

NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church Preachers and readings for Sunday 27th September 2026

Exodus 17 v 1 – 7

Psalms 78 v 1 - 4, 12 - 16;

Philippians 2 v 1 – 13

Matthew 21 v 23 - 32

Worship in Church: 10.30am

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

27th Sept Local Arrangement

4th Oct Rev John McNeill
 (Harvest Festival)

11th Oct Rev John McNeill
 (Holy Communion)

18th Oct Paul Turner

**Flowers in Church this Sunday
 have been kindly provided by
 Mrs C Brewster**

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) 5.30-8.00pm

Monday Makers 7.30-9.30pm

Tuesday:

JellyTots 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

Tech Support (free) 10.30-12noon
 (in Welcome 1st & 3rd)

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 2026

October 17th

Jigsaw Puzzle Sale

November 14th

Jumble Sale (Church Funds)

November 28th

PFA Christmas Fayre

Pauline Harrison

We were sad to hear of Pauline's death.

Pauline had supported our fund raising events for many years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time.

Her funeral will take place at Gloucester Crematorium on Monday 28th September at 2.30pm.

All are welcome to attend.

Card Sale for Water Aid Sunday 4th October

On Sunday 4th October (Harvest Sunday) we will be holding a card sale after church in aid of WaterAid

Lunch Club are appealing for helpers

Lunch Club is on 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. We currently have about 25 regular diners, and it's such a lovely time for people to meet and dine with others. They are a friendly bunch, and most appreciative of the food and friendship.

Sadly, we will not be able to continue unless we have more helpers. At present, helpers come along two or three times per term, but because of illness, several are now no longer able to help, so I would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join us.

The duties are not arduous, laying tables, helping to serve the dinners, clearing and washing up afterwards. If you would like to help cook the meal that would be even better. Please search your diary (and your heart) to see if you are able to help. You get a free two course meal too!

Dawn Pearman (614763, or dawn.pearman@googlemail.c)

Re-invitation of Rev John McNeill

The Circuit Assembly was pleased to receive confirmation that Rev Dr John McNeill has been re-invited to serve in the Circuit for a further five years from September 2027. The other two re-invitations from the same date were also received by the Assembly: Rev Michelle Ireland for a further five years, and Deacon Sue Peat for two more years.

There have been further discussions within the Circuit Executive and the District about the one Circuit appointment which will go into the Stationing Process which have led to an adjustment to John's section. This will now be called the City Centre Section and comprise Churchdown, Hucclecote (supported by Gary), St Oswald's and Pastoral Lead at St John's (part of a team ministry with Revd Jayne Webb as Project Lead and Deacon Sue Peat in her City Centre Mission role)

John will occupy the city-centre manse at Estcourt Close from a date to be confirmed.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on 4th October and led by our Minister Rev Dr John McNeill. We will be accepting gifts of fresh produce, and tinned goods. (We will confirm specific items the Food Bank require the week before the service). You can bring your gifts to church the week before, or present them during the service.

Fresh produce will be donated to various food hubs in Gloucester where we already donate produce from the Welcome Garden, and tinned goods will go to Gloucester Foodbank.

We also want to show our concern for the victims of the recent earthquake in Venezuela and the mud slide in Nepal so we will have a retiring collection for Christian Aid at the end of the service.

There will be a hunger lunch after the Harvest service (soup and a roll). Dietary requirements will be catered for, and we hope as many people as possible can stay for lunch.

October 23rd and 24th – Please save the Date for the next stage in exploring Our Church's Future Story



We have completed the 'listening phase' of our project. We are now moving into the 'Dreaming Time' when we explore what we hope our future will look like. This is being planned for October 23rd and 24th so please put the dates in your diary.

