

NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 5th September

Lamentations 1: 1-6;

Lamentations 3: 19-26;

2 Timothy 1: 1-14;

Luke 17: 5-10

Worship in Church: 10.30am

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

5th Oct Alan Jackson

12th Oct Rev John McNeill
 (Holy Communion)

19th Oct Robert Carr

26th Oct Gareth Zimmerman

Flowers in church this week have
 been kindly provided by
 Mrs D Dwight

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

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 every
 week.

Church & PFA Events 2025

Oct 25th District Creative Day (at HMC)
Nov 29th & 30th Church Open Weekend

Lonsdale Road MC

Oct 18th Curry & Quiz Evening

Dec 13th Carols(Cotswold Clarinet Choir) & mince pies

3Generate Children & Young People Assembly



On 4-6 October 2025, Children and Young people from across the Methodist Connexion, and their leaders, will gather in the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) Birmingham for 3Generate Children and Youth Assembly: an inclusive and diverse space for the prophetic voice of children and young people to emerge and be heard.

At 3Generate, the children, young people and their leaders are challenged to reflect on the Journey of a Lifetime. Whether they are thinking about starting a journey with Jesus, or wondering what the next step will be, we pray that they will all feel that they have travelled onwards.

The Gloucestershire Methodist Circuit is sending a group of 39 young people and their leaders (including Ethan and Hannah from this church) to 3Generate. We ask for your prayers for them and for all those in the NEC this weekend.

The Chosen

The Chosen, Season 4.

Tuesday afternoons at 2pm in the Lounge.

This will start again on 7th October. All are welcome even if you have not been to previous sessions.

Local Arrangement Service – Follow Up

Postcards for your MP

In our Creationtide service on Sunday, we were given the challenge of writing a postcard to our MP expressing our concern for creation. This was in response to our readings on the theme of hope and action, but also to a call from the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) to join with the Climate Coalition in their Lobby week. (JPIT is a partnership between the Methodist Church, the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the United Reformed Church to help the Churches work together for peace and justice, including by speaking and acting on public policy issues. The Climate Coalition is the UK's largest coalition of over 130 environmental and humanitarian organizations, faith groups and charities dedicated to taking action on the climate and nature crises.)

We were asked to write about one environmental issue (for example loss of nature, or the need to transition away from the use of fossil fuels). If you were not in the service but would still like to respond, these are the things that need to be on your postcard:

- Your name and full address (so that your MP can check that you are in their constituency).
- Your MP's name
- Why you are concerned about the environment (for example as a grandparent worried about the future for your grandchildren, as part of your faith, or because you are concerned about the effects of air pollution on your or someone else's health). This will help to make your message more personal.
- Which particular issue you are concerned about, why and what you would like your MP to do about it. (Some ideas to help are [here](#).)

If you have a completed postcard, please return it to Beth by Sunday 12th so that she can pass it on to your MP.

If you would like any more information or a spare postcard, please contact Beth Sweet.

Dinglewell Infant School - Harvest

There is a new headteacher at Dinglewell Infant School. She sees the school as having a significant role in the local community so is inviting local people to the Harvest celebration (details on the flier). Some of the Open the Book team will be going along but it would be lovely if other members of the church were to join us. Please contact the school if you would like to attend.



Ladies' Lunch

A date for your diary:

Our next outing will be on **Thursday 23 October at 12.30pm** at the **Wagon & Horses** on Hucclecote Road. More details to follow nearer the time. All welcome and lifts are available.

Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Revd. Frank Topping

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Revd Frank Topping, author, broadcaster and Methodist Minister, will take place on Friday 14th November at 3.00pm at John Wesley's New Room, The Horsefair, Bristol, BS1 3JE.

All are welcome to attend this service and to celebrate his life and work.

To gauge numbers, it would be helpful (though not essential) if you could let Anne Topping know if you are planning to attend: annetopping@me.com

For further information please contact Simon Topping: simon.topping@methodist.org.uk



Bristol District Creative Day

with Worship, Workshops and Lunch

Date: Saturday 25th October 2025

**Venue: Hucclecote Methodist Church, Gloucester
GL3 3QP**

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm



Workshops include:
Ideas with Buttons; Bell Plates; Stone Painting;
Embroidery on Card; Circle Dancing

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Christmas Shoe Boxes

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 boxes will be blessed in Church on the 16th November and forwarded to The Salvation Army in time for distribution for Christmas.

Shoe boxes (**not** boot/trainers/lge men's please) 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.

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).

Other suggested items could include:

Hat/Gloves/Scarf, hairbrush/comb, toothbrush/paste (age appropriate), bubble bath/soap, flannel/wash sponge/scrunchie. Colouring book/colouring pencils, magic painting book/paintbrush, reading books & puzzles. Plain paper pads/pencils, diaries, calculators, 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.

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.

If you are unable to supply/fill a box, we would be glad to receive items which we can add to boxes.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this worthwhile venture.

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