

NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 25th January 2026

Isaiah 9: 1-4;

Psalms 27: 4-9;

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18;

Matthew 4: 12-23

Worship in Church: 10.30am

(Sunday Fun sessions are on the 2nd & 4th

Sunday each month at 10.30am)

25th Jan Neil Grecian

1st Feb Rev John McNeill

8th Feb Rev Barry Bishop HC

15th Feb Rev Martin Turner

Flowers in Church for this Sunday
 have been kindly provided by
 Mrs D Pearman

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

The Chosen (Study Group) 2-4pm

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.

Church & PFA Events 2025/26

Feb 14th

Jigsaw Sale – 10am-1pm

You will recall that Jayne Webb, our Gloucestershire Superintendent, visited at the end of November for a special meeting, we were encouraged to think ahead and discern our mission for the future.

I was recently reminded of this quote which our late Queen Elizabeth said.....

It is often the small steps,
 not the giant leaps, that bring the
 most lasting change

HRM Queen Elizabeth II

Confirmation of Funeral arrangements

Here are the funeral arrangements for Len & Maureen:

Len: Thursday 5th Feb
 11.30am Service at HMC
 Wake Pineholt Bowls Club
 3.30pm Crematorium

Maureen Friday 6th Feb
 11.00am Crematorium
 (family & close friends)
 12.00am Service HMC
 Wake Bowden Hall

(All are welcome to the service of celebration and also to join the family at Bowden Hall)

Flower Rota

Thank you to everyone who kindly sponsor the Church Flowers throughout the year. I am preparing the rota for the coming year, and have a few empty spaces. It would be good to hear from anyone who would like sponsor flowers, perhaps celebrate your birthday, anniversary, or in remembrance of someone.

Many thanks. Dawn



Big Garden Birdwatch at Hucclecote Methodist Church

When the Welcome Gardeners are working around the church and field we often hear and see birds – and evidence of them eating our leafy vegetables! Some of us will remember birds in the hedge behind the kitchen over many years and this year we found a nest that had been made since the hedge was laid.

The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch is an annual event that takes place on a weekend in January. Some of us are involved with events at Clocktower Park and Barnwood Arboretum on Saturday 24th January that you are very welcome to attend (see Beth, Ron or Elaine for details). However, if you'd rather watch birds from inside in the warmth why not join us on Wednesday 21st January in the Welcome Café to do our own count. (It won't count as part of the RSPB count but it will help us to know what birds use our site.) We are not looking for experts! We have ID charts and will work together so it is a great opportunity to improve or share your bird knowledge. It is unlikely that we will see a huge variety of birds or anything uncommon – but you never know.

If you would like to take part please arrive at 10am on Wednesday 21st January. You *will* need to bring a pair of binoculars. If you want to join us outside then warm clothes and waterproof shoes/boots are recommended. It only takes an hour then we can sit and discuss what we have seen – over another cuppa.

If you would like to do the proper RSPB Birdwatch from home then the details are on the RSPB website:

[Big Garden Birdwatch](#)

Hurricane Melissa Appeal Update

January 19, 2026

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Update on the Hurricane Melissa Appeal, run jointly with the Methodist Church in Britain.

Hurricane Melissa



Emergency Appeal

UPDATE

The **Methodist** Church



Through our partners in the region, your support is ensuring that essential services are available for remote and hard to reach areas of Jamaica, impacted by the hurricane.

The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA), a long-standing Church partner of All We Can and The Methodist Church in Britain, is providing 1,000 hygiene kits, to be distributed across three parishes in Jamaica. In addition, the money is enabling MCCA to provide tarpaulins for homes and schools to help provide emergency cover where building repairs are yet to take place.



Food security needs are being met through the provision of breakfast meals and access to water is being facilitated through the provision of water tanks for water distribution. These activities comprise MCCA's multi-faceted response.

In recent years, All We Can and The Methodist Church in Britain have supported MCCA to improve their ability to mobilise in

response to emergencies, recognising the importance of equipping the church for action for such a time as this. The local church is already present in, and known by, communities. As such, the local church maintains a privileged position to contribute to local community response.

We're also working with Water Mission, who are arranging water trucking to hard-to-reach communities in Westmoreland, St Elizabeth and Trelawny parishes, coupled with the distribution of jerry cans so families can safely store clean water at home. The work of Water Mission is complimenting the work of MCCA and vice-versa.



Your kindness is making a real, tangible difference. Thank you for standing with these communities. We look forward to being able to share more updates soon.