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## Prayers

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

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

When	Event	Where
Friday 29 Sept 10:30am	Macmillan coffee morning	Clements End
Friday 29 Sept 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 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 October 7.00 for 7.30pm	Action for Children - Gloucester Strings Ukulele Concert	Hucclecote Community Centre, Hucclecote Road, Gloucester
Saturday 2 December, 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**

*Future dates for the Superintendents Lunch Club will be notified shortly*

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## News....

### Trip to the Holy Land

Rev Denise Hargreaves is leading a party to the Holy Land in February 2019 and is inviting expressions of interest. If you would like Denise to come and talk about her experiences of the Holy Land, she is more than willing to do so.

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

### **Macmillan coffee morning Friday 29 September, 10:30am 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. 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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### **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.*

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- *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....**

### **Harvest Festival Community Event Sunday 1 October, 12noon – 3pm Gloucester Cathedral**

The Harvest Festival Celebration Event will be held in the Cloister and Cloister Garth of Gloucester Cathedral, admission is free. A special Thanksgiving Service will follow at 3pm in the Cathedral Nave. This year's theme will be 'Thinking Green' and will showcase ways we can all be a little bit greener. It is almost one year since the Cathedral installed solar panels on the Nave roof and visitors will have the chance to learn more about how these help the Cathedral work towards a greener future, as well as taking a step back in time with activities such as grinding corn, making herb remedies to willow weaving. There will also be information on the importance of bees to the environment and how we can all help them thrive, upcycled art activities plus music performed by a local community choir to raise awareness of water use and water aid.

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### **Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking Symposium Thursday 19 October, 10am-12.30pm (coffee from 9.30am) Trinity Church, Winchcombe Street, Cheltenham**

This will be an opportunity for Christians to unite to learn, pray, discuss, and respond to this international, national, and local injustice. All church leaders are welcome. Key Note speakers: Major Anne Read, Director of Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking, The Salvation Army, UK; Wendy Adams, UK Projects and Awareness Training Coordinator, Stop the Traffik; DCI Gavin Webb, Lead on Modern Slavery, Gloucestershire Police; Richard Bradley, Deputy Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner; Alex Chalk, MP for Cheltenham; and Cllr Klara Sudbury, Mayor of Cheltenham. For further details, questions, and enquiries to Major Steve Smith, The Salvation Army Community Church Cheltenham: steven.smith@salvationarmy.org.uk.

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### **'Martin Luther to Martin Luther King – the Relevance of the Reformation for today' Wednesday 25 October, 7pm Kingswood School Bath**

Churches Together in Somerset is thrilled to co-sponsor, with The Discipleship and Learning Network of the Methodist Church and Kingswood School, Bath, a lecture by Professor Anthony Reddie to mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation.

You are warmly invited to the event. Anthony Reddie will reflect on the significance of the Reformation and its effect on our individual human dignity. This is a free event but booking via Eventbrite ([book here](#)) will help with catering, as light refreshments will be provided.

We also hope to have on display, as part of the event, a copy of an original Luther Bible from the Wesley College archives and possibly a book written and owned by Philip Melanchthon, on loan for the occasion.

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