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Prayers

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

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

When		Where
Every Monday in Lent 12 noon - 1.30pm	Lent Lunch	Quedgeley Methodist Church
Every Friday in Lent from 12noon	Lent Lunch	Winchcombe Methodist Church
Friday 12 Apr 10.30am – 12.30pm	Coffee Morning (to review resources)	Rev'd Ann Owen's home
Friday 12 Apr 7.30pm	Film for Easter – 'Mary Magdalene'	Wesley Room, Stroud St Alban's Methodist Church
Saturday 13 Apr 10am to 12 noon	Coffee Morning and big book give away	Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church
Saturday 13 Apr 10am – 1pm	Creating Safer Space FOUNDATION Course	Cinderford Methodist Church
Sunday 14 Apr 6pm	Jerusalem Joy	Christchurch Abbeydale
Tuesday 16 – Fri 19 Apr (times vary),	Holy Week Journey	Christ Church Tetbury
Wednesday 24th Apr 7pm	Eco-church event	Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church
Monday 6 May 11am - 1.30pm	Bring and Buy Plant Sale	Hucclecote Methodist Church
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 11 May 10am – 12.30pm	Storytelling with Revd Phil Summers	Bethesda Methodist Church, Cheltenham
Saturday 18 May	Annual Plant Sale	Stroud Methodist Church
Saturday 18 May 10am – 3.30pm	District MWiB Quiet Day	Churchdown Methodist Church
Saturday 18 May 10am – 12.30pm	Storytelling with Revd Phil Summers	Drybrook Methodist Church
10 Jun – 12 Aug 7 – 8.30pm (Mondays)	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
Wednesday 5 June	Cirencester Ashcroft Lunch Club, Cirencester Ashcroft Church
Thursday 20 June	The Whitminster Inn, Whitminster

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News....

Retiring Collection from the Circuit Assembly at Churchdown Methodist Church

The retiring collection from the Circuit Assembly held at Churchdown Methodist Church on Sunday 10 March totalled £319.40. It has been agreed this money will be donated to the LWPT (the Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust) and a cheque has been sent to them on behalf of the Circuit Assembly.

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PISR Network

The Circuit is setting up an email distribution list of those individual members and church representatives willing to receive regular emails about Public Issues and Social Responsibility issues, as a support to involvement and work across the county. If you are interested, please email consent to include your email to office@gloscircuit.co.uk.

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

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Gloucestershire Christian Writers

Gloucestershire Christians interested in producing fresh written materials for Christian worship in all its diversity and richness – or who are interested in supporting the writers or simply in using their work. More information can be obtained from Liz Ledger (liz.ledger@mac.com) or Alan Jackson (adge.oldtown@gmail.com)

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Dates for the Diary....

Lent Lunches

Every Monday in 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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Lent Lunch

Every Friday in Lent, from 12noon

Winchcombe Methodist Church

Come along to our Lent lunch for charity: 22 March – GW Air Ambulance; 29 March – Winchcombe Abbey Primary School; 5 April – Christian Aid; 12 April – Children's Society. Homemade soup, cheese, bread, pudding and a hot drink, all for £5, will be served.

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Coffee Morning

Friday 12 April, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Rev'd Ann Owen's home

Revd Ann Owen is holding a coffee morning with the hope of passing some of her resources on, and which she can't take with her when she moves. Includes a wide selection of books, booklets, and folders, (general reading and theology, worship, mission, training, devotional, and church related) children's craft activity box, candles, shells etc.

There are two book shelves of books that she can't take with her, and doesn't want to have to dispose of them in a way that is wasting resources for the wider church.

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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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Coffee Morning and big book give away

Saturday 13 April, 10am to 12 noon

Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church

Help us clear our overstocked book store by enjoying a coffee and going home with a couple of free books

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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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Holy Week Journey

Tuesday 16 April (10am – 12noon), Wednesday 17 April (10am – 7pm), Thursday 18 April (10am – 12noon), Good Friday 19 April (12noon – 7pm)

Christ Church Tetbury

Journey with Jesus through the last week of his life. We have set up a series of meditative places to pray in the church that take you through the last week of Jesus’ life, from Palm Sunday to the Last Supper and his prayer at Gethsemane to his arrest and his death on Good Friday through to Easter Sunday.

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Coffee Morning

Wednesday 17 April, 10:30 – 12noon

May Hill Methodist Chapel

Everyone is welcome to attend the May Hill Coffee Morning! All proceeds will go towards chapel funds.

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'The Way of the Cross'

Friday 19 April, 10am

Abbey Terrace, Winchcombe & the Methodist Church

This is an outdoor drama following Jesus from his sentencing by Pilate to the crucifixion. Written and directed by the curate at St Peter's, Rev Rachel Murray, and involving people from all four churches in Winchcombe. It will be followed by refreshments in the Methodist Church. It has previously been performed in Gloucester.

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Eco-church event

Wednesday 24 April, 7pm

Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church

We are celebrating the re-release of the film "The Age of Stupid" on the 10th Anniversary of its Leicester Square solar powered Premier with a showing at the Methodist Church. Free entry but donations welcomed.

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Bring and Buy Plant Sale

Hucclecote Methodist Church

Bank Holiday Monday 6 May, 11am - 1.30pm

Entrance 50p, but free if you bring a plant to sell. We welcome your contributions of unwanted and preloved garden equipment. For larger items we may be able to collect. As well as garden tools, garden furniture, large flower pots, seeds, canes we will be selling hundreds of plants and shrubs. For more information please contact Sue or Andy Woodward 01452-615143 or email: glosearch@hotmail.com.

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Pingpongathon 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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District MWiB Quiet Day
Saturday 18 May, 10am – 3.30pm
Churchdown Methodist Church

Boots, Bible, Bread – experiencing Emmaus. Led by Anne Browse, former MWiB President, the day is 'gender-friendly' and everyone is welcome! There is no charge for the day, but donations would be welcomed. Please email mj.winterbourne@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to attend.

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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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