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Prayers

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

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

When	Event	Where
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 18 Nov 1 – 3pm	Christmas Bazaar	Stonehouse Methodist Church
Saturday 25 Nov 10am - 12.30pm	Christmas Market	Churchdown Methodist Church
Saturday 25 Nov 10.30am – 12noon	Christmas Coffee Morning	Bailey Lane End Chapel
Saturday 25 Nov 10.30 – 2.30pm	Christmas Fayre	Bethesda Methodist Church
Saturday 25 Nov 11am onwards	Christmas Fayre	Hucclecote Methodist Church
Saturday 25 Nov 1 – 7pm Wednesday 29 Nov 5 – 7pm (by candlelight) Saturday 2 Dec 10am – 3pm	Christmas Tree Festival	St Mary's Church, Newent
Sunday 26 Nov 6 - 8pm	'Bethesda at Six' - Music for a November evening	Bethesda Methodist Church
Saturday 2 Dec 9.30am – 1pm	'Creating Safer Space' - Foundation Safeguarding Training	Hucclecote Methodist Church
Saturday 2 Dec 7.30pm	Christmas Concert	Dursley Methodist Church
Saturday 9 Dec 7pm	An evening of Harmonies and Christmas songs	Cirencester Ashcroft church

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The Superintendent's Lunch Club

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

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

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News....

Spare copies of 'Hymns and Psalms'

Stonehouse Methodist Church has a number of copies of the former hymn book 'Hymns and Psalms' which need a new home. These include 70 copies of the words edition, 30 copies of the melody edition, 11 words and music, 36 paperback (3 large print) and the 2 parts of the Organ copy. If you would like to have some (or all), or know anyone that does, please contact Ginny Young (Church Steward) on 01453 828603 or Irwin Wilson (Property Steward) on 01453 823293.

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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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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....

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 or Ann Parsons on 01594 825213 or by email at 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 works & crafts, homemade cakes & refreshments. Free admission. Please come and enjoy this church event.

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Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 18 November, 1 – 3pm

Stonehouse Methodist Church

Come along and browse many stalls including tombola, cakes, games, raffle, books and bric-a-brac. Everyone is welcome.

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Christmas Market

Saturday 25 November, 10am - 12.30pm

Churchdown Methodist Church

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to come along and support the Christmas Market. As usual there will be a wide range of stalls including cakes, bric-a-brac, books, toys, crafts, art, cards, etc. Refreshments will be served throughout the morning. Money raised will be distributed between the Methodist Church, All We Can, the Food Bank and Parkinson's UK.

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Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 25 November, 10.30am – 12noon

Bailey Lane End Chapel

Come along and browse stalls including books, crafts and a raffle. Mince pies and coffee will be served.

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Christmas Fayre

Saturday 25 November, 10.30 – 2.30pm

Bethesda Methodist Church

Bethesda Methodist Scouts and Church are holding a Christmas fayre. Various stalls, toys etc will be there. Lunches will be served.

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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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Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 25 November, 1 – 7pm

Wednesday 29 November, 5 – 7pm (by candlelight)

Saturday 2 December, 10am – 3pm

St Mary's Church, Newent

Join them to view the 50+ trees individually decorated by church groups and local organisations in the beautiful setting of St. Mary's Church. Entrance is £1 (accompanied children are free).

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'Bethesda at Six' - Music For A November Evening

Sunday 26 November, 6 - 8pm

Bethesda Methodist Church

A series of musical evenings by professional and amateur musicians which merge the boundaries of creativity, spirituality and performance 'This performance sees a welcome return of Maria Jagusz and young singers. MJ-UK Music and Arts present some of your favourite music both sacred and secular. Hosted by opera singer Maria Jagusz and accompanied by Barrie Cooper. Light refreshments will be served in the interval. Admission is free.

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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

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Christmas Concert

Saturday 2 December, 7.30pm

Dursley Methodist Church

The Stuart Singers are a 62 strong choir based in Minchinhampton and have a wide and constantly changing repertoire which includes spirituals, theatre, sacred and secular, classical and modern music. Tickets are available on the door and cost £8. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Community Carol Service

Sunday 3 December, 3pm

St Mary's Church, Newent

Celebrate the closing of the Christmas Tree Festival by singing traditional carols with music from the Cheltenham Salvation Army Band and Newent Community Choir. Retiring collection for the Church Restoration Fund.

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An evening of Harmonies and Christmas songs

Saturday 9 December, 7pm

Cirencester Ashcroft church

Come along and enjoy an evening of lovely harmonies and festive Christmas songs performed by Blue Notes (female jazz group) and Counter Measures (male quartet). Tickets are £10, concessions £8 and include light refreshments in the interval. This concert is raising funds for the charity 'Help Medina'.

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

Taize Service for Advent

Wednesday 6 December, 7.30pm

St Mary de Lode Church, St Mary's Square, Gloucester

Come along to the Taize service for Advent. Parking will be available outside the church. Everyone is welcome.

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