

# NOTICES & NEWS

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## Worship in Church and Online

### Preachers and readings for Sunday 8th September

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23;

Psalms 125;

James 2: 1-10, (11-13), 14-17;

Mark 7: 24-37

### Worship in Church: 10.30am

Sept 8th Revd. John McNeill  
 (Holy Communion)

Sept 15th Revd. Dr Marcus Torchon

Sept 22nd Alan Jackson

Sept 29th Stuart Hobbs

Flowers in church this week have been kindly provided by:  
 Mr & Mrs Riley

### Weekly Programme

#### Monday:

**Friendship Club** (2nd Mon) 2.30pm,

**Badminton Club** 9.30 - 11.30am

**BB&GA Anchors/Juniors** 5.30-8.15pm  
 (termtime)

**Welcome Cafe** (termtime) 5.30-8.15pm

**Monday Makers** 7.30-9.30pm

#### Tuesday:

**JellyTotz** Parents & Toddlers 10-11.30am  
 (termtime)

**Step'n'Style** (termtime) 3.45-7.30pm  
 (termtime)

**Men's Social** (2nd Tue) 10.00-12noon

#### Wednesday:

**Welcome Cafe** 10.00 - 12noon

**Welcome Garden** 9.30-12noon

**Supastrikers** (termtime) 1.30-2.15pm

#### Thursday:

**Welcome Cafe** 10am - 12noon

**BB&GA Company** 7.00-10.00pm  
 (termtime)

**Craft Group** 10.00 - 12.00 weekly

#### Friday:

**Friday Lunch Club** 2nd & 4th Fri

#### Saturday:

**Welcome Cafe** 1st & 3rd of month

**Foodbank** - The collection crate is available in the church entrance every week.

## Church & PFA Events 2024

Sept 28th

Jumble Sale (PFA)

Nov 9th

Jumble Sale (HMC)

## Men's Social

The next Men's Social will take place in the Welcome on Tuesday 10th Sept (2nd Tue each month).

This is an informal gathering for fellowship and to get to know each other a little better. All are welcome

## Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will take place on Monday 23rd September at 12.30pm at The Wheatstone Inn, Barnwood.

The menu and signing up list are on the board in the hall. Lifts are available.

## Ladies Friendship Club

The next meeting is on Monday 9th September commencing at 2.30pm in the church hall.

This month will be a welcome back with tea, cake and a quiz.

## Church Lunch Club

We begin Lunch Club again on 13th Sept, if you would like to come, please add your name to the diners list in the church hall. There is a limit to the numbers, so please be patient if it is full.

We would be very glad of a few new helpers. It is not a huge commitment to be a helper. It involves laying the tables, helping to serve the meal and clearing up afterwards. It would involve roughly half a day every three months. Also, we would like another person to cook the lunch. So, if you are interested in either of these roles, please contact Dawn.

The Lunch Club is very well appreciated by those who come along. It gives an opportunity to meet with others, enjoy fellowship and share a meal together.

## New Study Group

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### "The Chosen" Study Group.

It has been decided to start the new study group on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2-4pm.

All are welcome and lifts are available.

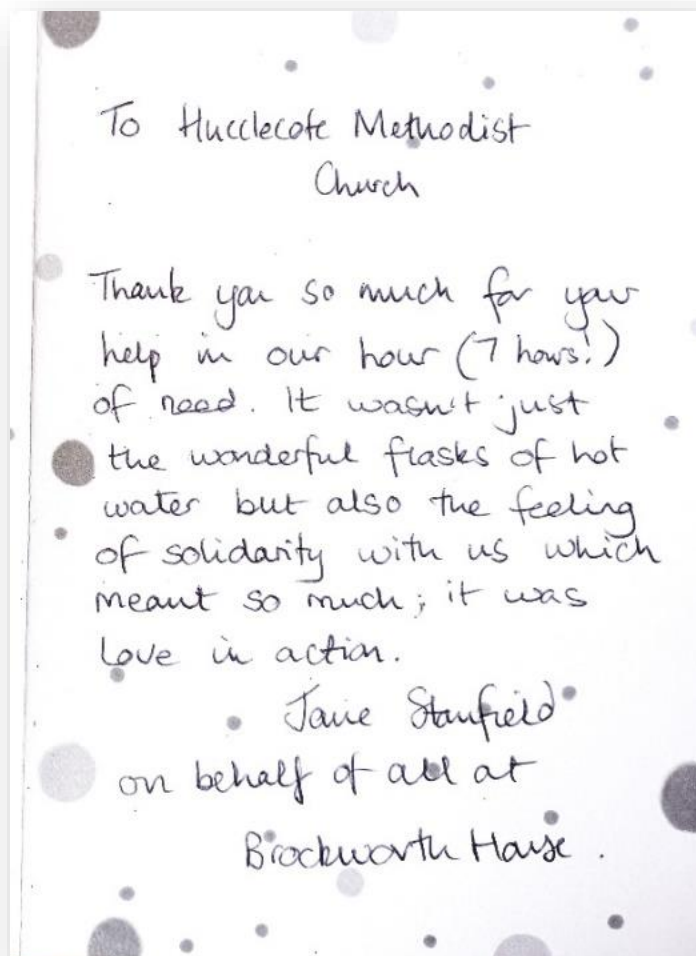
If you have any questions, or need a lift, please contact Diana on 07968 271587

## HMC to the Rescue

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We received a call in July from Brockworth House. They had a major power failure and were trying to prevent an emergency evacuation, at least until the extent of the problem was determined. Our church hall is one of the evacuation centres, a process which has never been tested.