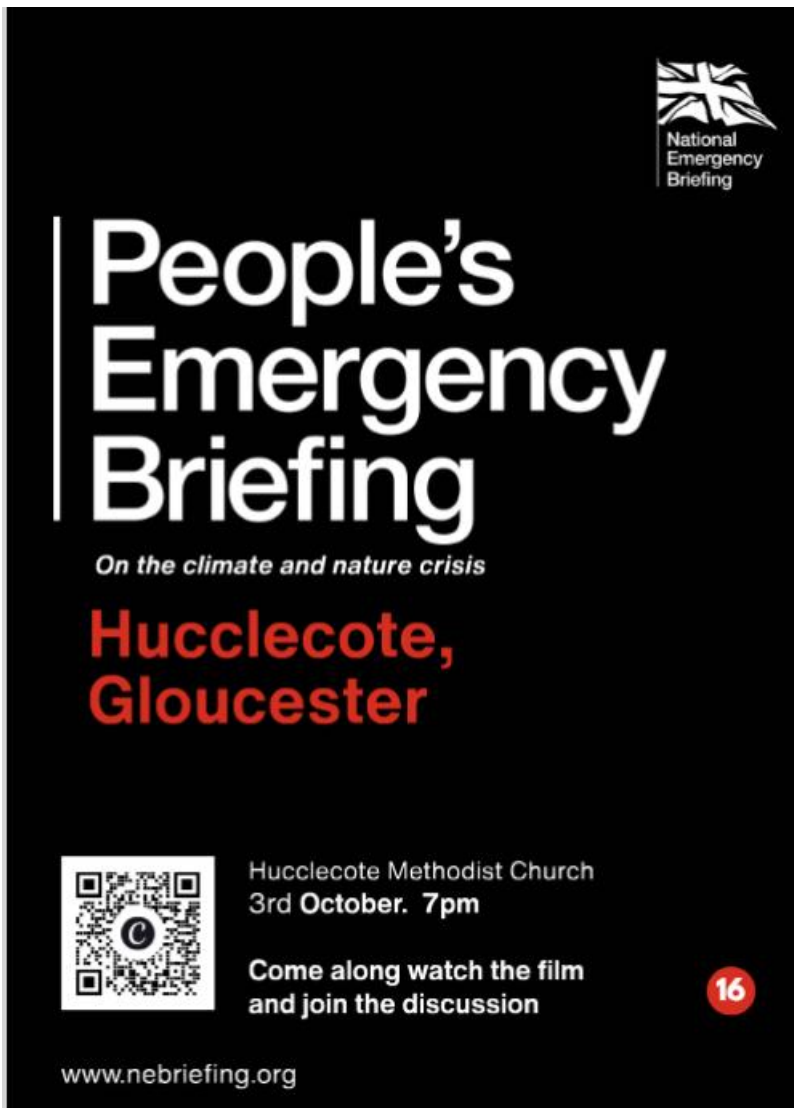
Our Church's Future Story – The Dreaming

The "Start Dreaming" is available on the web-site alongside the week's notices. Please study it as we progress looking at our future.

Ladies' Friendship Club

Their next meeting is on Monday 12th October at 2.30pm, when they hear Millie Barnes speak on "How I put my Type 2 diabetes into emission with lifestyle"

Screening of the People's Emergency Briefing Film 3rd October 7pm



The National Emergency Briefing (NEB) calls on the UK government to give a national televised briefing on the climate and nature crisis.

A Westminster event was held in November 2025 in Methodist Central Hall. It featured leading experts who briefed an invited audience of over 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media. The briefing set out the implications of climate and nature breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy.

A compelling documentary film, the People's Emergency Briefing, has since been produced. It contains footage of that event and is being screened across the nation including by many churches. It aims to support a parliamentary call for a televised briefing and educate people of the full scale of the crisis and show what the response needs to be.

Why is our church hosting a screening?

The Methodist Church, together with other churches, has historically played an important role at times of national crisis. From providing much needed pastoral care, being a place of refuge as well as challenging the government of the day on issues of justice and morality. The Joint Public Issues Team (including the Methodist church) has called for all churches to host a screening if they can.

The climate crisis is both a global threat and a national one and, as the film makes clear, it affects every aspect of society.. There is clear evidence that emergency action will strengthen our national and economic resilience and improve lives. The National Emergency Briefing is designed to help create a societal tipping point towards the genuine emergency action now needed.

As Christians our concern is underpinned not just by the threat to our own interests but by core Christian principles of caring for God's creation, Jesus' command to love one another and responding to human need. While the climate crisis will affect all of us, it is important to remember it is the poorest communities in the world who are most impacted and least equipped to deal with the consequences. The NEB aims to further strengthen global action through the leadership of the UK's response.

How to join us for the screening

There is a QR code on the poster in these notices and on the Community board in the hall. If scanned, it will take you to the ticketing website to book your free tickets. Otherwise, please pass your name, number of tickets required and email address (if you have one) to one of the stewards.

We have a new Prayer Book

Prayer requests for those connected with our church are an important part of the spiritual care we offer here, but we have to maintain appropriate confidentiality and data protection. This means writing just the name of the people who need our prayers in the book.

We have a new Prayer book in the Welcome which anyone can use, with a bookmark reminding us what to do. We can write just a name confident that God knows about the situation being prayed for.

Jumble Sale 26th September

Second-hand, bric-a-brac and jumble sale commencing at 2pm.

