

NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 15th December

Zephaniah 3: 14-20;
 Isaiah 12: 2-6;
 Philippians 4: 4-7;
 Luke 3: 7-18

Worship in Church: 10.30am

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 over the Christmas
 period have been provided by
 Mrs S Stanfield

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

A Happy Christmas &
 Best Wishes for 2025
 to all our readers

The next issue will be dated Sunday 12th
 January 2025. Last date for articles Mon 6th.



Gift Boxes

Over 70 gift boxes have now been dropped off at the
 Salvation Army. The picture shows Captain James very
 gratefully receiving them. Thanks to all who contributed to
 filling them.



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.

News in Brief

12th & 13th – Nativity on a Lorry. See below for more details

21st - Sat 2pm. **Quiet Christmas**. Come to the
 Welcome for an hour or so if, for whatever reason, you
 may find Christmas hard this year.

Christmas Wishes from the Wilsons

"Happy Christmas to all the Church Family

Ted and Anne wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas

Many thanks too for your continued support, pastoral visits and the lovely flowers brought to us. Ted has good care from the surgery and palliative teams and our Faith is a constant help.

Bless you all.

Ted & Anne"

Welcome Cafe

"A very big thankyou to everyone who baked for the Café during the Christmas Tree Festival. There was a wonderful array of cakes and biscuits.

Also, thankyou to the people who served on. It was a lovely welcome for visitors to our church and was really well received.

Thank you."

Lorraine Shaw

Jigsaw Puzzle Bring & Buy 25th January

See the poster at the end of these notices for full details.

Sue is asking for any unwanted puzzles you may have hiding in the loft.....

"Following on from last year's wonderful event, we are holding another Bring and Buy Jigsaw Sale (no books this time).

January is a really good time after you have finished all those Christmas puzzles you may wish to donate them to this sale.

Please bring along your unwanted jigsaws and leave them on the table in the library after Christmas.

We will also be open to receive any puzzles from 7-9pm the Friday evening before the sale and from 9am on the morning of the sale. We need all types of puzzles please including any children's jigsaws and the proceeds will be equally divided between our church funds and WaterAid charity. Offers of help on the day would also be appreciated. The Welcome Cafe will be open on the day for refreshments. Please tell your friends and neighbours to come along and join us too.

Thank you, Sue Woodward"

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.

Nativity on a Lorry

Thursday - 12th starting at St Philip&James church at 6.30pm and finishing by 8.00pm

Friday - 13th starting at the corner of Brookfield Road, Hucclecote Road. Again 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Come and help bring the Christmas message to Hucclecote

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

Craft Market & Pamper Event

The function below is being held on our premises, however, it is not a church event. The details are being provided as it may be a cause you wish to support. Contact Andrew Jackson for further details.



Messy Church – St P&J

MESSY CHURCH at St Philip & St James Church, Larkhay Road meet again on Saturday 14th December 4-5.30pm for **MESSY CHRISTMAS!** We will decorate the Christmas tree and have lots of Christmassy crafts and fun telling the Christmas story. There will be activities, refreshments, songs etc, for all the family. Please pray for us and encourage families to come. Thank you.

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](#), [Quedeley](#) 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**