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Prayers

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

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

When	Event	Where
Thursday 14 Sept 6.30 – 9.30pm	'Creating Safer Space' refresher course	Churchdown Methodist Church
Saturday 16 Sept 12.30-2.00pm	Brimscombe intentional community follow-up meeting	Brimscombe Methodist Church
Sunday 24 Sept 6pm	'Out Of The Ashes'	Bethesda Methodist Church
Friday 29 Sept 10:30	Macmillan coffee morning	Clements End
Friday 29 September, 7-9pm	Love Fairford event!	Marquee in The Walnut Field, Fairford
Friday 29 Sept 7pm Friday 6 Oct 7pm	Gloucestershire Hospitals Baby Remembrance Service	Gloucestershire Royal Hospital & St Luke's Church, Cheltenham
Saturday 30 Sept 7pm	Harvest Ploughman's Supper & Barn Dance	Bethesda Methodist Church, Cheltenham
Saturday 7 Oct 5pm	Concert by The Blackheath Piano Quartet	Dursley Methodist Church
Tuesday 10 Oct 10.30 - 12 noon	Spectrum	Christchurch, Abbeydale
Wednesday 18 Oct 7.30pm	Tax Justice - A Path to a Fairer World	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

Future dates for the Superintendents Lunch Club will be notified shortly

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News....

Car Parking for Circuit Assembly, Sunday 17 September at Dursley Methodist Church

Dursley Methodist Church have advised us that there are two main car parks in the centre of Dursley, both next to Sainsburys. One is the Stroud District Council Car Park, in front of the swimming pool, and it has a limit of 3 hours parking before 6pm. Immediately to the right of that (same entrance), behind Sainsburys is the Sainsbury's Car Park, part of which is behind lockable barriers. When people arrive for the assembly, the whole car park will be open, but the barriers will be lowered when Sainsbury's shuts at 4.00pm. There will be no possibility of opening these barriers before Monday, so please ensure you **do not park in the section of the Sainsbury's car park that is behind the barrier.**

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Circuit Directory – 2017/18 edition

Please can everyone check their individual and church entries and notify any changes to the Circuit Office by no later than Wednesday 20 September. We will start work on a new Circuit Directory at the end of this month and aim to distribute the new edition during October. If you would like to receive an electronic or hard copy of the Directory, please contact the Circuit Office and we will add you to our distribution list.

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Closure of Northgate Street

Please note that owing to resurfacing works, Northgate Street, Gloucester will be closed between 9.30am and 3.30pm between 18 and 22 September. No vehicular access will be available to St John's Methodist Church or the Circuit Office between these hours.

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A Discipling Presence

Are you part of a rural church? Do you want to focus on mission and making disciples? If so, *A Discipling Presence* is for you and contains stories to inspire, exercises and Bible passages to help you reflect and practical suggestions to get you started or move you forward. This book supports those living and serving God in the countryside. The book is priced at £3.49 (plus p+p) and is available from Methodist Publishing on 0845 017 8220 or on the website at www.mph.org.uk.

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Encounter Worldwide

Encounter Worldwide offers Christians in Britain and Ireland aged 18 and over the opportunity to spend three to twelve months sharing the Methodist Church's mission, life and culture in another part of the world. Self-funded volunteers are church based and serve in the local church community, sharing their faith with others. The experience is grounded in building relationships and friendships and allows you to take the time to 'encounter'. Volunteers are sought who are committed to faith; willing to learn and share as equals; open to others' perspectives, ideas and culture; resourceful and able to cope with new and unfamiliar situations with limited support, and committed on their return to continuing to enrich mission by sharing their experience with others. If you would like to find out more, contact Rachel Gooden at World Church Relationships Office on 020 7467 5166, by email at encounterworldwide@methodistchurch.org.uk or on the website at www.methodist.org.uk/encounterworldwide.

Dates for the Diary....

'Creating Safer Space' refresher course

Thursday 14 September, 6.30 – 9.30pm

Churchdown Methodist Church

The Methodist Church has developed refresher safeguarding training for those undertaking various roles and responsibilities in the Methodist Church and who have previously completed the Foundation Module. Government guidelines stipulate that volunteers should have safeguarding training every 3/4 years. This Refresher Course is for those church volunteers who attended the Foundation Course in 2011/2012 (Ministers and Church Safeguarding Co-ordinators have lists for each Church). To book a place, contact Peter Gardner at peter@familygardner.plus.com

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Brimscombe intentional community follow-up meeting

Saturday 16 September, 12.30-2.00pm

Brimscombe Methodist Church

There will be another meeting to explore the development of an intentional community at Brimscombe Methodist Church. This meeting will start to think and pray about the formation of a community itself - its core purpose, the development of a community rule, and who might be interested in getting involved. The meeting will take the form of an informal discussion and prayer time around a simple meal. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Simon Topping.

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'Out Of The Ashes'

Sunday 24 September, 6pm

Bethesda Methodist Church

An exciting evening of jazz, swing, blues and gospel. This evening will be a safari of musical exploration discovering toe-tapping swing ballads, gospel-soul grooves, rootsy blues and jazz. Tea and coffee will be served in the interval and admission is free!

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Macmillan coffee morning

Friday 29 September, 10:30 am

Clements End

Come and join in the big coffee morning and support Macmillan and the work they do.

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Love Fairford event!

Friday 29 September, 7-9pm

Marquee in The Walnut Field, Fairford

Come along and enjoy the international rock band 'Written in Kings' who are performing as part of the 'Love Fairford' series of events. Everyone is encouraged to bring along any young people from your church; this is an open event! Refreshments are available and there is no charge.

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Gloucestershire Hospitals Baby Remembrance Service

Friday 29 September, 7pm & Friday 6 October, 7pm

Gloucestershire Royal Hospital & St Luke's Church, Cheltenham

Gloucestershire Hospitals are holding their annual Baby Remembrance Service for those who have been affected by baby-loss, and for whom this service can be part of a process of finding hope, meaning and healing. The service is simple, music, bible passages and other readings along with the opportunity to light a memorial candle. Everyone is welcome to attend, regardless of religious commitment.

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Harvest Ploughman's Supper & Barn Dance

Saturday 30 September, 7pm

Bethesda Methodist Church, Cheltenham

Dancing to Baily's Beads band, tickets are £5 with children free.

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

Induction Service for MWiB District President

Saturday 23 September, 2.30pm

Southdown Methodist Centre, Bath, BA2 1NJ

A service for the induction of Jane Parsons as District President for the Methodist Women in Britain is being held. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will follow the service.

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Spirit of Peace 'Bring and Share Supper'

Monday 25 September, 7pm

Friendship Café, Painswick Road, Gloucester

Come along and enjoy an evening of discussion on 'Pathways for Human Flourishing'. Bring along food and drink to share with others (no meat or alcohol please). Everyone is welcome.

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'Where can Wisdom be Found?' Faith, hope and charity in a media age

Tuesday 3 October, 7.30pm

Elwes Building Lecture Theatre, University of Gloucestershire, Park Campus, Cheltenham

Come along to an open discussion of theological issues. All members of the public are welcome. Admission for non-members is £3, students are free.

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An evening with Geraldine Latty & Paul Field and guests

Friday 13 October, 7.30pm

St Joseph's Catholic College, Ocotal Way, Swindon, SN3 3LR

Come and enjoy Christian songs, music and worship. Tickets cost £12 and can be obtained by email at venuehire@stjosephsenterprises.net.

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