

NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 21st September

Jeremiah 8: 18 & 9:1;

Psalms 79: 1-9;

1 Timothy 2:1-7;

Luke 16: 1-13

Worship in Church: 10.30am

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

21st Sept Rev Sue Peat-Harvest
 (Harvest Festival)

28th Sept Local Arrangement

5th Oct Alan Jackson

21st Oct Rev John McNeill
 (Holy Communion)

Flowers in church this week have
 been kindly provided by
 Mr M Parkinson

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 5.30-8.00pm
 (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

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

Sept 20th Afternoon Tea (see poster below)

Sept 27th Jumble Sale (PFA)

Oct 25th District Creative Day (at HMC)

Nov 29th & 30th Church Open Weekend

Lonsdale Road MC

Sept 6th Wide Valley Singers

Oct 18th Curry & Quiz Evening

Dec 13th Carols (flute/clarinet) & mince pies

The Chosen

A message from Diana:

"Interest has been expressed by members who would like to study The Chosen but are unable to attend in the afternoon. I would be happy to lead a group in an evening and Elaine & Ron Keasley have kindly offered to host these meetings in their home.

This would start from the beginning, with Season 1. If you are interested in coming, please let me know. Day and start date to be confirmed. "

The Chosen, Season 4.

Tuesday afternoons at 2pm in the Lounge.

This will start again in a few weeks, date to be confirmed in due course. (Probably 7th October)

Gift Aid

This is September and the start of the Methodist year so may I wish you a belated Happy New Year.

The 31 August you will therefore recognise as the end of the Methodist year. Ministers move and the accounts have to be drawn up. This is therefore a very busy time for John Rainbow our treasurer. Making the books balance is hard but it would be impossible without the injection of Gift Aid.

This year the amount of gift aid that Hucclecote Methodist Church received was £10,888. We are very grateful to all who can and do gift aid their contributions to the church.

On behalf of John, the treasurer, and Ron, the gift aid secretary, many thanks.

Boys Brigade & Girls Association - Fund Raising

Our very best wishes go to Scott and the other officers taking part in the Cheltenham Half Marathon on Sunday. Please support them with a donation as directed below.

5th Gloucester BBGA are raising funds for a much-needed new minibus to support our young people with trips, camps, and activities.

To help reach our goal, our officers **Scott, Adam, Jon, Mike, Will, Ethan and Hannah** are taking on the Cheltenham Half Marathon on the 21st of September. On top of that, Adam and Mike are pushing themselves even further by competing in the Hybrid Games in London – a grueling test of strength, endurance, and fitness challenges.

Every donation, big or small, brings us closer to giving our group the transport we need. Please donate and support our journey!

This is our link for our “Go fund me” for the marathon and the Hybrid Games
<https://gofund.me/d653491d5>

Alternatively, see Beth, Mark and Sue Dickens, or any other steward for cash donations.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 21st September

As in previous year, all gifts brought for our Harvest Festival will be given to the Foodbank.

It would be helpful if donations of tins, packets and fresh produce could be brought to church by Wednesday 17th September which will enable these to be displayed for the Sunday.

Of course, all donations on the day will also be most welcome.

The Harvest Festival will be followed by a “Hunger” Lunch consisting of Soup and a Roll.

Emergency Alarm Systems

Eke Securities originally installed, and continue to maintain, our alarm systems. This includes regular inspections as required by legislation. They have recently replaced 15 emergency lights free of charge, for which we are very grateful.

Jumble Sale – Saturday 27th September

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

Commencing at 2pm

All the proceeds are for the Brigades Parents and Friends group.

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.

Thank you from the PFA



Booking Form for

AFTERNOON TEA

SATURDAY 20th Sept at 3pm

Come and join us, bring a friend(s)

Name.....

Allergies.....



£10 per person

Come and join us, bring a friend(s), if you wish, or perhaps the family for a very special treat.

Please return this form together with
cash/cheque to Dawn

Supporting Church Funds

Save the Date

DISTRICT CREATIVE DAY

Date: Saturday 25th October 2025

Venue: Hucclecote

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Cost for the day: £10

Lunch included

Cost for the day circa £10

Activities include:

**Ideas with Buttons; Bell Plates; Stone Painting;
Embroidery on Card; Circle Dancing**

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Christmas Shoe Boxes

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX PRESENTS FOR THE UNDER PRIVILEGED CHILDREN OF GLOUCESTER AGED 0 – 14 years

As you know we have for some years organised shoe box presents for the under privileged children in Gloucester. The Salvation Army very kindly distribute them, because they are able to identify children in need.

If you would like to help with this, please can your contributions be brought to Church before 15th November. The boxes will be blessed in Church on the 16th November and forwarded to The Salvation Army in time for distribution for Christmas.

Shoe boxes (**not** boot/trainers/lge men's please) should be labelled Boy or Girl and approx age. Some boxes will go to the Refugee Centres, so items such as toiletries and underwear will be very useful.

This is a Christmas present, so please include some toys and/or other items of fun including sweets. (Avoid chocolate because it can melt and spoil box contents).

Other suggested items could include:

Hat/Gloves/Scarf, hairbrush/comb, toothbrush/paste (age appropriate), bubble bath/soap, flannel/wash sponge/scrunchie. Colouring book/colouring pencils, magic painting book/paintbrush, reading books & puzzles. Plain paper pads/pencils, diaries, calculators, fancy key rings, hair slides etc. are all good for older children.

For baby boxes, please check suitability, especially toys and do not include sweets. However, baby clothes, nappies and baby toiletries are good choices.

If possible, the box should be wrapped in Christmas paper and secured with an elastic band. It must be able to be opened for checking contents to ensure everything is appropriate. If you are unable to do this, please leave the box unwrapped and just secure it with an elastic band.

If you are unable to supply/fill a box, we would be glad to receive items which we can add to boxes.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this worthwhile venture.

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