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Prayers

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

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

When		Where
13 – 20 August	Inside Out Art Exhibition	Dursley Methodist Church
Sunday 18 August 3pm	Tibberton Tent Service	Taynton and Tibberton Village Hall
Saturday 31 August 6.30pm	Circuit Welcome Service	St John's Northgate Church, Gloucester
Saturday 7 September 9.30am – 1pm	Foundation Safeguarding Course	St. Mark's Methodist Church, Cheltenham
Monday 30 September 6.30pm – 9.30pm	Refresher Safeguarding Course	St. Mark's Methodist Church, Cheltenham
Saturday 16 November 10am – 3pm	Advanced (Leadership) Safeguarding Module	Churchdown Methodist Church
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 26 September	The Belfry, Broad Street, Littledean, Cinderford, GL14 3JS
Thursday 17 October	The Whitminster Inn, Whitminster
Wednesday 6 November <i>NB – begins at 12.15pm</i>	Cirencester Ashcroft Lunch Club, Cirencester Ashcroft Church
Thursday 14 November	The Moon Under Water, Cheltenham

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News....

Circuit Directory – 2019/20 edition

Work on the next edition of the Circuit Directory, covering the 2019/20 Connexional Year will commence shortly. This is an appeal to everyone to **please check your individual and church entries and notify any changes to the Circuit Office by no later than Friday 30 August**. Unfortunately amendments sent after this date will not be included in the next edition. It is our intention to produce a new Circuit Directory during September and distribute at the Circuit Assembly, to be held on Sunday 22 September at Stonehouse.

Louise Hebbon, Circuit Office

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Books+ - Gloucester Royal Hospital

Keith Long, a member of Hucclecote Methodist Church, has recently taken on the role of manager at Books+ at the hospital. The shop is a Christian bookshop with a wide range of secular products as well. Any item not on sale can normally be ordered with a 24/48hr delivery window to the shop and all orders placed by churches will receive a discount. Orders can be placed either by phone call, email or visit to the shop. The shop is open 9.30am - 5pm, Monday - Friday and is based in the Outpatient's Department. Pop in for a chat, buy cards, books, cd's and lots more.

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Area Lectionary Workshops (August 2019)

Leaders of worship are cordially invited to join our first Area Lectionary Workshops during August. These will continue as a series initially 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. These workshops are planned for 19, 20, 21 and 27 August. 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 19 August (North) at 7:30pm at Bethesda Methodist Church (Naomi & Peter)
- Tuesday 20 August (South) at 7:30pm at Cirencester Ashcroft (Karen & Jackie)
- Wednesday 21 August (Central) at 7:30pm at Hucclecote Methodist Church (Nick & Debbie)
- Tuesday 27 August (West) at 11am at Drybrook Methodist Church (Michelle & Arthur)

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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Chaplaincy opportunity – Brockworth House

We're seeking to appoint a new part-time Chaplain to continue and develop chaplaincy support in Brockworth House. The post calls for a friendly, outgoing person who has experience of supporting older people, including people living with dementia. The post is part time, for 15 hours per week. We are looking for a lay person or an ordained minister who will offer pastoral and spiritual support to all residents as part of the staff team, and also be available to support relatives and staff. An understanding of the spiritual needs of older people, demonstrated through experience of providing pastoral care and leading services, is essential. So too is the ability to address and meet the needs of people with dementia. The person appointed will be in good standing with their faith community and will keep up good working relationships with local faith communities. Part of MHA, Brockworth House is a purpose-built nursing home which offers care for up to 52 people living with dementia. The post is a rewarding opportunity for the right person to foster appropriate pastoral care and fellowship and to make a difference to the spiritual wellbeing of the residents. More information and details of how to apply are available on the MHA website <http://www.mha.org.uk/careers>. The closing date for completed applications is Sunday 18th August.

Anybody wanting to find out more about the post can get in touch with the Manager, Sam Williams. People are also welcome to contact Cathy Dakin, MHA Regional Chaplaincy Advisor (Cathy.Dakin@mha.org.uk).

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Dates for the Diary....

Inside Out Art Exhibition Tuesday 13 – Tuesday 20 August Dursley Methodist Church

Exploring life and faith through stone carving, painting and textiles. This exhibition will feature the work of Revd Phil Summers and his fellow artists. Money will be raised, through the sale of tea, coffee and cake (light lunches on Saturday) during the exhibition, for the charity Beyond the Streets.

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Tibberton Tent Service

Sunday 18 August, 3pm

Taynton and Tibberton Village Hall, GL19 3AN

As part of the Tibberton Show weekend we invite you to join us for a service of celebration and praise in the show marquee at the Village Hall. This year it will be led by the Salvation Army and accompanied by the Cheltenham Salvation Army Band. Everyone very welcome.

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Circuit Welcome Service

Saturday 31 August, 6.30pm

St John's Northgate Church, Gloucester

On Saturday 31 August, we will be welcoming our three new ministers; John, Rachel and John into the Circuit and to wish them well in their new roles. The Reverend Dr Jonathan Pye, District Chair, will be preaching at the service. John Hellyer comes to us from the South East region where he was a District Chair and will be our new Superintendent; Rachel Leather comes to us as a Probationer Minister from the South West Worcestershire Circuit and has pastoral responsibility for Bishop's Cleeve and Cheltenham St Mark's, and John McNeill comes to us from the North of Scotland Mission Circuit where he was a Superintendent and has pastoral responsibility for Churchdown and Quedgeley.

We are delighted that John, Rachel and John are joining us in the Circuit and look forward to working with them. Please remember them in your prayers as they prepare for their new roles, and also the areas of the Circuit where they will be serving. We hope you will be able to support them at the Circuit Service. The Circuit Welcome Service will be followed by a tea in Northgate Hall.

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Foundation Safeguarding Course

Saturday 7 September, 9.30am – 1pm

St. Mark's Methodist Church, Cheltenham

For those volunteers working for the Church who have never attended a Safeguarding course. If you wish to book a place, please contact Peter at peter@familygardner.plus.com

Peter Gardner, Circuit Safeguarding Officer

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Refresher Safeguarding Course

Monday 30 September, 6.30pm – 9.30pm

St. Mark's Methodist Church, Cheltenham

For those volunteers who attended Foundation training 4 years ago (volunteers must receive safeguarding training every 4 years!). If you wish to book a place, please contact Peter at peter@familygardner.plus.com

Peter Gardner, Circuit Safeguarding Officer

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Advanced (Leadership) Safeguarding Module

Saturday 16 November, 10am – 3pm

Churchdown Methodist Church

For Ministers, Supernumerary Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Church Safeguarding Co-ordinators. If you wish to book a place, please contact Peter at peter@familygardner.plus.com

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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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