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**Prayers**

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

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

When		Where
Saturday 3 Feb 10am – 12noon	Pastoral Care Training Session	Lonsdale Road Methodist Church, Gloucester
Saturday 10 Feb 10am – 12noon	Coffee Morning	Bishop’s Cleeve Methodist Church
Tuesday 13 Feb 10.30am	Spectrum	Christchurch, Abbeydale
From Monday 19 Feb throughout Lent	Lent Lunches	Quedgeley Methodist Church

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**The Superintendent’s Lunch Club**

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

1 March	The Corinium, Cirencester
22 March	The Whitminster Inn, Whitminster

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**News....**

**Picturing the parables of Jesus for the 21<sup>st</sup> century - An exhibition available for loan from Tewkesbury Methodist Church**

“Thank you for a very thought-provoking exhibition”. This is just one of many favourable comments from a visitor to the exhibition, ‘Picturing the parables of Jesus for the 21<sup>st</sup> century’, recently on display at Tewkesbury Methodist Church. A small group of local photographers took nine of Jesus’ parables and created their own interpretation of them for today. The parables are displayed on rigid A1 size boards (810mm x 585mm/ 31.9” x 23”) plus an introductory sequence on twelve A3 cards.

This small exhibition is available for loan to other churches. However, as it was designed to stand on the radiators round the sides of the church at Tewkesbury, if you are interested in borrowing the exhibition, it will be best if someone comes to see how it could be displayed on your premises. There is a bonus to this exhibition! It is mounted on the reverse of A1 size boards that were professionally produced by the University of Sheffield Department of Biblical Studies for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James’ Bible in 2011 and tells the story of the development of the Bible from its earliest days. Reverse the boards, and you have another exhibition!

Enquiries and arrangements to view to Michael Jebson (Tel: 01684 593465) Email: michaeljebson@outlook.com.

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

### **Pastoral Care Training Sessions**

**Saturday 3 February, 10am – 12noon**

**Lonsdale Road Methodist Church, Gloucester**

In the Spring of 2018 the Revd Diane Daymond will be leading Saturday morning sessions from 10am to 12noon on pastoral care and visiting in four venues across our Circuit. As well as being able to draw upon her own extensive experience in ministry, the Revd Diane was a lead member of the team that offered the Wesley College Bristol Pastoral Carers' Course for a number of years across the connexion.

**The next training session has been planned for Saturday 3 February at  
Lonsdale Road Methodist Church.**

*It would help if you would let Russell Buley know before this date if you intend to come to this session  
or any of the others.*

The other three sessions are on:

Saturday 24 February at Dursley;

Saturday 10 March at Coalway.

Our hope is that those involved in pastoral care and visiting in our churches will feel encouraged to attend one of these sessions. Individuals as well as church representatives are welcome to contact Russell Buley, Circuit Portfolio Holder for Learning & Caring, for further details and/or to let him know their intention to attend. Telephone 01242 244036 - email russell.buley@btinternet.com.

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### **Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 10 February, 10am – 12noon**

**Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church**

Come along and browse stalls including Traidcraft, bric-a-brac, books, cards, cakes and a raffle and enjoy a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee. Everyone is welcome.

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### **Spectrum**

**Tuesday 13 February, 10.30am**

**Christchurch, Abbeydale**

The next meeting of the Spectrum study group will be led by Rev Carrie Seaton and is the fourth in a series of sixth monthly studies on the theme 'The God we Worship'. If you have not been before you are very welcome. Coffee/tea will be available from 10 o'clock.

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### **Lent Lunches**

**From Monday 19 February**

**Quedgeley Methodist Church**

Every Monday throughout Lent, from 12 noon until 1.30pm. Come and enjoy a friendly chat, homemade soup, crusty bread and a cup of coffee or tea, all for a donation.

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

### **Christians in the workplace networking event**

**Saturday 3 February, 9.30am - 12.30pm**

**Superdry, The Runnings, Cheltenham GL51 9NW**

Meet and share with other Christians seeking to live out their faith at work. This time we are focusing on God's guidance in our workplace, together with a presentation and interactive discussion led by Angela De Souza on Christian Entrepreneurship. Angela is the director of a fast-growing national franchise, the Women's Business Club and the founder of King's Daughters. No charge but donations are welcome. You can register at [www.transformworkuk.org/events](http://www.transformworkuk.org/events).

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### **Courses & Retreats at the Ammerdown Centre**

**February & March 2018**

The Ammerdown Centre has published a list of courses and retreats being held in the next few months. These can be found in the attachment with this newsletter.

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