Please bring your saleable items to the Hall either:

- between 6pm & 8pm on Friday (the day before) or
- between 9am and noon 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.

Cleaning 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.

Thanks from the PFA.

From the Silverdale WI

Are you looking to make new friends?

Have you recently retired and looking for some “me time”?

Why not come along to **SILVERDALE WI**. We meet here in the Church Hall on the third Thursday of each Month, starting at 10.00am where we meet for coffee, cake and a chat, hold a very short meeting to let our members know what we have planned for them – Theatre Trips, Days Out, Walking Group, Writing Group, Book Club etc. After which we have an entertaining speaker on various interesting topics. The morning concludes with a light lunch served for just £5 giving members another opportunity of getting to know each other.

We are friendly and give a warm welcome to any prospective new members wishing to join us.

Should you wish to find out more about us, just pop in at one of the monthly meetings (3rd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH) or telephone

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Eco Church

You are warmly invited to join our Eco Church Sharing Afternoon on **Monday 12th October** from 2.00pm to 4.30pm at **Stonehouse Methodist Church**, Park Road GL10 2DW.

We are pleased that Freya Ballard, Carbon Reduction Champion, Bristol Methodist District, will be coming and will give a short presentation on 'Hope in the Climate Crisis'.

It will be an enjoyable informal opportunity to share experiences, challenges and successes with others whether you are starting out on your Eco Church journey or already have an Award.

The proposed programme is:

2.00pm Check in and Refreshments on arrival – gather in Church

2.20pm Introduction and Prayer

'Hope in the Climate Crisis'- Short presentation by Freya Ballard – Comments/Discussion followed by a walk around the Church Garden to see the new Rain Garden and other projects and then some time for discussion and questions - Sharing resources and ideas eg managing church land, sustainable church flowers, lifestyle surveys, ethical money and calculating carbon footprints. Future showing of National Emergency Briefing?

4.00 pm Closing Prayer and more refreshments and cake!

Please RSVP to Ginny or Jennie by 30th September to help with seating and catering arrangements.

If there is something particular you would like to know more about please let us know in advance, by 5th October, so we can hopefully have some answers for you!

Car Parking is limited so please car share where possible. If you wish to reserve one of 3 disabled spaces please request when you RSVP. Some on street parking is available or the public car park off Stonehouse High Street is a 10 minute walk. The building is fully accessible including toilets.

We look forward to seeing you.

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**METHODIST
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**OCTOBER 30th & 31st
ONLINE GATHERING
SPEAKERS AND THEMES**

Revd Dr Leslie Griffiths
"Poetry and Politics as Sacramental"

Revd Kenneth Howcroft
"The Church as Sacrament(al)?"

The Revd Jason McMahon-Riley
**"From Love to Liturgy, Pilgrimage to Practice: How the
British Methodist Church's 'Pilgrimage of Faith' led to
personal and liturgical transformation."**

Programme

Friday

7.00 Evening Prayer

7.30 Session 1 - Leslie Griffiths

8.45 - 9.00 *short break*

9.00 Compline

Saturday

9.00 Morning Prayer

9.30 Session 2 - Kenneth Howcroft

10.45 Break

11.15 session 3 - Jason McMahon-Riley

Booking

Please email: MSF@manleyparkchurch.org.uk to let us know you want to join us by October 14th and we will email the Zoom link to you a few days before October 30th.

Please share this flier with anyone you may feel would like to join us.

If you know people who would be interested but can't manage the technology why not invite them to join you at your home or if your church has the technology host a local group for all or part of the conference?

Churchdown Methodist Church

They are hosting a concert by "The Flukes" Ukulele band.

It will be on Friday 2nd October at 7pm.

Tickets £10, to include interval refreshments..

Further details from chosen.ggovan@gmail.com or

Gerge Govan at 07801 260202)

The Flukes Group



"The Flukes" have been performing together for a number years.

We are a group of enthusiastic amateur musicians with a mutual love of music and performing. All the members are involved with numerous other musical endeavours, be that in choirs or other music groups.

We have performed at numerous venues and events over the years, including the Tewkesbury Live Festival weekend, where we have played to appreciative audiences. We also play in care homes and day care centres, where we have raised money for various different Charities.

We regularly play as a support group in a charity gig at Gupshill Manor for a band called Muzak (2 of us are members) and have helped to raise thousands of pounds for charities such as Maggie's, Seren's Wish and The Pied Piper Appeal.

More info' about us can be found at
<https://theflukesgroup.wordpress.com>