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**Prayers**

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

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

When	Event	Where
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 11 Nov 12.30 – 2pm	Brimscombe Intentional Community Meeting	Brimscombe Methodist Church
Wednesday 15 Nov 10.30am – 12noon	Coffee Morning	May Hill Methodist Church
Saturday 18 Nov 10am - 12noon	Christmas Fair	St Mark’s Methodist Church
<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**

9 November	The Corinium, Cirencester
23 November	The Moon Under Water, Cheltenham
14 December	The Whitminster Inn, Whitminster

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**News....**

**Brimscombe Intentional Community Meeting**

The latest meeting of the group that is exploring the formation of an Intentional Community based at Brimscombe Methodist Church met on 14.10.17. The meeting looked at how a range of different intentional communities approached their community “rule” or “rhythm of life” or pattern of life”, focusing on the following communities in particular:

- The Bruderhof Darvell Community
- Hilfield Franciscan Friary
- Carrs Lane Lived Community
- The Northumbria Community
- The Franciscan Third Order

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The meeting decided that we need to begin by summarising the core purpose/core vision of the community before we can consider any specific content to a community rule. The rule will emerge over time once the core vision is in place. It was agreed that each of us would bring to the next meeting a short summary of the key element(s) we would personally like to see included in a statement of the community's core purpose and vision. We would then use the next meeting to discuss and, ideally, agree a statement of the community's core purpose/vision. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11 November between 12.30-2.00pm at Brimscombe Methodist Church around a bring and share meal. You are welcome to attend even if you haven't been to previous meetings.

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### **Bream Methodist Church**

Please be advised that the West Dean Centre is not a registered postal address. The members of Bream Methodist Church meet in the West Dean Community Centre but are unable to take post at that address. If you need to send anything to them, please send to Mrs Becky Morgan (Treasurer) at the address shown in the Circuit Directory, or Roger Carter (Steward) at 9 St James Park, Lower Milkwall, Coleford, GL16 7LG.

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### **Hunter Rowe Bequest Fund**

We have been advised of the following:

The Hunter Rowe Bequest exists to help Methodist trusts and trusts in legal partnership with 'the erection of new or the modernisation of present churches and buildings grants or gifts to colleges or schools'.

This fund is administered by the East Anglia Methodist Circuit. Grants to individual projects would not normally be greater than £12,000 in a single year and £20,000 in a five-year period. If you know of a project that might want to apply for a grant, please contact the Gloucester Circuit office for more details.

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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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### **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....**

#### **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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## **Brimscombe Intentional Community Meeting**

**Saturday 11 November, 12.30 – 2pm**

**Brimscombe Methodist Church**

The next meeting will take place around a bring and share meal. You are welcome to attend even if you haven't been to previous meetings.

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## **Coffee Morning**

**Wednesday 15 November, 10.30am – 12noon**

**May Hill Methodist Church**

Come along and enjoy the coffee morning at May Hill Methodist Church. All monies raised at this event will be donated to the BBC Children In Need appeal.

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## **Christmas Fair**

**Saturday 18 November, 10am to 12noon**

**St Mark's Methodist Church**

Competitions & raffle, children's activities, new & nearly new gifts, local art work & crafts, homemade cakes & refreshments. Free admission. Please come and enjoy this church event.

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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](mailto:peter@familygardner.plus.com).

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

### **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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### **Autumn Fair**

**Saturday 11 November, 10am – 1.30pm**

**St Andrew's Church, Montpellier Street, Cheltenham**

Come along and browse cake stalls, auction of promises, jams and preserves, gifts and toys, books. There is a coffee shop and hot and cold lunches will also be served. All monies raised will go towards their project in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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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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