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Prayers

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

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

When		Where
Saturday 9 Mar 10am – 12noon	Macmillan Coffee morning	Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church
Sunday 10 Mar 3pm & 6.30pm	Circuit Assembly & Service	Churchdown Methodist Church
Tuesday, 12 Mar 10.30 am	SPECTRUM	Christchurch, Abbeydale
Saturday 16 Mar 10am - 12noon	Loss & Bereavement training session led by Revd Diane Daymond	Cirencester Ashcroft Church
Tuesday 19 Mar 7.15pm	Christian Aid Talk – Joanna Tom-Kargbo	St Mark's Methodist Church, Cheltenham
Wednesday 20 Mar 11am	Christian Aid Talk – Joanna Tom-Kargbo	Christ Church, Tetbury
Saturday 13 Apr 10am – 1pm	Creating Safer Space FOUNDATION Course	Cinderford Methodist Church
Sunday 14 Apr 6pm	Jerusalem Joy	Christchurch Abbeydale
Saturday 11 May 9.30am – 12.30pm	Creating Safer Space REFRESHER Course	Christchurch Abbeydale
Meeting Mondays 10 Jun – 12 Aug 7 – 8.30pm	Holy Habits Study Group	Stroud St Alban's 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 11 April	The Moon Under Water, Cheltenham
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News....

Circuit Assembly

The next Circuit Assembly will be held on Sunday 10 March at 3pm, at Churchdown Methodist Church. Parking at the church is limited and will be prioritised for our 'less mobile brethren'. General parking is at the free car park behind the Churchdown Club and stewards will be on duty to guide you from Church Rd. If you are a voting member and unavailable to attend, please send your apologies in advance of the meeting in order that this can be noted. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

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Methodist Recorder article on Housing & Homeless

Please see the attached article from a recent edition of the Methodist Recorder about housing and homelessness, ahead of the consideration of a resolution encouraging the Circuit to campaign and work to address housing and homelessness issues in Gloucestershire which is going before the Circuit Assembly this Sunday.

Andy Rickell, Public Issues Portfolio Holder

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Vacancy - Community Worker with The ARK Bus Project

The Bristol and South Gloucestershire Methodist Circuit are seeking a part time (20hours p/w) Community Worker to join the ARK Bus Team for 23 months fixed term contract. The Ark Bus Project is an exciting and innovative Fresh Expressions project that provides an inspiring way of promoting and sharing God's love in a visible and practical way. The project runs out of two converted VW vans and supports both local Methodist Churches and community events across Bristol.

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Methodist Summer Fellowship (MSF) happens this year!

You can see more about MSF at www.methodistsummerfellowship.org and/or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/methodistsummerfellowship/ including the programme for the week.

Getting a handle on MSF is tricky if you haven't had the opportunity to experience it first-hand. One member described it as "*A gathering of the people of God that displays what it is to be the people of God. A gathering that does not display hierarchy, labels or human differences which holds a frame into which all are invited, all are included, and all are equal.*" It probably continues to be one of Methodism's best kept secrets (despite many efforts to share).

The **theme** for 2019 is Peace-making: *constructive, challenging and contemplative approaches to engaging with conflict in our lives and beyond.* We have a great line up of contributors (please see the attached and website).

The **programme** is a mix of bible study, presentation, study groups, keynote speakers in the morning, more interactive and creative activities in the afternoon, workshops and sport and in the evening other activities/presentations/poets/performers related to the theme, topped and tailed each day with prayer. Beginning and ending our time together with worship. One can do as much or as little; the main feel is that of a holiday with various things people can opt in to. Some spend their time reading, sleeping, joining the endless opportunities for conversation and laughter.

Children and young people: programmes for all are run during the week for children 0 -18 years and a young people's group, all with DBS checked leaders.

Bursaries are available to cover a wide variety of needs low wage, large families, students, pensioners, anything which might prevent someone attending because of the cost - please don't let this be the thing to stop you

The Methodist Summer Fellowship is being held at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, from Saturday 3 – Friday 9 August.

