

NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church and Online

Preachers and readings for Sunday 13th October

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17;

Psalm 22: 1-15;

Hebrews 4: 12-16;

Mark 10: 17-31

Worship in Church: 10.30am

Oct 13th Revd. John McNeill
(BB&GA Enrolment, Christening)

Oct 20th Revd John Kime
(Holy Communion)

Oct 27th Karen Burrige

Nov 3rd Revd Heather Upton
(Church Anniversary)

Flowers in church this week have
been kindly provided by:
Mrs P McCrea

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:

The Chosen Study Group 2-4pm
(in the lounge)

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 10.00-12noon

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

Nov 9th **Jumble Sale (HMC)**

Church Council Meeting – Wed 16th Oct

All CC members are reminded of the next meeting. Please inform Debbie if you have an item you wish to be added to the agenda.

Ladies Friendship Club – 14th October

The next meeting will be on Monday 14th commencing at 2.30pm. There will be a Beetle Drive and all are welcome.

Celebration of Life

May we all remember in our prayers our dear friend Afie Price and her family. Her husband, Newton, informed us that she passed away last Tuesday. With the help of Newton, she joined us for the zoom coffee mornings over the Covid period but never made it back to church and they moved from the area about 2 years ago.

There are two Celebrations of Life Services to be held in church over the next few weeks.

October 27th - our annual service will be led by Nick Butler. All are welcome to attend on Sunday 27th at 3pm. Especially those wishing to celebrate the life of loved ones.

November 2nd - Brockworth House will be holding a Service on Saturday 2nd November at 3pm at Hucclecote Methodist Church. This is an annual service held in Celebration of Life at Brockworth House.

Donation of Home Made Cards

We received a parcel in the post from an anonymous person who regularly passes the church and is overwhelmed by the activities and good work done by the church. She has made some delightful cards for us to sell on the stand in aid of Water Aid. We have managed to make contact via our Facebook page. She is more than happy to provide further contributions. Many thanks from all at HMC.

Harvest Festival – Service 6th October



This year's Harvest Service, led by our Minister, Rev John McNeill, was very well attended and generously supported with donations and produce both fresh and packaged. The money will be used to buy produce for the Foodbank and the fresh produce given to the City Mission. A total of 10 crates were filled for the Foodbank on the day. Monetary donations were made during the collection in the service. We all shared lunch afterwards and £110 was donated at that time.



During the service we had a slide show and talk from Beth, Elaine and Ron regarding the origins of the Welcome Garden and how it has successfully evolved to this day.

John also talked about the origins of the modern-day Church harvest festival in Morwenstow, just outside Bude in Cornwall, in 1843. It is said that the Rev Robert Hawker introduced the idea of having a harvest festival with hymns giving thanks for the bounty of the fields and orchards. He invited his parishioners into his home to receive the Sacrament in "the bread of the new corn". The harvest was a vital time of year when the success of the farmers' yield was literally a matter of life and death, especially with a cold winter following a poor harvest.

Full marks to John for his traditional dress.



Safeguarding Foundation Training Course

The next Creating Safer Space Foundation Training Course for all Church Volunteers is being held on Wednesday 30 October 2024 at St Mark's Methodist Church, Cheltenham, GL51 8PX from 7pm until 9pm. Refreshments are served from 6:30pm.

All Church Volunteers who have never attended a Methodist Church Safeguarding Training Course or who haven't attended any Safeguarding Training within the last five years, are invited to attend the Foundation Training Course.

Please book a place at safeguarding@gloscircuit.co.uk.

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact Debbie Long.

St Philip & St James Church

Messy Church Sat 12th Oct

Our next MESSY CHURCH at St Philip & St James Church, Larkhay Road will be on Saturday 12th October (4-5.30pm). We are continuing a series of the "I am" sayings of Jesus with "I am the light for the world". Feel free to come as sparkly as you like! There will be plenty of crafts, games, story and a picnic tea. Everyone is welcome. Please pray for us and encourage families to come. Thank you.