

**4 sides with 20 items**

## Prayers

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

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

When		Where
Wednesday 24th Apr 7pm	Eco-church event	Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church
Friday 3 May 7pm	'Larks and Magic'	Coalway Methodist Church
Saturday 4 – Monday 6 May	Flower Festival	Christchurch Abbeydale
Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 May	60 <sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>Wednesday 5 June</b>	Cirencester Ashcroft Lunch Club, Cirencester Ashcroft Church
<b>Thursday 20 June</b>	The Whitminster Inn, Whitminster

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## Found: Glasses

A pair of glasses, in a black glasses case, was left behind at the Circuit Treasurer's meeting on Thursday 11 April. If these are yours please get in touch with the Circuit Office so that we can reunite you with them!

**Circuit Office**

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### **Revd Jayne Webb**

As some of you may be aware, Revd Jayne Webb has been unwell, with a severe kidney infection, and is likely to be absent for a period of at least two weeks whilst she convalesces. Services have been covered, and thanks are given to those to everyone that has helped with this. We wish Jayne a speedy recovery and hold her in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

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### **News....**

#### **Service of Thanksgiving for Revd Victor Vine**

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Revd Victor Vine will be held at St Mark's Methodist Church, Cheltenham at 2.30pm on Wednesday 8 May, following a service for the family at Gloucester Crematorium. There will be light refreshments in the hall after the service. Donations in Victor's memory can be made to All We Can. St Mark's Methodist Church can be found at Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, GL52 8PX. There is limited parking available behind the church. On street parking (if available) can be found on Gloucester Road, near the church, and is free for up to four hours. A Pay and Display car park is available at Cheltenham Spa railway station.

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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](mailto: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 address to [office@gloscircuit.co.uk](mailto:office@gloscircuit.co.uk).

One of the things we are thinking about circulating is the national, monthly Joint Public Issues Team Newsletter email, to which we would add any particular county dimension to the issues they cover. Please do get in touch if you would like to find out more.

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

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### **Dates for the Diary....**

#### **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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#### **'Larks and Magic'**

**Friday 3 May, 7pm**

#### **Coalway Methodist Church**

You are welcome to come along and see the story of E.Nesbit, titled 'Larks and Magic', written and performed by Alison Neil and directed by David Collison. Admission is £10.

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## **Flower Festival**

**Saturday 4 – Monday 6 May**

**Christchurch Abbeydale**

Come along to this Flower Festival with the theme of 'Nursery Rhymes'. Tea, coffee, light lunches and refreshments will be served all day and there will be flower baskets for sale. The festival will be open:

Saturday 4 May, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Sunday 5 May, 12.30pm – 4.30pm

Monday 6 May, 10.30am – 4.30pm

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## **60<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:revstuartradford@yahoo.co.uk).

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## **Creating Safer Space REFRESHER Course**

**Saturday 11 May, 9.30am – 12.30pm**

**Christchurch Abbeydale**

There are only a few places left for this Safeguarding Refresher Course so book immediately!!!!

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](mailto:peter@familygardner.plus.com)

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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 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. Two more opportunities are planned: 11 May at Bethesda 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: 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 and 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 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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