

**Gloucestershire Circuit Newsletter** 

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# Prayers

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

When		Where
Saturday 8 June 1 – 5pm	Dolls House Show	Clements End Methodist Chapel
Saturday 8 June 7.30pm	The Stuart Singers Summer Concert	Dursley Parish Church
Sunday 9 June 10.30am & 6.30pm	110 <sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Service	Lonsdale Road Methodist 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
Friday 21 June 7pm	An evening of hymns from the Sankey Book	Coalway Methodist Church
Saturday 29 June 10 am - 12noon	'Loss and Bereavement'	Lonsdale Road Methodist Church
Monday 8 July 7.30 pm	Barn Service	Hawling
Wednesday 9 Oct 7.30pm	Concert by Gloucester Brass	Lonsdale Road 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 20 June The Whitminster Inn, Whitminster		
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# News....

# PingPongathon

Many thanks to all those who supported the Pingpongathon for Christian Aid at Nailsworth. So far £1400 has been raised including a church breakfast.

**Rev Stuart Radford** 

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# WANTED - New and used postcards and collections for MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

Please will you all be kind and search out unwanted postcards, collect them up and bring them to the Farewell Service at Bethesda. Each church has a collection box (the size of a shoe box) and hopefully there are plenty of cards lurking somewhere. This collection is ongoing and so far we have sent 58,500 postcards to help raise funds for fuel for the planes. One postcard raised £150 at auction so our rubbish could be someone else's blessing!

### Many thanks, Rev'd Heather Upton

Continuing ...

# The Time Is Now – Lobby Of Parliament

The Methodist Synod recently unanimously passed a resolution calling on the Methodist Conference to declare a Climate Emergency. If we want to put our own weight behind synod's conviction that there is a climate emergency, then there is a real opportunity to press our case coming now.

The Climate Coalition - the umbrella British climate movement with 130 member organisations - is organising a lobby of MPs at Westminster on Wednesday 26 June. Existing targets to tackle climate change are now widely recognised to not go far enough, so the Climate Coalition is calling on the government to put a net zero greenhouse emissions target by 2045 into law now and start working towards this immediately. The aim is to invite your MP to meet you on the day.

You can read about the lobby, download materials and sign up to go, here.

www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/climate-change/thetimeisnow

Transport options are here - <u>www.theclimatecoalition.org/thetimeisnow/transport</u>

Please promote this across the churches and consider coming yourself. It would be great to join this mass lobby and to meet as many of our MPs in Gloucestershire as possible. Any questions, do get in touch with me.

### Noel Sharp, Circuit Social Responsibility Officer, and Christian Aid Regional Co-ordinator

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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....

Dolls House Show Saturday 8 June, 1 – 5pm Clements End Methodist Chapel

Need advice on your own dolls house? Come and have a chat. Refreshments will be provided.

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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

### 110<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Service Sunday 9 June, 10.30am & 6.30pm Lonsdale Road Methodist Church

John Aldridge OBE DL, will be leading the services on Sunday to help celebrate the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at Lonsdale Road. John previously worked at the Citizen newspaper, was a member of Lonsdale Road Methodist Church and with his wife, led a large and successful youth club. Everyone is welcome 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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### 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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### An evening of hymns from the Sankey Book Friday 21 June, 7pm Coalway Methodist Church

Come along and sing some of the hymns whose great words and rousing tunes brought people to faith, and maybe inspired you too.

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### 'Loss and Bereavement' Saturday 29 June, 10 am - 12noon Gloucester Lonsdale Road Methodist Church

By responding to requests the Revd. Diane Daymond is offering a further opportunity to attend her "Loss and Bereavement" training session. This is not just for pastoral visitors but is helpful for all of us in facing a fact of life. If you were unable to attend on one of the dates earlier in the year you are welcome to come. It would help in preparation if you would let Russell Buley know of your intention to come. Tel: 01242 244036 or email: russell.buley@btinternet.com.

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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.

## Concert by Gloucester Brass Wednesday 9 October, 7.30pm Lonsdale Road Methodist Church

Book the date in your diaries! This concert is in aid of the National Star College at Ullenwood; Lonsdale's Wednesday group's charity of the year. Tickets and more details will be made available at a later date.

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