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**Prayers**

We ask you to remember in your prayers this week the worship, work and witness of the congregation at **Gloucester Barton Street**.

**Circuit Dates, Event & Place: In Brief** (further details on each below)

When	Event	Where
Saturday 7 Oct 2.30pm	Autumn Walk	May Hill Methodist Church
Saturday 7 Oct 3 – 5pm	Cancer Awareness Event	Lonsdale Road Methodist Church
Saturday 7 Oct 5pm	Concert by The Blackheath Piano Quartet	Dursley Methodist Church
Tuesday 10 Oct 10.30 - 12 noon	Spectrum	Christchurch, Abbeydale
Wednesday 11 Oct 10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning	May Hill Methodist Church
Wednesday 18 Oct 7.30pm	Tax Justice - A Path to a Fairer World	Hucclecote Methodist Church
Friday 27 Oct 7.00 for 7.30pm	Action for Children - Gloucester Strings Ukulele Concert	Hucclecote Community Centre, Hucclecote Road, Gloucester
<b>Saturday 2 Dec 9.30am – 1pm</b>	<b>'Creating Safer Space' - Foundation Safeguarding Training</b>	<b>Hucclecote Methodist Church</b>

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**The Superintendent’s Lunch Club**

**12.30 on a Thursday. All welcome to sit alongside, eat and chat**

19 October	The Belfry, Broad St, Littledean, Cinderford GL14 3JS
9 November	The Corinium, Cirencester
23 November	The Moon Under Water, Cheltenham
14 December	The Whitminster Inn, Whitminster

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**News....**

**Circuit Email Address**

Please be aware the former Circuit email address **glosccircuit1@btconnect.com** is no longer in use and emails sent to this address are not monitored. Please can you check and ensure all emails to the Circuit are sent to the address **office@glosccircuit.co.uk**.

Many thanks, Circuit Office

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**Housing and Homelessness – a bulletin by the Public Issues & Social Responsibility Team**

Our Public Issues and Social Responsibility focus for October to December 2017 is 'housing and homelessness'. A very quick review of concerns about housing issues resulted in the following list, in general order of urgency for the people affected:

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## **Quiet Days in the Circuit**

Many of you will be aware that the Rev'd Diane Daymond led a Quiet Day in the Circuit during this last Summer, and our hope is to offer a Quiet Day within the Circuit on perhaps a six-monthly basis, with the next one now being planned for the Spring of 2018. The Revd Carrie Seaton has also offered to lead a Quiet Day, so we will advise you further once dates and venues have been fixed in due course.

In the meantime, attached to this Newsletter is some information about a monthly series of Quiet Days at Rudford which I am sharing with you at the request of Canon Helen Sammon, the Rector of the Highnam Benefice. Whilst there is a cost for these monthly Quiet Days, refreshments are provided, and they may be of benefit for you occasionally or regularly, if you wish to partake in them.

Revd Dr James Tebbutt

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## **Spare Modesty Panel available**

Cheltenham Bethesda have a modesty panel excess to requirements made from white beech. If any church can make use of this, please contact Ros Terry at rosterry@hotmail.co.uk.

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## **Dates for the Diary....**

### **Autumn Walk**

**Saturday 7 October, 2.30pm**

**May Hill Methodist Church**

The Autumn Walk is followed by tea. Cost is £4 per person. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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### **Cancer Awareness Event**

**Saturday 7 October, 3 - 5pm**

**Lonsdale Road Methodist Church**

Come along to a presentation to learn more about cancer, its prevention and the local and national services that can support you. This presentation is being organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

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### **Concert by The Blackheath Piano Quartet**

**Saturday 7 October, 5pm**

**Dursley Methodist Church**

Dursley Methodist Church are looking forward to a return visit by The Blackheath Piano Quartet from London. The pianist is one of the team of deputy organists at Dursley Methodist Church, hence we are able to host this event. The musicians all live in the Greenwich area and met through being members of The Blackheath Symphony Orchestra. They will be performing: Piano Quartet in E flat major, opus 16, Beethoven. Piano Quartet in E flat major, opus 87, Dvorak.

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### **Spectrum**

**Tuesday 10 October, 10.30 - 12 noon (coffee from 10am)**

**Christchurch, Abbeydale**

The Circuit group SPECTRUM begins a new monthly study and the theme of the six studies is 'The God We Worship'. This has been prepared by the Revd Dr Neil Richardson and Revd Dr Barbara Glasson based on the talks they gave at the SPECTRUM Conference held earlier this year. If you would like to be part of a challenging and stimulating group on six occasions between October and March, meeting on the second Tuesday, please come along or contact Vernon Godden (01452 535256) who will be pleased to give you further details.

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## Coffee Morning

Wednesday 11 October, 10.30 – 12 noon

May Hill Methodist Church

Come along and enjoy May Hill's Coffee Morning. All monies raised will go towards chapel funds.

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## Tax Justice - A Path to a Fairer World

Wednesday 18 October, 7.30pm

Hucclecote Methodist Church

This event will explore the links between the global tax system and the extremes of inequality across the world - and what we can do to make the system fairer. The two speakers are Revd David Haslam from the Methodist Tax Justice Network and Revd Noel Sharp from Christian Aid. Admission is free. The event has been organised by The Methodist Circuit of Gloucestershire Public Issues and Social Responsibility Team.

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## Golf Day

Thursday 19 October, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Rodway Hill Golf Club, Highnam, GL2 8DR

Calling golfing lay folk – you are invited to participate in a Golf Day of Friendship, Fun and Competition. Cost is £20 to include a simple lunch and all-day tea/coffee. RSVP Rev Denise Hargreaves on 01594 825662 or email dkah26@icloud.com by 1 October.

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## Action for Children - Gloucester Strings Ukulele Concert

Friday 27 October, 7.00 for 7.30pm

Hucclecote Community Centre, Hucclecote Road, Gloucester, GL3 3RT

Come to a concert with a difference. Tickets £10.00 to include Fish & Chip supper, raising funds for Action for Children. Tickets or further information from Peter Staite; 01452 548169.

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## Advance Notice

### 'CREATING SAFER SPACE' Foundation Safeguarding Training

If you are new to a role as a worker with children and young people, a pastoral visitor, a local preacher/worship leader, a representative on your church council or a church safeguarding coordinator, you may not have attended Foundation Safeguarding training. **YOU MUST ATTEND THIS COURSE!** The Government states that ALL volunteers should have safeguarding training every 5 years.

There will be a Foundation Safeguarding Course on:

Saturday 2 December, 9.30am – 1pm

Hucclecote Methodist Church

*By the end of the module you should:*

- *Understand that safeguarding and creating safer space is everyone's responsibility and an integral part of being church.*
- *Have a better understanding of the safeguarding processes within the Methodist Church and your role within them.*
- *Know when to have concerns about the safety and welfare of a child or vulnerable adult.*
- *Recognise potential blocks within the church to responding well.*
- *Be able to respond appropriately to concerns about the safety and welfare of a child or vulnerable adult using the Methodist Church policies.*
- *Recognise that there are experts within the Church to help you respond to concerns, and be able to identify who is the expert in your church*

Please book your places. Contact: Peter Gardner on 01452-790564 or at peter@familygardner.plus.com.

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## Events happening outside the circuit and in other churches....

**Fernley Hartley lecture**

**Monday 9 October**

**The Queen's Foundation, Birmingham**

The Revd Dr Nicola Price-Tebbutt will be giving this year's Fernley Hartley lecture on 'Methodism and experience: the role of personal narrative in shaping the Church's theology' at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. All are welcome. More information can be found [here](#).

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