NOTICES & NEWS

Worship in Church and Online

Preachers and readings for Sunday 20th October

Job 38: 1-7, (34-41);

Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c;

Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45

Worship in Church: 10.30am

Oct 20th Revd John Kime

(Holy Communion)

Oct 27th Karen Burridge

Nov 3rd Revd Heather Upton (Church Anniversary)

Nov 10th Revd Joh McNeill

Flowers in church this week have been kindly provided by:

Mrs M Dunn

Weekly Programme

Monday:

Friendship Club (2ndMon) 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 & Toddlers10-11.30am (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.

Charity Bags

We are in need of charity bags for the next Jumble Sale on 9^{th} November. Please place them in the box on the windowsill in the 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 2^{nd} - Brockworth House will be holding a Service on Saturday 2^{nd} November at 3pm at Hucclecote Methodist Church. This is an annual service held in Celebration of Life at Brockworth House.

Circuit Newsletter

The Circuit Newsletter is now available on HMC Website under the News section.

HMC Website Homepage: www.hucclecotemc.org.uk

A Day in the Life of a Church Techy

Believe it or not, the provision of the sound and PowerPoint presentation in church every week takes longer than a day. It doesn't all take place on Sunday.



We have people who prepare the PowerPoint and we have people who operate both the sound and the slides on Sunday. Some people will prepare and present. We all have different levels of knowledge of the relevant technology – you are never too old to learn, as they say.

It all starts with who we have available and we are very grateful to have had an increase in staffing levels recently. The rota is prepared on a quarterly basis and hopefully we can now spread the load with more people being involved.

The Order of Service is normally received, by our duty Steward,

from the visiting preacher, hopefully by Thursday before the service. Sometimes this could be Friday or even Saturday. The complexity of the PowerPoint preparation will depend on what the preacher requires. Sometimes they have their own images, videos etc. and sometimes we have to download videos. We might have communion or other set words we are required to project. Also, we generally like to make the slides interesting by adding different crosses etc.. This could be photographs or images relevant to the reading.

The equipment requires maintenance and updating from time to time. This will generally be small items. Things can go wrong in the service.......batteries in the radio mic, feedback on the speakers, preachers changing the order of things or forgetting items. In recent winters we have moved the service into the hall. This means moving the tech.....every week. We have now perfected this with new HDMI connections. All the time we are conscious of providing for those with hearing issues with our loop system.

We have certainly come a long way over the last few decades in making our services more user friendly and visually attractive. If ever you have any suggestions, please see whoever is on the sound deck at the back.

We take pride in what we do and strive to provide a flawless presentation. This all takes a lot of time, kindly provided by the Church Techys.

We are sure you would wish to join us in offering our thanks for the service they provide every week.

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.



