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Prayers

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

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

When		Where
Friday 19 April 10am	'The Way of the Cross'	Abbey Terrace, Winchcombe & the Methodist Church
Wednesday 24th Apr 7pm	Eco-church event	Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church
Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 May	60 th Anniversary Celebrations	Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church
Monday 6 May 11am - 1.30pm	Bring and Buy Plant Sale	Hucclecote Methodist Church
Saturday 11 May 9am – 9pm	Pingpongathon 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 to 12noon	Plant and Cake Sale	St Mark's Methodist Church
Saturday 11 May 10am – 12.30pm	Storytelling with Revd Phil Summers	Bethesda Methodist Church
Saturday 11 May 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea & Entertainment	Dursley Methodist Church
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
Sunday 19 May 10.30am	Easter Offering Service	Tewkesbury 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

Wednesday 5 June	Cirencester Ashcroft Lunch Club, Cirencester Ashcroft Church
Thursday 20 June	The Whitminster Inn, Whitminster

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News....

Mrs Joan Cole

We were sorry to hear recently of the passing of Mrs Joan Cole, widow of the late Revd Cuthbert Cole. Because family was nearby, Mrs Cole moved to Dursley as a widow several years ago. She was active in the life of the church and may be remembered by many in the former Stroud and Dursley Circuit. In recent years she has been in poorer health yet was still a delight to those who knew or encountered her. Her funeral has taken place at Green Street Methodist Church, Aberdare. We give thanks for her life and witness and hold her family in our prayers.

Revd Dr James Tebbutt, Superintendent Minister

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Vacancy for a part-time Church Musician

Parkway Methodist Church, Bristol are seeking a part-time Church Musician (10 hours per week, fixed term for 23 months), salary £15 - £25 per hour depending on experience. For more information/application pack contact Rev David Alderman: Circuit Office Horfield Methodist Church, Churchways Ave, Bristol, BS7 8SN, 0117 951 8822 or by email: circuitproperty@bsgc.org.uk – Quoting Church Musician.

Closing Date for Applications: Friday 10 May 2019

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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....

‘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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60th Anniversary Celebrations

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 May

Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church

Saturday: Open afternoon 2.30pm - 5pm with a ukulele welcome band, concert at 3pm by Cleeve Harmony, plus exhibition of photographs, memory board, children's activities, refreshments.

Sunday: 10.30am worship led by Rev Dr Jonathan Pye, chairman of the Bristol District; 4pm tea; 6pm worship led by Rev Dr James Tebbutt, Superintendent of the Gloucestershire Circuit. Parking is available at Bishop's Cleeve Primary Academy

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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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Plant and Cake Sale

Saturday 11 May, 10am to 12noon

St Mark's Methodist Church

Please come and purchase from a good range of plants and also buy some delicious cakes. Proceeds to Cornerstone & Church Funds.

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“Storytelling” with the Revd Phil Summers

Saturday 11 May, 10am – 12.30pm

Bethesda Methodist Church, Cheltenham

Phil Summers has offered to lead four one-off sessions on Storytelling on Saturday mornings in different venues in our Circuit. Two have already been held at St Alban's, Stroud and Churchdown. on **6 April** from 10 until 12.30. Two more opportunities are planned: 11 May at Bethesda, Cheltenham and 18 May at Drybrook. Local Preachers and Worship Leaders are especially encouraged to attend one of these sessions but knowing that the subject is not exclusively of interest to them, I want to emphasise that anyone who wishes to attend will be very welcome to join us. It would help to be aware of how many intend to come so please let Russell Buley know beforehand by email: russell.buley@btinternet.com or phone 01242 244036.

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Afternoon Tea & Entertainment

Saturday 11 May, 3.30pm

Dursley Methodist Church

Come along to a cafe style afternoon tea with entertainment by 'The Lynchpins' choir from Chalford Hill. Tickets are available either in advance from church members or on the door at £8.00. Ticket price will include scones and a selection of cakes plus tea and coffee. The Lynchpins are an upbeat mixed vocal group based in Chalford. They perform jazz, pop, blues, country and musical numbers in 'A Capella' – i.e. without musical accompaniment - barbershop harmony.

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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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Easter Offering Service

Sunday 19 May 10.30am

Tewkesbury Methodist Church

Led by Revd Jayne Webb, the theme is 'Longer Tables, Lower Fences'.

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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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