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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, St John's**.

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

When	Event	Where
Friday 20 Oct 3 – 4pm	Afternoon Tea	Methodist Hall, Winchcombe Methodist Church
Saturday 21 Oct 10am	All Things 50!	Christ Church Nailsworth
Friday 27 Oct 7.00 for 7.30pm	Action for Children - Gloucester Strings Ukulele Concert	Hucclecote Community Centre, Hucclecote Road, Gloucester
Saturday 4 Nov 10am - 12noon	Jumble Sale	St Mark's Methodist Church, Cheltenham.
Saturday 4 Nov 10.30am	Church Bazaar	Coalway Methodist Church
Saturday 2 Dec 9.30am – 1pm	'Creating Safer Space' - Foundation Safeguarding Training	Hucclecote Methodist Church

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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....

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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Report by Bristol District Representative, Carolyn Buley, of the MWiB Forum Meeting September 2017

Carolyn Buley attended the recent MWiB Forum Meeting in Swanwick where several items were discussed including the MWiB website, Swanwick weekend 2018, Women's World Day of Prayer, Social and Community Action Grants and a writing competition to name a few. Carolyn has written a report and this is attached to the newsletter.

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Hawling Methodist Chapel

Hawling Methodist Chapel is available as a venue for your Church Away Day, Retreat or Quiet Day. Situated 10 miles outside Cheltenham, the space holds 30 people and has kitchen facilities and fully accessible toilets. More information can be found in the attached poster.

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Vacancy

Volunteer Receptionists, The Listening Post

The Listening Post is a Gloucestershire-based Christian counselling charity, with bases in Gloucester, Cheltenham and Stroud. The Cheltenham branch is expanding to meet the extra demand and is short of volunteer receptionists. This is an appeal to anyone that might like to consider helping Listening Post - volunteers usually do a regular 2-hour slot each week. If you would like to help Listening Post please contact the Chief Executive, Kathy Mead, at our Gloucester office on 01452 383820.

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Dates for the Diary....

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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Afternoon Tea

Friday 20 October, 3 – 4pm

Methodist Hall, Winchcombe Methodist Church

You are invited to an afternoon tea of tea and cake to celebrate Winchcombe being a Fairtrade town for 10 years. Adam Gardner from the Fairtrade Foundation will give a short presentation on the current state of Fairtrade and answer any questions you may have.

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All Things 50!

Christ Church Nailsworth

Saturday 21 October, 10am

Come and see a display of toys and have an opportunity to play with them! There will be Lego, Airfix models, Meccano, Dinky & Corgi, Train sets, dolls, 2 British motor bikes and coins and stamps. There will also be historical photos and books of the three churches that make up Christ Church! Refreshments will be available.

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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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Jumble Sale

Saturday 4 November, 10am - 12noon

St Mark's Methodist Church, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham. GL51 8PX

Please come along to support a good cause. Refreshments will be on sale. Admission is 30p. All money raised in Aid of St Mark's Friday Club funds.

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Church Bazaar

Saturday 4 November, 10.30am

Coalway Methodist Church

Come along and enjoy crafts, bric-a-brac, cakes and books. Refreshments will also be available.

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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....

Refugee Crisis Meeting

Gas Green Baptist Church, Russell St, Cheltenham GL51 9HJ

Thursday 19th October, 7.30 pm

A meeting concerning the refugee crisis is being held, titled ‘the refugee crisis is a test of our character: an opportunity to be informed and enlightened’. Speakers include Adele Owen, Director of GARAS. If you are able to attend, please contact secretary@gasgreen.org.uk.

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‘A Monk’s Tale’

Saturday 21 October, 7.30pm

Kings Theatre, King’s Barton Street, Gloucester, GL1 1QX

There are still some tickets for this wonderful theatre production. Free refreshments served from 7.30, play starts at 8pm. This play which is touring the country is warm, funny and well worth seeing, and suitable for all ages and all faiths and none. There is free parking in the public car parks nearby after 7pm. More information can be found at abbeychurch.net/event/a-monks-tale. We anticipate some tickets being available on the door.

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Jigsaw Sale

Saturday 4 November, 10am – 3pm

Lysons Hall, St Swithun’s Church, Hempsted

Come along and enjoy different types and various size jigsaw’s, suitable for all ages and of good quality. Entry is free and there is a raffle. Refreshments are available

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Bristol District MWiB Experience
Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 March 2018
Lindors Country House Hotel

The Methodist Women in Britain 2018 experience will take place at Lindors Country House Hotel and will cost £170. The leader is Carolyn Lawrence who is a member of MWiB Executive and Vice-President of the Britain and Ireland unit. Do come and join in this time of fellowship, reflection and learning. Further details can be obtained from Sylvia Munns or your local MWIB representative.

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