

# NOTICES & NEWS

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## Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Acts 2: 42-47;

Psalms 23;

1 Peter 2: 19-25;

Luke 10: 1-10

**Worship in Church: 10.30am**

*(Sunday Fun sessions are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday each month at 10.30am)*

26<sup>th</sup> Apr Paul Hunter

3<sup>rd</sup> May Rev John McNeill

10<sup>th</sup> May Rev John McNeill

(Holy Communion)

17<sup>th</sup> May United Service at Hillview  
 School

**Flowers in Church for this Sunday  
 have been provided by  
 Mrs D Godden**

### 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** 5.30-8.00pm  
 (termtime)

**Welcome Cafe** (termtime) 5.30-8.00pm

**Monday Makers** 7.30-9.30pm

#### Tuesday:

**JellyTotz** 10-11.30am

Parents & Toddlers (termtime)

**Men's Social** (2<sup>nd</sup> Tue) 10-12noon

**Step'n'Style** (termtime) 4-8.30pm

#### Wednesday:

**Welcome Cafe** 10-12noon

**Welcome Garden** 10-12noon

**Tech Support** 10.30-12noon  
 (in Welcome 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### 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.

## Church & PFA Events 2026

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Jumble Sale (Church) – 2pm**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Plant Sale – 10.30am**

**May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Jumble Sale (PFA) – 2pm**

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Model Railway Show - 10am-5pm**

## Churchdown Methodist Church

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Spring Fayre**

## Plant Sale – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am

We will soon be asking for volunteers to help at the Plant Sale, so if no-one asks you and you would like to help, then please speak to **Elaine or Ron about selling plants** and **Sue Woodward about selling garden tools/equipment and pots.**

We rely on generous gardeners to donate plants for the sale – perennials, annuals, vegetable plants, herbs, wildflowers, shrubs etc. We will be setting up on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> so please bring plants on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> between 2pm and 5pm. If that time isn't convenient then speak to Elaine or Ron or phone us on 533480.

We will need lots of newspapers to protect the tables and we will recycle them afterwards. Please leave any you can spare in the library.

If you have garden tools to donate – lawnmowers, spades, forks, trimmers or outdoor or indoor pots etc. – please see Sue or Andy.

There will be our usual plastic pot recycling facility on the green during the sale.

## Bring and Share Lunch

There will be a bring and share lunch on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May immediately after the service. This will be followed by the Church Annual General Meeting for those wishing to attend. All are welcome to both.

## Annual General Meeting – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

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The Annual General Meeting will take place after the shared lunch on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Amongst other things, it is at this meeting where various important posts within the church are made, or renewed. This year, we have one Church Steward retiring and therefore we will be looking to appoint at least two new Stewards.

These are a few of the duties taken from the job description listed below:

- To communicate with the minister or preacher taking the service
- Prepare the church and lock up afterwards
- Attend steward meetings for decision making and help plan the church year

If you would like to know more about this important role, please speak to Rev John or any of the existing Stewards. Nominations need to be handed to Lynne Cooke on or before 10<sup>th</sup> May. You will need to write your name on a piece of paper and have two people to vote you in.

The appointment of new Stewards is made at the Annual Meeting, where interested candidates need to be present.

## Church Jumble Sale – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2pm

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

All the proceeds are for Church Funds.

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.

Many thanks to all who support us.

## FREE Coping Stones

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We have a number of coping stones which were removed from the choir vestry roof. They need to be removed before we start activities on the field .

**They are available free of charge and are listed below.**

2 x Corner Coping Stone, 1 x Straight Coping Stone - 560 x 230 mm

4 x Straight Coping Stone - 540 x 230 mm, 2x Straight Coping stone - 1008 x 230 mm

5 x Straight Coping Stone – 660 x 230 mm

Please contact Mark Dickens as soon as possible if you are interested.

## Lonsdale Road – Final & First Services

### **ONWARD LONSDALE SOLDIERS**

We have just returned home from the last service at Lonsdale Church. It was so good to see the church full, people looking for a vacant chair. If only it could always be like that, but onwards we go, following the Lonsdale cross to St Oswald's Village.

The service sheet was a lovely keepsake. The hymns were all well chosen, and well known, and the congregation sang their hearts out. Everyone spoke clearly and well, many reliving their memories of Lonsdale when it was a well attended church, with lots of groups, outings, trips and a busy Sunday school. The many photographs on the screen were a lovely reminder of those times.

I have only been with you for about five years and I struggled, two slightly damp tissues in my handbag. I really don't know how those church members with 40, 50 and more years of memories of this lovely church held it together so well. Maybe knowing that we will all still be together at St Oswald's, supporting each other and ready to welcome new members from the village to join us, and looking forward to a new future together helped us all.

I will have another practice run this week to the village to check how long it takes and I look forward to seeing you all there next Sunday.

Helen B

**THE LAST SERVICE LUNCH**



Photo taken by John Greene



Liz and her last floral display at Lonsdale. This is just one of the many which Liz has done over the years which we have all enjoyed. How fortunate we are to have such a talented lady in our Church. Thank you Liz.

**THE LAST SERVICE!**



Photo taken by Tom Hobbs (John Greene's grandson)

**OUR NEW HOME!**



## Churchdown – Spring Fayre

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**ROLL-UP, ROLL-UP - SPRING FAYRE 25TH APRIL 10 AM - 12 PM**

**We are looking forward to the Spring Fayre on Saturday 25th April**

**which will follow a fairground theme.**

**There will lots of games, crafts, refreshments and  
traditional stalls for the young (and not so young) folk to enjoy.**

## Safeguarding

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The Gloucestershire Circuit has arranged two zoom Creating Safer Space Foundation level safeguarding training evenings for Church Volunteers plus one face2face on the following dates:

- Thursday 25 June 2026 at 6:30pm to 9pm
- Friday 24th April 1.30 -4.30 pm at Christchurch Abbeydale – in person presentation.
- Thursday 25th June 2026 at 6.30 - 9.00pm via zoom

All Church Volunteers who have never attended a Methodist Church Safeguarding Training Course or who have not attended any Safeguarding Training within the last five 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 Safer Space training handbook to be provided.