

**4 sides with 19 items**

## Prayers

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

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

When		Where
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
Friday 17 May 7pm	Easter Offering Service	Cinderford 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
Saturday 18 May 2.30pm	May Hill Walk	May Hill Methodist Church
Sunday 19 May 10.30am	Easter Offering Service	Tewkesbury Methodist Church
Sunday 26 May 6.30pm	Easter Offering Dedication Service	Lonsdale Rd 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
Thursday 20 June	The Whitminster Inn, Whitminster

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## News....

### Circuit Assembly

The next Circuit Assembly will be held on Sunday 19 May, at 3pm, at Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church. Papers for the meeting will be sent out in the next few days. Car parking is limited however space has been made available at Bishop's Cleeve Primary Academy, Tobyfield Road, Bishop's Cleeve, GL52 8NN, about 300 yards up the road from Bishops Close, where the church is located. If you are unable to attend, please send your apologies to the Circuit Office by noon on Friday 17 March.

**Louise Hebron, Circuit Office**

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### **May Hill Methodist Church – Items shortly to be available**

As May Hill Methodist Church is planning to close for worship after the 30 June 2019, several items, listed in the attachment, will be available to any church after that date. If you would like any of these items will you please contact Henry Hayward on Gloucester 830729, e mail: [henry.hayward@btinternet.com](mailto:henry.hayward@btinternet.com) or Roger Cox on Gloucester 830454, as soon as possible to reserve them, so you will not be disappointed. All items will be available for collection during the month of July.

**Henry Hayward & Roger Cox, May Hill Methodist Church**

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### **Area Lectionary Workshops (May 2019)**

Leaders of worship are cordially invited to join our first Area Lectionary Workshops during May. These will be the start of a series throughout 2019 to build fellowship and sharing, inspiring both quality and consistency as we take the opportunity to explore Bible themes and wider links together. We will be seeking feedback at each stage to drive refinement and increased engagement.

Initially trialled for us at a Forest Preacher's meeting (West Area), we have now planned and will facilitate initial events for us all on 20, 21 and 22 May. Please come with any resources (e.g. bibles, hymn books, prayer guides) that you might use in preparation for leading worship or that you want to share.

Monday 20 May (Central) – Nick, Peter and Debbie @ Hucclecote MC from 7:30pm

Tuesday 21 May (West) - Michelle and Arthur @ Drybrook MC from 11am

Tuesday 21 May (South) - Karen and Jackie @ Stroud, St. Albans from 7:30pm

Wednesday 22 May (North) - Naomi and Peter @ Bethesda MC from 7:30pm

As the Circuit Worship Taskforce developed the idea for these events, they felt the Holy Spirit guiding them as the ideas formed. They hope that this will be a time of both giving and receiving. We would invite you all to hold these meetings in your prayers. Thank you.

**VSM Worship Taskforce: Karen Burridge, Nick Butler, Naomi Cooke, Michelle Ireland, Debbie Long, Jackie Morris and Peter Allsopp**

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

#### **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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**Easter Offering Service**  
**Friday 17 May, 7pm**  
**Cinderford Methodist Church**

The Forest of Dean churches will hold their Easter Offering service at Cinderford Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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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](mailto:mj.winterbourne@hotmail.co.uk) if you would like to attend.

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**May Hill Walk**  
**Saturday 18 May, 2.30pm**  
**May Hill Methodist Church**

Come along to the May Hill Walk which will be followed by the usual fantastic teas. The cost will be £4 which will go towards the final closing expenses.

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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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### **Easter Offering Dedication Service**

**Sunday 26 May, 6.30pm**

#### **Lonsdale Rd Methodist Church**

This is the Dedication Service of the Easter Offering for the Gloucester area and will be led by Rev Jonathan Pye (Chairman of the Bristol District). The theme for the service 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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### **Barn Service**

**Monday 8 July 7.30 pm (music starts at 7pm)**

#### **Hawling**

The speaker will be Revd Chris Cory and the chairperson will be Ms Karen Burrige. All Welcome. Please come and support our rural chapel. Tea/coffee and biscuits after the service.

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