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**Prayers**

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

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

When		Where
Thursday 18 Jan 10.30am – 12.30pm	Dementia Awareness Training	Drybrook Methodist Church
Saturday 20 January	Pastoral Care Training Session	Tewkesbury Methodist Church
Sunday 21 Jan 10.30am & 6.30pm	Together as One – Two services marking the Week of Prayer	Lonsdale Road Methodist Church
Sunday 21 Jan 6pm	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Christchurch Abbeydale

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**The Superintendent’s Lunch Club**

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

18 January	The Belfry, Broad Street, Littledean, Cinderford, GL14 3JS
25 January	The Moon under the Water, Cheltenham
1 March	The Corinium, Cirencester
22 March	The Whitminster Inn, Whitminster

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**News....**

**The Rev’d Ian D Young – Funeral Arrangements**

As reported in last week’s newsletter, we were sorry to announce the death of Rev’d Ian Young who passed away peacefully after a short illness on Saturday 30 December, aged 88.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday 30 January at 11am with a committal at Oxford Crematorium, Bayswater Road, Oxford, OX3 9RZ followed by a service of Thanksgiving at the Methodist Church, Main Road, Long Hanborough, OX29 8JY at 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to any part of the day and refreshments will be served in the village. The family would like to pass on their thanks for all the tributes and messages of support they have received. For more information contact Nick Young on nicholas.young@methodist.org.uk.

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**Mrs Rita Muff – Funeral Arrangements**

The funeral for Rita Muff, wife of Revd Peter Muff, will take place on Monday 22 January with a private family committal at Gloucester Crematorium at 2pm followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Christchurch Abbeydale at 3pm.

**Revd Dr James Tebbutt**

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

### **Dementia Awareness Training Thursday 18 January, 10.30am – 12.30pm Drybrook Methodist Church**

Nina Summerfield, Dementia Friendly Community Enabler, will be leading this event. Coffee will be served from 10am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Revd Denise Hargreaves on 01594 825662 or at dkah26@icloud.com if you need more information or would like to attend.

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### **Pastoral Care Training Sessions Saturday 20 January Tewkesbury Methodist Church**

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 first of these training sessions has been planned for Saturday 20 January at  
Tewkesbury Methodist Church.**

*It would help if you would let Russell Buley know before this date if you intend to come to this session or any of the others.*

The other three sessions are on:  
Saturday 3 February at Gloucester Lonsdale Road;  
Saturday 24 February at Dursley;  
Saturday 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.

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### **Together as One – Two services marking the Week of Prayer Sunday 21 January, 10.30am & 6.30pm Lonsdale Road Methodist Church**

Under the banner of Together as One, Lonsdale Road Methodist Church are hosting two services marking the week of prayer.

10.30am – Led by David Bennett, the sermon will be given by Gloucester-based hymn writer (a contributor to the Singing the Faith Hymn Book) Martin Leckebusch from Kendal Road Baptist Church, Longlevens.

6.30pm – Led by the Revd Andrew Biggs, guest preacher is Alan Watson, Reader at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Longlevens.

Come and be part of these services. Coffee/tea and biscuits will be served in the hall after both services.

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### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Sunday 21 January, 6pm Christchurch Abbeydale**

The theme is Worshipping together as God's people in Gloucester, remembering we belong to a worldwide church. The preacher will be the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester.

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

**Taize for Candlemas**

**Wednesday 31 January, 7.30pm**

**St Mary De Lode Church, Gloucester**

Everyone is welcome. Parking is available.

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