NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church
Preachers and readings for Sunday 18th October 2026

Exodus 33 v 12 – 23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1 v 1 – 10
Matthew 22 v 15 - 22

Worship in Church: 10.30am

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

18th Oct Paul Turner
25th Oct Leo Guttridge
1st Nov Rev Ian Brown
Anniversary "Sense of Worship"
8th Nov Sue Walmsley
Remembrance Sunday

Flowers in Church this Sunday have been kindly provided by Mrs M Dunne

Weekly Programme

Monday:

Badminton Club 9.30-11.30am
Carers Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am (3rd Mon)
Friendship Club (2ndMon) 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 Parents & Toddlers 10-11.30am (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 (1st & 3rd of month) 10-12noon

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)**
Noveember 28tth	**PFA Christmas Fayre**

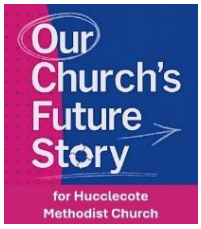
Jigsaw Puzzle Sale Saturday October 17th 10am to 1pm

We will have hundreds of puzzles for sale. The cafe will be open as usual with coffee and cakes. If you have any jigsaw puzzles that you would like to donate, please leave them in the library at church for collection from now until the sale.

Help Needed

Unfortunately, I find I am no longer able to help out in The Place to Remember on a Wednesday morning. Would you be able to help Beth to keep this important Remembrance Garden under control? It's not hard or specialised work; it involves mainly watering, weeding, bulb planting and a bit of pruning (under Beth's guidance!) It is on a Wednesday morning from 9.30am to 12.00, with a break for coffee and cake in The Welcome at 11am, of course! Thanks,Diana

Are you ready to Dream?



Join in a workshop on October 23rd or 24th where we share food together (Friday afternoon 2.00pm a cream tea, Friday evening 7.00pm pizza or Saturday morning 8.00am bacon butties) and imagine a path from where we are now to where we could be

Please sign up on the sheet in the Hall by October 19th (and let us know about any dietary requirements)

A special service of remembering

We are, once again, having a special service to remember the lives of those who have recently passed away or in years gone by. This will be at **3.00pm on Sunday 15th November**.

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 Boys Brigade and Girls Association will be packing the boxes on 19th November, so please send contributions in time for this. Or if you prefer to make a cash donation so that we can purchase suitable fillers, please do so a bit earlier.

If you do fill a box, please use regular sized shoe boxes (**not** boot/trainers/lge men's boxes). It 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.

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.

The boxes will be blessed in Church and forwarded to The Salvation Army in time for distribution for Christmas.

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).

Please also only send **new/or new looking items**, after all, it is a Christmas Present.

Other suggested items could include:

Hat/Gloves/Scarf, Colouring book/colouring pencils, magic painting book/paintbrush, reading books & puzzles. Hairbrush/comb, scrunchie/hair slides. Toothbrush/paste (age appropriate), bubble bath/soap, flannel/wash sponge.
Plain paper pads/pencils, diary, calculator, 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.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this worthwhile venture.

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Topping Family News

We are very grateful to Simon for his support at our recent showing of the People's Emergency Briefing. It was also a good opportunity for a brief catch up with Jane on what everyone is doing now.

Bill is a Methodist Deacon in Newcastle-on-Tyne. Andrew is studying for a PhD in Theology in Dublin.

Joe is an actor and writer (his name can regularly be heard in the credits for Radio 4's Dead Ringers). He will also be starring as Buttons in Cinderella at the Cidermill Theatre in Chipping Campden when the pantomime season starts. (Oh yes, he will!)

Jane works 3 days a week as chaplain at Brockworth House and will be at HMC for the Brockworth House Celebration of Life service on 7 November.

Simon has retired from circuit ministry but has taken on a new job in the Bristol Methodist District as Faith Rooted Community Organising District Lead. Jane says he is still working out what that entails!

Jane and Simon are finally living in one place - in Stonehouse - and Joe will be moving back in for the pantomime season.

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.com

From The People's Emergency Briefing

We screened this film at Hucclecote on Saturday evening 3rd October. Special thanks to Beth, Ron and Elaine for organising the whole thing. We had over 70 people attending from around Gloucestershire including five Gloucester councillors.

We will all remember the extreme weather during the summer of 2026. The film shows how humans, plants and animals will all struggle to survive in a world which is too hot and too dry. It is non-party political. A range of expert speakers explained why we are in the midst of a national climate emergency. We did have someone who tried to disrupt the meeting as the film finished, but he was quickly escorted off the premises.

After watching the film in church we all went into the Hall and sat in small groups to share what we had made of the film, and what we thought our next actions could or should be. We were all urged to write to our MP asking for a televised national emergency briefing (rather like we had during the COVID pandemic). We were also asked to tell others about the film and encourage them to watch it. There are several screenings in Gloucestershire over the next month or so (including Upton St Leonards Village Hall and Bethesda Methodist Church in Cheltenham). If any groups meeting in church would like to see the film here, or if you are interested in a separate small daytime screening, please speak to Beth.

We were really proud of Hucclecote Methodist church that evening. We had the premises and equipment to accommodate showing the film then moving into a group discussion. Those who came were served tea and coffee when they arrived, and tea, coffee and cake during the discussion. That was due to the help and hard work of lots of people from our church and other local friends – from car parking to cakes, and from AV to all those facilitating the discussions. Thanks to everyone involved.

Where to find more screenings: https://www.nebriefing.org/screening-map
Information about contacting your MP: https://www.nebriefing.org/take-action
Email contact if you would like further information: hucclecoteemergencybriefing@gmail.com

"The Chosen" Monday !9th

PLEASE NOTE: There is NO meeting of the Monday evening Chosen group on Monday 19th October.

A Harvest for the Community

A harvest for the community.

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate fresh or longer life food to our harvest service on the 4th October. We distributed this bounty to two local charities.

The fresh fruit and vegetables were taken to **Community Kitchen Gloucester.** They are a volunteer led organisation and their mission is to help address food poverty and provide a safe community space in the city. Each Monday evening, they provide a fresh three course meals at St John's Church Hall, Northgate Street, in the center of Gloucester. The produce we sent helped them feed over 100 people on the 5th October. The menu was 'Harvest vegetable' soup, vegetable pasta, and our apples were part of the sweet offering. They were delighted that there was so much food, that some could be kept and used for the meals this week too. This is the first time we have donated to them and they would like to thank you for the generous donations. Find out more about this charity at Community Kitchen Glos – Hearty, Home-Cooked Food for All









The tinned and dried food was taken to **the Gloucester Food bank,** who provide emergency food and practical support to people in their hardest moments. As you will know we collect each week for this charity and they had asked us to be 'tinned tomato champions' for this harvest. They were delighted with our donations, including more than 250 tins of tomatoes. This has taken tinned tomatoes off their 'needed' list, and they estimate that our donation will help to provide over 350 meals. They sent us the attached thank you certificate.
Find out more about the food bank at Home | Gloucester Foodbank



Peter Shaw saw this on holiday

