
 highlighted, which makes it easier for the preacher.

An extract from a poem by Dave Hopwood (based on Mark6)

They look at him and see what they want to see.
 They easily create their boxes and put him inside,
 contain the uncontainable in their own small world,
 hem in the one who is larger than time and space.
 They do what they always do -
 pre-judge so they can keep change at bay.
 Dismiss anything that might challenge their preconceived ideas.

He looks at them and sees their small worldview,
 longs for them to open their eyes and soften their hearts.
 He knows they are itching to dismiss him, but he cannot dismiss them.
 He has come for this very reason - to open eyes and redeem worldviews,
 to offer a bright new way to those trapped in the shadows of the old...

Listen to Silence It has so much to Say



No Mow May



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!

Safeguard Training

The next **Creating Safer Space Foundation Training Course** for all Church Volunteers is being held via Zoom on Thursday 26th 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 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.