

NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 8th December Advent Sunday

Malachi 3:1-4;
 Luke 1: 68-79;
 Philippians 1: 3-11;
 Luke 3: 1-6

Worship in Church: 10.30am

Dec 8th Gareth Zimmerman
 Dec 15th Rev John McNeill
 (BB&Girls Assoc Carol Serv)
 Dec 18th Wed 7.30pm
 (Church Carol Service)
 Dec 22nd Trevor Willis
 Dec 24th 5pm Crib Service
 Dec 24th 11.30pm Midnight Communion
 Dec 25th 10.30pm Christmas Day
 Dec 29th Steve Ward

Flowers in church this week have been
 arranged for the
 Christmas Tree Festival

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

Jan 11th Jumble sale (PFA)
 Jan 25th Jigsaw Sale

Notices & News – Christmas Break

Next week's Notices, dated Sunday 15th December, will be the last publication before Christmas. Please ensure you submit all articles and information by Monday 9th December. The Notices will recommence week ending Sunday 12th January, with last submissions by Monday 6th January.

Craft Sale

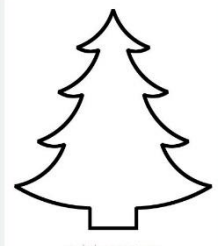
The Craft Group Christmas Sale on Saturday raised a wonderful £480 for Church Funds. The group would like to thank all members, helpers and those attending, for making this event a huge success. (Editors Comment - there are some very clever and dextrous people in the Craft Group)

Christmas Cards

As in previous years, the display boards will be available for you to place your Christmas cards to your friends in church. The collection box will also be available for donations to **All We Can**. As you will know, this charity is an international development and relief organisation and is rooted in the Christian faith. The display board will be available in the Welcome from this weekend.

Christmas Tree Festival

This is an appeal to all our bakers. We would be very grateful for any cake contributions as the Café will be open throughout the Festival. All donations during this period will be for the benefit of the church.



New Welcome Chairs

We took receipt of our new chairs last week, which has made a huge improvement to the space in the Welcome, especially the practicality. The previous chairs were donated from a church which was closing and were intended as a temporary measure. They were very bulky and heavy making them difficult to move around, as well as taking up too much space. This is a multi-functional space and is constantly being rearranged.

The new chairs have been part funded by a Circuit grant and are far more practical, offering the following benefits:

- Light and stackable
- Easily maneuvered for large meetings and small committee meetings, by anyone.
- Easier to clear the space completely eg. Jumble Sale/Model Railway.
- Easy to reconfigure during the Cafe sessions, with different numbers at different tables. The previous chairs were very bulky which did not allow this.
- Better access as a thoroughfare to the church, either from the hall or from outside.



Jumble Sale - 11th January 2025 2pm

Second-hand, bric-a-brac and jumble sale

Commencing at 2pm

All the proceeds are for the Brigades Parents and Friends group.

Please will you bring your saleable items to the hall either:

- Between 6pm and 8pm on the Friday (day before) or
- Between 9am to 12noon on the Saturday.

HELP please. We also need helpers to sell the items.

We are usually very short of helpers,
so even if you have not taken part previously,
please come along to help.

Clearing up after the sale is always a big task,
so if you are able to help us after 3.30pm to clear away and sweep up,
please come along.

Thank you from the PFA

Advanced Notice – Safeguard Training

The next Creating Safer Space Foundation Training Course for all Church Volunteers is being held via Zoom on Thursday 6 February 2025 from 6:30pm to 9pm.

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.

To receive the Zoom meeting invitation and the latest Creating Safer Space training handbook, please contact Debbie Long dlong1962@outlook.com.

Please note: the Tree Fest on Sunday will end at 5pm

A warm Welcome
Awaits you at
our



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

5th - 8th DECEMBER



Thur & Fri	3pm – 7pm
Sat	10am – 12 noon 3pm - 7pm
Sun	3pm - 7pm



Come along and see the beautifully
decorated Christmas Trees

Refreshments served throughout
The Festival

[Hucclecote Methodist Church, Carisbrooke Road
Hucclecote, Gloucester.](http://www.hucclecotemc.org.uk)



A Message from the Foodbank

You can find the Foodbank Christmas Newsletter under the “News” section of our Website



Hello Friends & Supporters,

We do hope you are all well and looking forward to the Christmas season.

For us at Gloucester Foodbank this is our busiest time of year as we continue to support local people struggling to feed themselves and their families with emergency food parcels plus Christmas hampers. It is thanks to your generosity with donating food, toiletries, funds and your time that we are able to continue providing support to people in crisis living in our community.

Change of Logo No doubt you will have noticed that this email has a different logo to our previous emails. Trussell have recently updated their branding including their logo and as a Trussell food bank we will be transitioning to the new branding too. This will be reflected in our future newsletters and communications in the coming months.

Scroll down for more news on Gloucester Foodbank.

Please find our winter newsletter, noting some recent key changes to our service, and celebrating some of our recent successes:

[Foodbank Christmas Newsletter.pdf](#)

Further news & information

Tesco food drives Our winter collections are upon us! Please [click here](#) for the Facebook event page and consider visiting us this weekend at Tesco [Brockworth](#), [Quedgeley](#) and [St Oswalds](#) 9:30am-4:30pm this Friday and Saturday.

Urgently needed donations we are seeing a further decline in donations this year, which are vital support to stock our emergency food parcels. Please [visit our website here](#) to view our most needed stock items and a list of our dedicated Supermarket drop boxes.

Could you be a Foodbank champion? We are calling on all businesses, community groups, churches, and local organisations to champion our charity this winter by holding a collection drive or fundraiser in our name. To discuss this with our team and gain access to resources that can support your efforts, please contact [Rhi](#) via info@gloucester.foodbank.org.uk

Standing order donations [please click here](#) to find our standing order form, which can be completed and returned to set up regular monetary donations to our charity.

Trussell launches The Hardship Times Over 1.4 million emergency food parcels were provided by food banks in the Trussell UK community in just 6 months. On Wednesday 20th November, food banks, anti-poverty charities and people with lived experience of hardship, alongside key Ambassadors, gathered at Parliament Square to unveil a bold new newspaper, The Hardship Times.

This publication has been filled with stories of hope and hardship from our network. They reveal the devastating consequences of a social security system ~~that's~~ failing to protect people from going without the essentials, as well as a growing movement for change which is calling on the UK government to take urgent action on hunger. You can read more details and an [online copy of The Hardship Times here](#).

You are welcome to share this email and newsletter with your respective networks.

With warmest Christmas greetings,

Anneliese, [Rhi](#) & Fiona - Gloucester Foodbank Management Team

Bring and Buy 

Charity

Jigsaw Puzzle Sale

 **Saturday January 25th** 
10am-12:30

 **Free entry** 

Loads of jigsaws
for sale at
bargain prices 

Coffee and cake 

Hucclecote Methodist Church
Carisbrooke Road, GL3 3QP

Advanced Notice – 2025 Events

Here are one or two dates for your diary. You will notice that some events have been rearranged in order to spread the load, as they take a lot of time and manpower.

Other events, such as Jumble Sales, will appear in the box above near each event.

Sat 17th May - **Plant Sale**

Sat 28th June - **Strawberry Fayre**

Sat 12th July - **Model Railway Exhibition**