



Hello and welcome to
our June newsletter



Introducing our Church lay workers



Meet **Julie**! As Family Outreach Worker at Churchdown Julie works with families, schools & groups, leads Youth Clubs, school assemblies, holiday clubs & much more!

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Islay is a man of many hats! He's the Mission Enabler for St John's, the Circuit Mission Enabler & Local Preacher! Islay is busy developing mission & ministry to further the principles of *Our Calling* and *God For All*

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Sean is the Young People & Families Worker at Bethesda as well as the Circuit Youth Enabler! Sean is passionate about growing mission & ministry amongst young people & their families, fostering a sense of inclusion.

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This is **Andrew** – Community Outreach Worker at Bishop's Cleeve who is helping address the social & pastoral needs of the community & tackling social isolation. In his spare time Andrew is also a Local Preacher!

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Rachel, also at Bethesda, offers hospitality & a warm welcome to the church as well as supporting pastoral care & administration.

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Covering Bailey Lane End, Drybrook & Pillowwell, **Laura** is passionate about local communities and engaging with them in new ways to connect church and community.

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Jan is part of the Tewkesbury team, helping grow & develop the outreach work, build relationships & offer pastoral care to parents & their families.

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Youthscape Essentials

An exciting 10-session course to equip and strengthen anyone working with/ministering to young people in churches and community projects.

Sessions will be held monthly on Mondays, 7-9pm, on Zoom. To find out more and book a space please contact circuit.youth@gloscircuit.co.uk

2025 session dates:

**4 August, 8 September, 13 October,
10 November, 8 December**

Happy Anniversary

In July, Pillowell Methodist Church will be 140 years old. They're celebrating this milestone with a number of events...

A Service of Preparation will be led by their Minister, Rev'd Michelle Ireland on 29 June. Visiting Preachers, including Rev'ds Denise Hargreaves, Marcus Torchon and Heather Upton will be welcomed over the following weeks.

An exhibition in the Church showing memorabilia from over the years, articles from groups who meet here and artwork from the pupils of Pillowell School will also feature as well as a Village Anniversary Feast and a concert by Pillowell Silver Band in the Church.

Everyone is very welcome to join them at any or all of these events. More soon....

Ashcroft Rocks Cirencester



Cirencester Ashcroft outreach group have launched a new initiative where faith based painted rocks are left in various places for people to find and either keep, or re-place for others to find. It's a way of celebrating and sharing the love and joy of Christ and the beautiful world God has created. People can log their find via the Facebook page and this has become a real talking point, providing an opportunity to explain their mission. Over 2000 rocks have been hidden and found to date and as far away as Belgium, France and Turkey!



Friday 6 June, 10.15 am @ Cinderford Methodist Church - Music, games & chat

Friday 6 June, 6.30pm @ Aylburton Methodist Church - Poems & Puddings

Saturday 7 June, 10am @ Drybrook Methodist Church - monthly coffee morning

Saturday 7 June, 10.30am - 2.30pm @ Christchurch Abbeydale - Open Day

Friday 13 June, 7pm @ Drybrook Methodist Church - quiz and pudding

Saturday 14 June, 8.30am @ Aylburton Methodist Church - prayer breakfast, praying for the youth in the Forest

Saturday 14 June, 10.30am-2pm @ Coalway Methodist Church - table top sale

Saturday 14 June, 7pm @ Bailey Lane End Musical evening with Rathlin Road (tickets needed)

Saturday 14 June, 9.45am - walk for Christian Aid. Meet & join members of St Mark's @ Back Lane car park, Winchcombe, GL54 5PZ - 5 mile (fairly flat) with good company

Saturdays 14 & 21 June, 10am - 4pm @ Stroud Methodist Church -

Art4Life exhibition of arts & crafts

Sundays 15 & 22 June, 11am - 4pm @ Stroud Methodist Church -

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Saturday 21 June, 10.30am @ Aylburton Methodist Church - monthly coffee morning (except August)

Thursday 26 June, 2pm @ Bailey Lane End - monthly natter

Saturday 28 June, 10.30am @ Coalway - monthly coffee morning

Sunday 29 June to Sunday 20 July - Pillowell 140th chapel anniversary. More on that next time!



Stonehouse Youth Club - For school years 3-6, Wednesdays 3.30-5pm. Games, pool, table tennis, table football, crafts, tuckshop! For more info contact Shanice on 07842 171216

Year 6s - Exploring the transition to secondary school from a faith perspective. Wednesday 13 August, 2-4pm @ Bethesda. For more info contact circuit.youth@glosccircuit.co.uk

Circuit trip to 3Generate - the Methodist Children & Youth Assembly. Friday 3 to Sunday 5 October 2025. For more info contact circuit.youth@glosccircuit.co.uk

Churchdown Youth Club - For school years 3-7, Sunday evenings 5-6.30pm. Dodgeball, footie games, chill zone, card games, lego, switch, crafts, tuckshop! For more info contact Julie @ outreach.churchdown@glosccircuit.co.uk

Happy anniversary

Christchurch Abbeydale are celebrating 30 years since the building of their church and 40 years since their worshipping community began regular services in the local community centre! join them at their Open Day on 7 June between 10.30am and 2.30pm to find out how the church was formed and to see the work they do.

Going for GOLD

Congratulations to Stonehouse who have successfully obtained their Eco-Church GOLD award! Helping them celebrate at a special service on 10 May were Deacon Steve and Jean Peck, Revd Graham and Gaynor Miles, Deacon Sue Peat and Revd Jimmy Cullingford, all helping them along the journey of caring for God's creation.

Eco-Church is considered 'part of the DNA' at Stonehouse with the whole congregation continuing the work and encouraging others. This ethos is helping them reach out to schools and young people in the area as they follow the Holy Spirit while continuing their Eco-Church journey.



The late June Berry, wife of Revd Frank Topping, was laid to rest on Friday 16 May with a special service at Coalway Pysgah Methodist Church. June's faith and lifetime of community work influenced many and you can read more on the ripple effect that extends far beyond her lifetime **here** and on the Methodist Church website

Looking for a source of music for your church?

www.smallchurchmusic.com have a host of different hymn books including Singing the Faith and many different styles including pipe organ, piano, small band etc. You need an email address to register and a sound amplification system to connect your laptop too, but the best news? It's FREE!



Nick Butler, Local Preacher, has a fabulous selection of books which maybe of interest and/or use to Local Preachers and Worship Leaders. The list is available from Nick Butler & the Circuit Office. Please send all requests by 4 June.



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