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Prayers

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

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

When	Event	Where
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 10am – 2pm	Christmas Fair	Christchurch, Abbeydale
Saturday 2 Dec 2 – 4pm	Christmas Bazaar	Clements End Methodist Church
Saturday 2 Dec 7.30pm	Christmas Concert	Dursley Methodist Church
Tuesday 5 Dec 7.30pm	It’s Really Christmas with The Salvation Band and Songsters	Christchurch, Abbeydale
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....

Circuit Contributions

A thank to all churches who have sent in donations for Connexional, and other, organisations, which have been passed on by Michelle during the last year. Obviously some monies are directly, but for your information, figures for last year processed were as follows:

Support of Presbyters and Deacons £826	JMA £929
Mission Alongside the Poor £360	Ministers Housing Society £2,753
Bristol Methodist Centre £932	Fund for Property £3,989
Mission in Britain £3,754	LWPT £615
World Mission £8,734	All We Can (Formerly MRDF) £4,623
MHA £3,074	Training Fund £660
Total £28,248.47	

In addition a further £2,137 was passed on for various other funds.

Thank you all,
Brian Cook, Circuit 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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Items for Deposit in the Archives

Just a reminder that the Circuit Archivists need the following for deposit at the Gloucester Archives:

- Minute Books for Church Council and all local church organisations (7 years after the last entry)
- Baptism registers and Sunday School attendance registers
- Notice Books
- Church magazines
- programmes for special events
- papers relating to property schemes

Please, however, no cheque book stubs, bank statements or bills!

I am compiling a list (from receipts given over the years by the Gloucester Archives) for each church and each circuit, past and present, within the present Methodist Circuit of Gloucestershire of items available for inspection at Gloucester, together with their reference numbers. This should be of value to anybody wanting to write a history of their local church, and to Circuit Ministers who might be asked for a copy of a Baptism certificate, for instance. There are thousands of items and well over 100 churches, so this is still a work in progress, but I think the lists are now sufficiently advanced to be of use. Please contact me if you are interested in seeing any of the lists.

John Beardsley, Circuit Archivist

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May Hill Coffee Morning

The coffee morning held on Wednesday 15 November at May Hill Methodist Church was very well attended and it raised the sum of £120.00 from donations. This amount was sent to the BBC Children in Need Appeal, and we would like to thank everybody who gave so generously.

Henry Hayward, May Hill Methodist Church

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Dates for the Diary....

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 Fair

Saturday 2 December, 10am – 2pm

Christchurch, Abbeydale

Come along to our Christmas Fair! Light refreshments will be available, and entry is free, We look forward to seeing you.

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Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 2 December, 2 – 4pm

Clements End Methodist Church

Santa Claus will arrive at approximately 2.30pm (depending on visibility!). Stall, teas and refreshments. All proceeds for NCH.

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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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It's Really Christmas with The Salvation Band and Songsters

Tuesday 5 December, 7.30pm

Christchurch, Abbeydale

Tickets are £5 adults, £1 children, includes refreshments. Advance booking is recommended.

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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....

Spirit of Peace Community Bring and Share Supper

Monday 4 December, 7 – 9pm

Friendship Café, Chequers Bridge, Painswick Road, Gloucester

We are inviting representatives of several traditions to talk briefly about their winter festivals and/or the theme of Darkness and Light. Everyone is warmly invited to bring food to share, which does not contain alcohol or meat. Admission is free; however, donations are invited for the ongoing work of UK registered charity, Spirit of Peace. In addition, we will have beautiful, naturally fragranced Essence of Peace candles and wax melts on sale.

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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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