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Prayers

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

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

When		Where
Saturday 3 Feb 10am – 12noon	Pastoral Care Training Session	Lonsdale Road Methodist Church, Gloucester
From Monday 19 Feb throughout Lent	Lent Lunches	Quedgeley Methodist Church

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The Superintendent's Lunch Club

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

1 March	The Corinium, Cirencester
22 March	The Whitminster Inn, Whitminster

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News....

The Rev'd Ian D Young – Funeral Arrangements

The funeral of Rev'd Ian D Young 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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Picturing the parables of Jesus for the 21st century - An exhibition available for loan from Tewkesbury Methodist Church

“Thank you for a very thought-provoking exhibition”. This is just one of many favourable comments from a visitor to the exhibition, ‘Picturing the parables of Jesus for the 21st century’, recently on display at Tewkesbury Methodist Church. A small group of local photographers took nine of Jesus’ parables and created their own interpretation of them for today. The parables are displayed on rigid A1 size boards (810mm x 585mm/ 31.9” x 23”) plus an introductory sequence on twelve A3 cards.

This small exhibition is available for loan to other churches. However, as it was designed to stand on the radiators round the sides of the church at Tewkesbury, if you are interested in borrowing the exhibition, it will be best if someone comes to see how it could be displayed on your premises. There is a bonus to this exhibition! It is mounted on the reverse of A1 size boards that were professionally produced by the University of Sheffield Department of Biblical Studies for the 400th anniversary of the King James’ Bible in 2011 and tells the story of the development of the Bible from its earliest days. Reverse the boards, and you have another exhibition!

Enquiries and arrangements to view to Michael Jebson (Tel: 01684 593465) Email: michaeljebson@outlook.com.

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Dates for the Diary....

Pastoral Care Training Sessions

Saturday 3 February, 10am – 12noon

Lonsdale Road Methodist Church, Gloucester

In the Spring of 2018 the Revd Diane Daymond will be leading 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 next training session has been planned for Saturday 3 February at Lonsdale Road 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 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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Lent Lunches

From Monday 19 February

Quedgeley Methodist Church

Every Monday throughout Lent, from 12 noon until 1.30pm. Come and enjoy a friendly chat, homemade soup, crusty bread and a cup of coffee or tea, all for a donation.

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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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An evening with Dr Martin Luther King!

Saturday 27 January, 7 – 9pm

The Grange Community, Littledean Road, Newnham on Severn, Glos GL14 1HJ

The Grange Community and Spirit of Peace are delighted to welcome Dr Yehoeshahfaht Ben Israel to the Grange to give a fascinating presentation on the work and methods of Dr King in fighting prejudice and racism. Suggested donation £5.

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Gloucestershire 2050 Vision
Thursday 1 February, 3 – 6pm
Cheltenham Racecourse

The Gloucestershire 2050 Vision is an ambitious and innovative set of big ideas to create a great future for our county: a future that is distinctive, inclusive, connected and vibrant. Looking a generation ahead, the Gloucestershire 2050 Vision strives to both address the challenges we know are coming as well as help Gloucestershire grow well.

However, while some great ideas have emerged we only have an agreed plan if the people of Gloucestershire want it and help to shape it, particularly younger people whose future we are talking about. Leadership Gloucestershire has therefore asked the University to lead a broad public engagement and consultation exercise to discuss the Vision and the future of the county. This discussion is about co-creating the Vision with the community, informed by the stimulus of the thinking so far on our shared values and the big ideas.

The Big Conversation will start with a launch event at Cheltenham Racecourse. If you would like to attend please register your place at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gloucestershire-2050-the-big-launch-tickets

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Christians in the workplace networking event
Saturday 3 February, 9.30am - 12.30pm
Superdry, The Runnings, Cheltenham GL51 9NW

Meet and share with other Christians seeking to live out their faith at work. This time we are focusing on God's guidance in our workplace, together with a presentation and interactive discussion led by Angela De Souza on Christian Entrepreneurship. Angela is the director of a fast-growing national franchise, the Women's Business Club and the founder of King's Daughters. No charge but donations are welcome. You can register at www.transformworkuk.org/events.

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A morning with Tom Stuckey
Saturday 17 February, 10am – 12.15pm
The New Room, Bristol

Exploring his new book 'Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land – The Future of the Church in Britain – A Methodist Perspective'. Revd Tom Stuckey is a Past President of the Methodist Conference (2005/6) =, a former Chair of the Southampton District and a former Canon of Salisbury Cathedral. He has ministered for 50 years in a variety of appointments in the Methodist Church. At present he is a visiting scholar at Sarum College, Salisbury. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to attend, please contact Mandy Briggs at education@newroombristol.org.uk. The cost of attending will be £5 (payable on the day) and books will be available to purchase.

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Kristu Bhakti and Krishna Bhakti – A Christian-Hindu Dialogue
Thursday 1 March, 7.30 – 9.30pm
The New Room (John Wesley's Chapel)

Come to an evening talk by Revd Dr Israel Selvanayagam exploring the concept of bhakti in relation to Jesus and Krishna. Refreshments will be available and admission is free. If you would like to attend, please contact Mandy Briggs at education@newroombristol.org.uk.

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A Quiet Day for Lent
Saturday 3 March, 10am – 3pm
The Parish Rooms, Highnam, Gloucester, GL28DG

Led by Revd Dilwyn Edwards, retired Methodist Minister and formerly Minister of Christ Church, Nailsworth, the theme will be 'Our Spiritual Journey: Insights from Poetry and Story'. The cost will be £10 and more information can be obtained from Revd Canon Michael Cozens.

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Spirituality Network for Gloucestershire

The Spirituality Network for Gloucestershire have published a programme of events for 2018 and these can be found attached to this newsletter.

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