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Prayers

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

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

When		Where
Saturday 16 Mar 10am - 12noon	Loss & Bereavement training session led by Revd Diane Daymond	Cirencester Ashcroft Church
Every Monday in Lent 18 Mar – 15 Apr 12noon - 1.30pm	Lent Lunches	Quedgeley Methodist 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 30 Mar 7.30pm	Stroud Symphony Orchestra	Stroud St Alban's Methodist Church
Friday 12 Apr 7.30pm	Film for Easter – 'Mary Magdalene'	Wesley Room, Stroud St Alban's Methodist Church
Saturday 13 Apr 10am – 1pm	Creating Safer Space FOUNDATION Course	Cinderford Methodist Church
Sunday 14 Apr 6pm	Jerusalem Joy	Christchurch Abbeydale
Saturday 11 May, 9am – 9pm	Pinpongathon 2019 for Christian Aid	Sawyer Hall, Christ Church Nailsworth
Saturday 11 May 9.30am – 12.30pm	Creating Safer Space REFRESHER Course	Christchurch Abbeydale
Saturday 18 May	Annual Plant Sale	Stroud St Alban's Methodist Church
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....

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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Dates for the Diary....

Loss and Bereavement

Saturday 16 March 2019, 10am - 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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Lent Lunches

Every Monday throughout Lent, 12 noon - 1.30pm

Quedgeley Methodist Church

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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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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Stroud Symphony Orchestra

Saturday 30 March, 7.30pm

Stroud St Alban's Methodist Church

Come and hear a variety of compositions including Vaughan Williams' Overture: The Wasps; Butterworth's 'The Banks of Green Willow', Elgar's 'Enigma variations' and Delius' Piano Concerto. Tickets are available from the Tourist Information Office or on the door.

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Film for Easter – 'Mary Magdalene'

Friday 12 April, 7.30pm

Wesley Room, Stroud St Alban's Methodist Church

On the Friday before Holy Week we will be showing the film 'Mary Magdalene' in the Wesley Room. This is a film which came out in 2018 and explores the story of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week from the perspective of Mary Magdalene and stars Rooney Mara, Joaquin Phoenix and Chiwetel Ejiofor. We hope it will be a helpful way of preparing ourselves for the Easter experience. Admission free.

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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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Pinpongathon 2019 for Christian Aid

Saturday 11 May, 9am – 9pm

Sawyer Hall, Christ Church Nailsworth

Following last year's success we are holding the same event this year. Groups of at least 2 can book a one-hour slot. Entry fee per person is a donation to Christian Aid. There will also be a coffee morning, light lunch and afternoon tea. So come on all you table tennis players and help raise funds for a worthy cause. To book a slot or more information ring Revd Stuart Radford the 'Ping Pong Priest' on 07889 138311 or email revstuartradford@yahoo.co.uk.

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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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Annual Plant Sale
Saturday 18 May
Stroud St Alban's Methodist Church

This year's plant sale for all the avid gardeners amongst you who wish to make plans for planting etc.

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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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