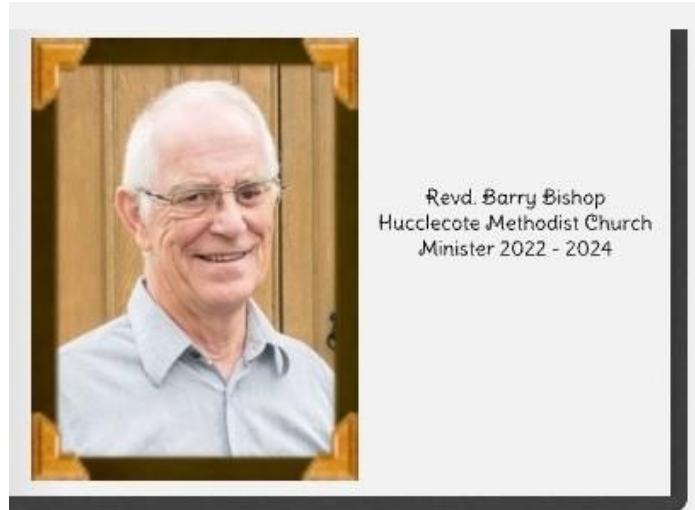
Jane Stanfield rang in desperation asking for help. They needed hot water in order to provide drinks for the residents. After rallying round, we were able to send numerous flasks of hot water. The electricity company reacted quickly and, after a certain amount of digging, were able to restore power to Brockworth House and their neighbouring property.



## Barry's Last Service and Leaving Gift

We said farewell to Barry at his service on 11<sup>th</sup> August, although he officially left on 31<sup>st</sup>. He was presented with his leaving gift, which included a photo album. Extracts from the album are shown below. The other pages were full of images from various activities within the church such as, Welcome Garden, Strawberry Fayre, Nativity/Christmas Tree Festival, JellyTotsz etc. All the poems and sayings were provided by church members.

For those who could not make the service, the speech, read out by the Stewards, is also below.



Here's what they say.....

You knew what we needed & wanted, it's true  
 And that's why this poem is a thank you, to you  
 You are kind and caring, encouraging and fun  
 We thank you for everything that you have done

*direction*  
 Thank you for the banner and your sense of fun  
 Thank you for all you have contributed to our church  
 You will be missed

*enthusiasm*  
 Thank you for being you

*belief in ourselves*  
 friendship

*welcoming to all*  
 helped us to feel excited about the future

*friendly*  
*cheerful*  
*supportive*  
*togetherness*

**Yes, Barry**

significant  
 warm  
 friendly

working together

GOD



We are genuinely sorry to see you go and hope that you have felt WELCOME from the start. Its been a wonderful journey we have shared together.



physical presence

GOD IS LOVE GOD IS LOVE

you were just what we needed to bring us together and build us up as a church

a hard act follow

a bostin bloke



**you dont need magic to Disappear....all you need is a Motorhome**

moving on to a second retirement

**GOD has been good to US**

When you came, we were quite broken confused, lost and sad afraid, needy and questioning why things had become so bad.

Your cheerfulness and enthusiasm Your caring, love and trust has helped us on the pathway reminding us that God has been good - to us.



## **Farewell to Barry**

Who was this man, whose first action was to come into the church and rearrange all the chairs so that we could look at each other's faces? A good introduction to Barry's practical side and his wish to unite us as a family. A sign of things to come.

As a church, post pandemic, trying to find a way forward, Barry came to lead us for two years for which we will be eternally grateful.

He quickly picked up an understanding of our membership, has been supportive of the church stewards and promoted an atmosphere of cheerful encouragement.

Barry has been a lively presence at all the various regular groups using the premises; joined in activities with the Brigades and included playing with the little ones at Jelly Totz.

A message from The Jelly Totz for Barry reads:

"During Barry's time with us, it has been a real pleasure to welcome him to our Jelly Totz Baby and Toddler group on Tuesday mornings. He has not only been able to get to know the children but also been on hand to encourage, support and just be there for the adults. He has joined in the fun, helped in the kitchen, took part in the singing and even dressed up as a teddy bear for one of the parties. His enthusiasm has been infectious and he has been an important link to the church which resulted in a baptism at one of our morning services. We shall all miss his cheerful input on a Tuesday morning but wish him well for the future."

Barry's inherent warmth, empathy and compassion with significant pastoral input has been gratefully received by many over the last two years, and continues to be appreciated. His physical presence on the premises has made him available and approachable to all who would need an ear or a chat. On Sundays, he has made sure not just to greet everyone by name, but to make time to chat to them all too. He has helped people through some of the most difficult times of their lives.

He has been open to our vision looking forward, motivated, guided and helped us to work to our strengths. We have grown to become a more cohesive church, focused and working together across many new projects and welcoming new members. Services have taken on an energy synonymous to Barry, and we have enjoyed laughing, or groaning, at his jokes.

We've come to expect something different, lively, attention grabbing.

Barry, you'll be a hard act to follow!

We have valued your happy disposition, your enthusiasm and your engagement with everyone and your drive to continue despite periods of ill health yourself.

Thank you, Barry, and to Ann for postponing your retirement journey on our behalf.

We are sorry to see you leave us, but we wish you and Ann good health and happy times going forward, and many uneventful but rewarding travels in your recently updated camper van.

We give you our love as you enjoy your well-earned holiday at last.

Go with God, the Holy Spirit and may the Lord Jesus bless and keep you.

Hucclecote Methodist Church  
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