



**5 sides with 25 items**

**Prayers**

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

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

When	Event	Where
Saturday 4 Nov 10am - 12noon	Jumble Sale	St Mark's Methodist Church, Cheltenham
Saturday 4 Nov 10.30am	Church Bazaar	Coalway Methodist Church
Wednesday 8 Nov 7.30pm	The Singing Vicar and Friends	Lonsdale Road Methodist Church
Saturday 11 Nov 12.30 – 2pm	Brimscombe Intentional Community Meeting	Brimscombe Methodist Church
Monday 13 Nov 10.30 – 12noon	Coffee Morning	Woolaston Methodist Church
Tuesday 14 Nov 10.30 – 12noon	SPECTRUM	Christchurch Abbeydale
Wednesday 15 Nov 10.30am – 12noon	Coffee Morning	May Hill Methodist Church
Friday 17 Nov 10am – 12noon	Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid	Dursley Methodist Church
Saturday 18 Nov 10am – 2pm	Craft Fair	Cinderford Methodist Church
Saturday 18 Nov 10am – 12noon	Autumn Fayre	Lonsdale Road Methodist Church
Saturday 18 Nov 10am - 12noon	Christmas Fair	St Mark's Methodist Church
Saturday 25 Nov 11am onwards	Christmas Fayre	Hucclecote 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....**

**Retiring Collection from the Circuit Assembly at Dursley Methodist Church**

The retiring collection from the Circuit Assembly held at Dursley Methodist Church on Sunday 17 September totalled £337.76. It has been agreed to split these monies equally between five street pastor groups based in Gloucestershire. These groups are Gloucester, Cheltenham, Stroud, Cirencester and Cinderford. A cheque for £67.55 has been donated to each organisation on behalf of the Circuit Assembly.

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### **A Note from the Circuit Treasurer....**

Are you still paying to the Circuit a standing order payment of £10 per month for Jeel-AI-Amal? If you are, please contact Michelle Warren in the Circuit Office as soon as possible.

Many thanks, Brian Cook, Treasurer

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### **Dates of future Circuit Assembly meetings**

Future Circuit Assemblies are being held on:

- Sunday 18 March, 3pm at Cheltenham St Mark's Methodist Church
- Sunday 20 May, 3pm at St John's Northgate Methodist Church, Gloucester *Please note this is the correct date of the May Circuit Assembly, as published in the preaching plan, and not any other date which may have been shown in error*

If you are a voting member and unavailable to attend, please send your apologies in advance of the meeting in order that this can be noted. If you have been sent a Trustee Declaration Form, please ensure you complete and return this, to the Circuit Office, before the next meeting. Many thanks.

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### **Brimscombe Intentional Community**

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

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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### **Drybrook Methodist Church**

If anyone is visiting Drybrook Methodist for the first time, please note their postal address and entrance is on Hawthorns Road - do not be misled by Google who thinks they are at 2 Back Lane (the narrowest and most twisting lane in Drybrook!!) If you know how they can put Google right, please contact Beryl Amos on [beryl.amos@googlemail.com](mailto:beryl.amos@googlemail.com). They would love to see you.

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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 District. 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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### **Upholstered Chairs looking for a new home**

Tewkesbury Methodist Church have a surplus of church chairs which we would like to pass on to anyone who can make use of them. They are the oak, red upholstered style with shelf behind. Please contact stewards Lin Sallis ([lsallis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lsallis@hotmail.co.uk)) or Jean Davies ([jed0606@yahoo.com](mailto:jed0606@yahoo.com)) for more information.

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## **Housing and Homelessness – a bulletin by the Public Issues & Social Responsibility Team**

Our Public Issues and Social Responsibility focus for November is 'housing and homelessness'. Attached you can find a list of informative and challenging videos and articles on housing and homelessness which you may find useful. If you would like more information, please contact Andy Rickell on andyrickell@sky.com.

