

**Gloucestershire Circuit Newsletter** 

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# Prayers

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

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

When		Where
Monday 25 Feb 7.30pm	Street Pastors Celebration & AGM	Stroud St Alban's Church
Saturday 2 Mar 10 - 11.30am	Water Aid - Coffee Morning	Churchdown Methodist Church
Saturday 2 Mar 10.00am – 12.30pm	Bring & Buy Sale	Hucclecote Methodist Church
Saturday 9 Mar 10am – 12noon	Macmillan Coffee morning	Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church
Sunday 10 March 3 – 5.30pm & 6pm	Circuit Assembly & Service	Churchdown Methodist Church
Saturday 16 March 10am - 12noon	Loss & Bereavement training session led by Revd Diane Daymond	Cirencester Ashcroft 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
Wednesday 6 March	Cirencester Ashcroft Lunch Club, Cirencester Ashcroft Church
Thursday 11 April	The Moon Under Water, Cheltenham

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## News....

### **3Generate 2019 Manifesto**

The Circuit Public Issues and Social Responsibility Team (PISR) have noted the 3Generate 2019 Manifesto and commend it to all churches. We encourage congregations to read the six areas of action and respond through the cards circulated with the covering letter (sent to all Ministers).

Copies of the Manifesto are available through their web page www.3Generate.org.uk

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### Wanted

Cam are looking for the following items. Do you have them? Can you help? If a church has any of them going spare, please contact Ann Pearce at secretary@cammethodists.org.uk

- Book case on wheels the type used for hymn books
- Portable, free standing display stand
- Upholstered, wooden 'church' chairs

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### Hawling Methodist Chapel

Hawling Methodist Chapel is available as a venue for your Church Away Day, Retreat or Quiet Day. Situated 10 miles outside Cheltenham, the space holds 30 people and has kitchen facilities and fully accessible toilets. More information can be found in the attached poster.

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#### **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 Messy Church
Pray & Play - Churchdown Methodist	Aylburton
Christ Church, Nailsworth	Christchurch Abbeydale

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

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 <u>andyrickell@sky.com</u>. 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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## Dates for the Diary....

#### Street Pastors Celebration & AGM Monday 25 February, 7.30pm Stroud St Alban's Church

Please join us to celebrate another successful year of Stroud Street Pastors. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

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## Water Aid - Coffee Morning Saturday 2 March, 10 - 11.30am Churchdown Methodist Church

This is in aid of Water Aid which is our Lent Charity. Do come and join us.

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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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## Macmillan Coffee morning Saturday 9 March, 10am – 12noon Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church

Stalls, cakes, raffle. All funds raised to Macmillan cancer support.

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#### Loss and Bereavement Saturday 16 March 2019 from 10am until 12noon Cirencester Ashcroft Church

This is the last opportunity to attend one of the training sessions led by the Revd. Diane Daymond on how to cope with loss and bereavement. It is not just for pastoral visitors; all are welcome. To facilitate arrangements (photocopying etc.) it would help if you would let the Revd Diane know if you plan to come to Cirencester. Phone 01242 524869. E: daymondrd@gmail.com

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