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Prayers

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

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

When	Event	Where
Wednesday 29 Nov 5 – 7pm (by candlelight) Saturday 2 Dec 10am – 3pm	Christmas Tree Festival	St Mary’s Church, Newent
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 10.30am – 1pm	Christmas Bazaar	Drybrook Methodist Church
Saturday 2 Dec 2 – 4pm	Christmas Bazaar	Clements End Methodist Church
Saturday 2 Dec 7pm	Meghan’s Quiz	The Douglas Morley Hall, Stonehouse 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
Tuesday 12 Dec 10.30am	Spectrum	Christchurch Abbeydale

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The Superintendent’s Lunch Club

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

14 December	The Whitminster Inn, Whitminster
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News....

Pastoral Care sessions

In the Spring of 2018 the Revd Diane Daymond will be leading four Saturday morning sessions from 10am to 12noon on pastoral care and visiting in four venues across our Circuit. As well as being able to draw upon her own extensive experience in ministry, the Revd Diane was a lead member of the team that offered the Wesley College Bristol Pastoral Carers' Course for a number of years across the connexion. The sessions have been planned for 20 January at Tewkesbury Methodist Church; 3 February at Gloucester Lonsdale Road; 24 February at Dursley; 10 March at Coalway. Our hope is that those involved in pastoral care and visiting in our churches will feel encouraged to attend one of these sessions. Individuals as well as church representatives are welcome to contact Russell Buley, Circuit Portfolio Holder for Learning & Caring, for further details and/or to let him know their intention to attend. Telephone 01242 244036 - email [russell.buley@btinternet.com/](mailto:russell.buley@btinternet.com)

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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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Social Mobility – The Worst Places to Grow Up Poor

The BBC have written an article on Social Mobility and have ranked all 324 Local Authorities in England in terms of the life chances of someone born into a disadvantaged background. You can find the link to the article here www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-42112436. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Andy Rickell at andyrickell@sky.com.

Andy Rickell

Portfolio Holder Public Issues and Social Responsibility

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Dates for the Diary....

Christmas Tree Festival

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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'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. 10.30am – 1pm

Drybrook Methodist Church

Stalls include Christmas groceries, chocolate, cakes, raffle, bottles, children's toys, books, Christmas gifts and jewellery. Refreshments will be available.

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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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Meghan's Quiz
Saturday 2 December, 7pm
The Douglas Morley Hall, Stonehouse Methodist Church

Stonehouse Methodist Church are hosting a fundraising quiz in support of a young man who was recently diagnosed with Krabbe's disease; a terminal illness that means he will progressively lose the ability to see, hear, feel, eat and smile. The money raised from the quiz will be used to help support him and his family. Please come along if you can and bring your friends! Entrance is £4 per person to include a drink and piece of cake and we can join you up with others to make a team if needed.

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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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Spectrum
Tuesday 12 December, 10.30am
Christchurch Abbeydale

The next meeting of Spectrum study group will be the third of six-monthly studies entitled 'God of Holiness and Justice' and will be led by the Rev Dr John Sampson. If you have not come to one of these studies before you are most welcome. Tea/coffee and mince pies served from 10am.

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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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