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## Prayers

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

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

When		Where
Saturday 9 Feb 10 until 12	Loss & Bereavement	Coalway Methodist Church
Saturday 9 Feb 3 – 5.30pm	New For 2019! - Saturday Afternoon Social	Stroud Methodist Church
Saturday 16 Feb 10am – 12noon	Traidcraft Big Brew	Stonehouse Methodist Church
Tuesday 19 Feb 11.30am – 2pm	Super Soup	Coalway Methodist Church
Saturday 2 Mar 10.00am – 12.30pm	Bring & Buy Sale	Hucclecote Methodist Church

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## The Superintendent's Lunch Club

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

Thursday 28 February	The Whitminster Inn, Whitminster
<b>Wednesday 6 March</b>	Cirencester Ashcroft Lunch Club, Cirencester Ashcroft Church
Thursday 11 April	The Moon Under Water, Cheltenham

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## News....

### Circuit Facebook page

I seek your help. The Circuit Executive has approved in principle for the Circuit to set up and run a Circuit Facebook page. I am tasked with the project. The first job is to create an implementation plan for the Executive to approve, so I would like to first recruit a team willing to be involved in running the Facebook page. I am looking for any Circuit member interested in finding out more about being a team member.

You will be pleased to know that quite a few Circuit churches already run their own excellent Facebook pages successfully and I have already found the following ones:

Cirencester Ashcroft	Tewkesbury
Bethesda Methodist Church - Cheltenham	Hucclecote
Lonsdale Road Methodist Church	St Marks Methodist Church, Cheltenham
Quedgeley	St Michaels Church (Whaddon)
Fairford United Church (public group)	Stroud
Dursley	Stonehouse
South Cerney United Church (public group)	Churchdown Methodist Church
Pray & Play - Churchdown Methodist	Messy Church
Christ Church, Nailsworth	Aylburton
	Christchurch Abbeydale

If you know of any others, please let me know.

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The Circuit Facebook page will probably:

1. Provide information and news about the work of the Circuit and its members, and of individual churches that want to publicise their work on the Circuit page;
2. Invite open discussion about the gospel to engage with the public, monitoring responses carefully to prevent inappropriate comments remaining on the page and may include items like 'A Thought for the Day/Week'.

I am looking for three different types of team members:

1. People willing to manage the Facebook page, and moderate its content. I am willing to do this myself, but it makes sense to have a small team rather than just one person. I think this part of the team should include at least one minister;
2. People willing to be occasional contributors of news items;
3. People who do not wish to contribute but are willing to give support and feedback to the rest of the team on what the Facebook page is being used for. (You need to be on Facebook yourself to do this.)

My promise to the volunteers is that this will involve NO meetings, but we will do our business by email or other virtual means. I will certainly be contacting all those who run the church Facebook pages to see if they are willing to play some part in this Facebook page too. Please distribute this request widely. I am keen to attract as many interested people as possible to what I intend to be an exciting project, to use the wide coverage of Facebook to publicise the work of Methodists and Christians across Gloucestershire.

Please can anyone potentially interested contact me at [andyrickell@sky.com](mailto:andyrickell@sky.com). No obligation is expected at this time, and indeed even once we are up and running, I intend to keep everyone's time commitment to this to a minimum.

**Andy Rickell, Circuit Steward and Portfolio Holder for Public Issues and Social Responsibility**

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## **FUSEBOX**

This is a new and exciting Sunday evening contemporary worship at St Albans, Parliament Street, Stroud. We sing modern, contemporary worship songs, pray together and enjoy an informal discussion on a different theme each time. It takes place on the first Sunday of the month, begins at 7pm, lasts for about an hour and it is followed by refreshments and quite often further discussion!! Come and meet with us, make new friends, learn new songs and grow in faith.

**Paul and Janet Townsend ([cfn@live.co.uk](mailto:cfn@live.co.uk))**

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## **Bookshop Manager, Books Plus Gloucester**

A vacancy will be available from June 2019 for the Manager of Books Plus bookshop in the Atrium concourse of Gloucestershire Royal Hospital. The bookshop has a Christian ethos, and sells a wide range of cards, gifts, stationery and Christian and secular books. The shop has successfully traded for 13 years. The post is full-time – job share would be considered – and is supported by a part-time assistant, a book-keeper, and a group of volunteers. The manager will need experience in trading, ideally in the book trade.

Please contact Dr Ian Donald [ecare@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ecare@blueyonder.co.uk); or visit the shop for further information. A full job description can be found [here](#). Applications should be in writing, including a CV and a letter detailing how you feel you may be suited to the job. Please either post/deliver to: Dr I P Donald, 8 Seabroke Road, Gloucester, GL1 3JH, [ecare@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ecare@blueyonder.co.uk), Closing date 5pm, Monday 18 February 2019.

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## Dates for the Diary....

### Loss & Bereavement

**Saturday 9 February, 10 until 12**

#### Coalway Methodist Church

Following the success of the training days for pastoral visitors held last year Revd. Diane Daymond is now offering opportunities for all of us to be helped to deal with **Loss & Bereavement**. The first of these has been held at Cheltenham St. Mark's. This is not just for our pastoral visitors; all are welcome. You should know that the only other opportunity to attend will be on Saturday 16 March at Cirencester Ashcroft unless I receive another offer of a venue in the Circuit. To facilitate arrangements (photocopying etc.) it would help if you would let Russell Buley know if you plan to come to Coalway. Call 01242 244036 or email: russell.buley@btinternet.com.

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### New For 2019! - Saturday Afternoon Social

**Saturday 9 February, 3 – 5.30pm**

#### Stroud Methodist Church

Come along for a relaxing afternoon taking part in various activities including quizzes, craft, games and sport or just a good natter. The afternoon includes free tea and coffee and a bring and share tea. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. This is the first one, the other dates for the year are: 2 March, 6 April, 27 April, 1 June, 6 July, 3 August, 31 August, 28 September, 2 November and 30 November. Please come along and bring your friends.

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### Traidcraft Big Brew

**Saturday 16 February, 10am – 12noon**

#### Stonehouse Methodist Church

Everyone is welcome to the Big Brew where Stonehouse will also be launching their aim to become an Eco-Church. This will be a great opportunity for anyone interested to come along and learn more. There will be a super sale of Traidcraft stock, quiz and plenty of Fairtrade coffee and tea, cakes and biscuits.

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### Super Soup

**Tuesday 19 February, 11.30am – 2pm**

#### Coalway Methodist Church

Everyone is welcome. All money raised is in aid of Christian Aid.

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### Bring & Buy Sale

**Saturday 2 March, 10.00am – 12.30pm**

#### Hucclecote Methodist Church

Books, DVDs, CDs, toys, puzzles, crafts, unwanted Christmas gifts all in aid of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Scanner Appeal. Entry is 50p but free if you bring along an item for us to sell.

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