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Prayers

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

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

When		Where
Thursday 23 to Monday 26 May	Winchcombe Festival	Winchcombe Methodist Church and Hall
Sunday 26 May 6pm	Bethesda at Six	Bethesda Methodist Church, Cheltenham
Sunday 26 May 6.30pm	Easter Offering Dedication Service	Lonsdale Rd Methodist Church
Saturday 8 June 7.30pm	The Stuart Singers Summer Concert	Organised by Dursley Methodist Church, concert is at Dursley Parish Church
10 Jun – 12 Aug 7 – 8.30pm (Mondays)	Holy Habits Study Group	Stroud St Alban's Methodist Church
Saturday 15 June 10am – 5pm	Model Railway Exhibition	Hucclecote Methodist Church
Thursday 20 June 7.30pm	Churches Together in Nailsworth - 3rd Comedy Night	Christ Church Nailsworth
Monday 8 July 7.30 pm	Barn Service	Hawling

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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....

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

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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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Eavestaff Piano – free to a good home

The Circuit Office has been approached by Ian Holmes who inherited a piano from his late parents (they were both Methodists and his mother was an accomplished pianist) and who is now looking for this to go to a good home. Details of the piano can be found below:

- Eavestaff Pianette Minipiano
- Schwander internals
- Solid Metal frame
- Music rack/stand included – screws on & shown separately in photos
- Built in London in the early 1970's
- Condition – good (a couple of small veneer chips)
- Value – approx. £600
- Last professional tune – 2013
- Very heavy – has inbuilt carrying handles to the rear but will require 4+ strong people and a van to move it from Tetbury

Photos are shown in the attached document. If you are interested in the piano, please contact the Circuit Office who will arrange to pass on contact details for Ian Holmes. Please note: the piano must be collected by 10 June.

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Dates for the Diary....

Winchcombe Festival

Thursday 23 – Monday 26 May

Winchcombe Methodist Church and Hall

Winchcombe Festival is a non-profit making organisation run by people in Winchcombe for people in Winchcombe, bringing live music and arts to Winchcombe. They showcase local talent as well as many wonderful performers and artists from further afield.

Please see details below of events happening in the Methodist Church and Hall. More information can be found at <https://winchcombefestival.co.uk/>

Thurs 23 May, 10am	Coffee concert Isbourne Singers (free)
Thurs 23 May, 3pm	Music for Teatime – Fiona and Melvin Brown £5
Fri 24 May, 10am	Coffee concert – Music for piano (Free)
Fri 24 May, 3pm	Kiftsgate Court Gardens -3 generations of women gardeners (in the Hall) £5
Sat 25 May, 10am	Coffee concert – The Turner Hurd family and guests (free)
Sat 25 May, 3 – 5pm	Singing workshop (£3)
Sat 25 May, 5.45 pm	Singing a song of England (£5)
Mon 26 May, 3pm	Cotswold Arts and Crafts of the 1930s (£5) in the Hall

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Bethesda at Six

Sunday 26 May, 6pm

Bethesda Methodist Church, Cheltenham

Featuring husband and wife team Philippa Harrison and James Willshire. Music by Debussy, Faure, Schubert and Stravinski. Light refreshments will be served in the interval. Admission is free however donations will be invited for Christina Aid.

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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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The Stuart Singers Summer Concert

Saturday 8 June, 7.30pm

Organised by Dursley Methodist Church, the concert is at Dursley Parish Church

The Stuart Singers are a 62 strong choir with a wide and constantly changing repertoire which includes spirituals, theatre, sacred and secular, and classical and modern music. Although organized by the fundraising committee of Dursley Methodist Church, the concert will actually take place at Dursley Parish Church to better accommodate the entire choir along with their Junior Choir. The Parish church is on the Market Place very close to the Methodist Church. Tickets are on sale from Durcans hardware shop, Dursley or on the door - cost £9.00. Ice creams will be on sale during the interval

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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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Model Railway Exhibition

Saturday 15 June, 10am – 5pm

Hucclecote Methodist Church

This popular show returns to our church. It features layouts in a variety of scales, gauges and prototypes, plus sales stands and displays. Admission £5 - children free. Refreshments are available. More details are on www.hmcmrs.org.uk.

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Churches Together in Nailsworth - 3rd Comedy Night

Thursday 20 June, 7.30pm

Christ Church Nailsworth

Starring Andy Kind, tickets are £7. For more information and tickets contact Rev Stuart Radford on 07889 138 311.

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Barn Service

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

Hawling Methodist Chapel

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

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Events happening outside the circuit and in other churches....

Bristol District Testimony Service

Thursday 23 May, 7pm

St Peter's Church, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 4NZ

You are invited to come and hear Deacon Corinne Brown sharing her faith journey as she goes forward for ordination. The preacher will be Rev Dr Jonathan Pye. Every is welcome.

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A Communion Service for Wesley Day

Friday 24 May, 1pm

The New Room, Bristol (John Wesley's Chapel)

Join us on Wesley Day for a celebration commemorating this important day for Methodism – Find out about Aldersgate Day and its significance with the new resources there.

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