Anne Topping, Co-ordinator: Methodist Summer Fellowship

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Dates for the Diary....

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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SPECTRUM

Tuesday 12 March, 10.30 am

Christchurch Abbeydale

This will be the last meeting of the present session of SPECTRUM, when the Rev Tony Barnes will lead a study on 'To Serve the Present Age'. Even if you have not been before you are most welcome. The next session of Spectrum begins on the second Tuesday of October, the 8th. Refreshments will be served from 10.00 am.

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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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Christian Aid Talk – Joanna Tom-Kargbo

Tuesday 19 March, 7.15pm (Cheltenham Christian Aid AGM from 6.45pm)

St Mark's Methodist Church, Cheltenham

Christian Aid worker Joanna Tom-Kargbo is passionate about bringing change to her country. Come and hear about how your fundraising and legacies are saving lives in Sierra Leone and find out what more needs to be done in Christian Aid Week.

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Christian Aid Talk – Joanna Tom-Kargbo

Wednesday 20 March, 11am

Christ Church, Tetbury

Christian Aid worker Joanna Tom-Kargbo is passionate about bringing change to her country. Come and hear about how your fundraising and legacies are saving lives in Sierra Leone and find out what more needs to be done in Christian Aid Week. Come to Coffee Pot from 10am.

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Creating Safer Space FOUNDATION Course

Saturday 13 April, 10am – 1pm

Cinderford Methodist Church

If you work with children or young people, or are a pastoral visitor, church steward, Local Preacher / Worship Leader, then the Methodist Church states that you should attend Foundation Safeguarding Training. If you have not yet attended a foundation course, then this is for you.

The Creating Safer Space Foundation Module 2016 Edition training will help you:

- know that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and integral to being church
- have a better understanding of good safeguarding practice within the Methodist Church
- know when to have concerns about the safety and welfare of a child or adult
- appreciate your responsibility for sharing concerns about a child or adult
- be aware of who in the church to go to with any concerns
- recognise potential blocks within the church to responding well
- be aware of the impact of the Past Cases Review (PCR) findings on good practice.

To book a place, contact Peter Gardner – email peter@familygardner.plus.com

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Jerusalem Joy

Sunday 14 April, 6pm

Christchurch Abbeydale

Performed by Jubilate and starring Devon Brown as Jesus; soloist in the original musical by Christian Music Ministries.

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Creating Safer Space REFRESHER Course
Saturday 11 May, 9.30am – 12.30pm
Christchurch Abbeydale Methodist Church

If you attended the Foundation Safeguarding Training Course in 2011 – 2014 and you have not yet attended a Refresher Course, then this course is **for you**. The Methodist Church stipulates that all volunteers should have safeguarding training every four years. (*Ministers and Church Safeguarding Co-ordinators have a record of those volunteers from each church who have attended Foundation training*)

The Creating Safer Space Foundation Module Refresher 2016 Edition training aims to:

- remind you that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and integral to being church
- refresh your understanding of good safeguarding practice within the Methodist Church
- learn from the Past Cases Review and note the current national context
- identify how to tackle potential obstacles to responding well within the Church
- reflect on your responsibility for sharing concerns about a child or vulnerable adult
- recognise emerging forms of abuse
- consider the needs of survivors.

To book a place, contact Peter Gardner – email peter@familygardner.plus.com

Please note there is another circuit training morning planned with Revd Phil Summers at Bethesda on this day. If you will be attending this, there will be an opportunity to attend another safeguarding refresher course in the Cheltenham area at a future date.

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Holy Habits Study Group
Meeting every Monday from 10 June – 12 August, 7 – 8.30pm
Stroud St Alban's Methodist Church

Holy Habits is an initiative to nurture Christian discipleship. It explores Luke's model of church found in Acts 2:42-47, identifies ten habits and encourages a way of life forms by them. The study course has been developed to help churches explore the habits in a range of contexts and live them out in whole-life, missional discipleship.

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