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

### **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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### **The Singing Vicar and Friends**

**Wednesday 8 November, 7.30pm**

**Lonsdale Road Methodist Church**

The Lonsdale Road Wednesday Group invite you to join an evening with 'The Singing Vicar and Friends'. Tickets are £5 including refreshments and can be bought on the door. There will be a bring and buy table and raffle. All proceeds will go to the Ifakara Bakery Project in Tanzania. This is a chance to meet Eugenie and Margaret Schellenberg who started the project in 2001 and this event supports their work. All enquiries to Jill Tucker on 01452 522602.

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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**

**Monday 13 November, 10.30 – 12noon**

**Woolaston Methodist Church**

Come along and enjoy a coffee morning with a Christmas theme. Funds raised will go towards the upkeep of the church.

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### **SPECTRUM**

**Tuesday 14 November, 10.30 – 12noon**

**Christchurch Abbeydale**

The next meeting of SPECTRUM will be led by Revd Diane Daymond entitled 'Inspiration, Creativity and Spirituality'. This is the second in a series of six, monthly meetings under the title 'The God we Worship'. New members are most welcome. Coffee will be served from 10am.

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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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### **Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid**

**Friday 17 November, 10am – 12noon**

#### **Dursley Methodist Church**

Dursley Methodist Church are holding a special coffee morning to raise funds for Christian Aid. There will be entertainment by Cam Jammers Ukelele Group and the U3A singers with songs from the 50's and 60's. This promises to be a very special event. AS well as Traidcraft items, there will also be items for sale from Uganda Direct. Everyone is welcome.

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### **Craft Fair**

**Saturday 18 November, 10am – 2pm**

#### **Cinderford Methodist Church**

Entry is free! Come along and enjoy crafts, cream teas, cakes and refreshments, woodcraft, cards and much more. Money raised will go towards Great Oaks Hospice. If you would like to hire a table, these are £5 and more information can be obtained from Patti Budd on 01594 825274 or by email at [patti.budd1@gmail.com](mailto:patti.budd1@gmail.com) or Ann Parsons on 01594 825213 or by email at [annieparsons49@btinternet.com](mailto:annieparsons49@btinternet.com).

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### **Autumn Fayre**

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

#### **Lonsdale Road Methodist Church**

To be opened by Sabet Choudhury of BBC Points West and Present of BBC's 'Inside Out' programme. Stalls galore including competitions, games, refreshments (including bacon and sausage butties), raffle, dancing display and meat auction.

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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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### **Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday 25 November, from 11am**

#### **Hucclecote Methodist Church**

The best place to start your Christmas shopping with lots of ideas for presents. Good quality White Elephant stall, plus toys, Christmas decorations, gifts, cakes and of course, Father Christmas will be ready to hear what you want for Christmas. Delicious turkey rolls will be served in our Jingle Bells Café.

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### **'CREATING SAFER SPACE' - Foundation Safeguarding Training**

**Saturday 2 December 9.30am – 1pm**

#### **Hucclecote Methodist Church**

19 volunteers have now signed up to attend this Foundation Training, but there are still a few places left! 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. Please book your places by contacting Peter Gardner 01452-790564 or email [peter@familygardner.plus.com](mailto:peter@familygardner.plus.com)

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

**Cheltenham Christian Aid 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. This event is being organised with help from the members of St Mark's and Bethesda Methodist Churches.

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**Positive Justice, Gloucestershire**  
**Tuesday 14 November, 7.30pm**  
**Baptist Church Hall, Union Street, Stroud, GL5 2HE**

Alma Hageman will share her experiences of working at Eastwood Park prison; 'Vulnerable Women in the Prison System'.

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**The Spirituality Network Quiet Day**  
**Tuesday 5 December, 10am – 3pm**  
**Tewkesbury Abbey Parish Room**

The day will be led by Canon Paul Williams; Vicar of Tewkesbury Abbey on the theme 'The Spirituality of Mary'.

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