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## Personnel

The Circuit Assembly needs to appoint someone to take on the Personnel portfolio when Russell Buley steps down next March.

This is an important role which is particularly suited to someone who enjoys working with people and supporting them in their work.

There is more information in the separate Role Description. Please pray about whether you should take this on or ask someone else to consider it. Any expressions of interest in the role need to be sent to John Hellyer at [superintendent@glosccircuit.co.uk](mailto:superintendent@glosccircuit.co.uk) by 31 October.

## *Caring for your voice*

*Have you noticed how difficult it is to sing in church after such a long break? The Singing the Faith Reference Group have produced a handy guide to help us care for each other (and our voices) as we get back to praising God together. You can read more at <https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/23018/voice-care-returning-to-congregational-singing.pdf>*

*Please feel free to share it with others.*

## New Homes Needed

Cinderford Methodist Church have a few items that are in need of a new home. Can you help?

Prayer table approx. 3' x 20" x 14" with relief carving of 'praying hands' let into top surface

2 communion sets      Communion table      Iron lectern

Wooden lectern      Large communion cupboard approx. 6'x 2'6" x 3'

Contact Philip Hyne at [pandjhyne@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pandjhyne@tiscali.co.uk) for more information

## *Can you help?*

*With churches re-opening and activities and events being planned, we are actively looking for items to include in the circuit newsletter. News, events, fundraising activities, work with the community, milestones celebrated - please send all information to Louise at the Circuit Office. Don't forget to include any images you might have! We hope to issue a newsletter every two weeks.*



## Black History Month

To mark Black History Month, the Methodist Youth President, Daud Irfan discusses black leadership in Church and society with Lord Boateng, the UK's first black Cabinet Minister and a Methodist local preacher. Watch or listen [here](#).

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKER AT BISHOP'S CLEEVE METHODIST CHURCH

We're looking for someone to lead on our Community Outreach work in Bishop's Cleeve and the surrounding villages. We are a welcoming, friendly church seeking better to serve the growing community of Bishop's Cleeve through the employment of an outreach worker who shares our Christian values.

**ARE YOU:**

## Passionate about tackling social isolation exacerbated through lockdown?

## Interested in working with community organisations?

Motivated to establish and run new community groups within a church setting?

## Able to work independently as well as collaboratively?

## Seeking flexible working?

**DO YOU:**

## Have excellent pastoral skills?

Have an understanding of the detrimental health effects of loneliness?

## Want to work in a growing community?

*If you said yes to most of these points, then this could be the job for you!*

We're looking for someone to identify the social and pastoral needs of the community, specifically those socially isolated or digitally excluded and create a welcoming space which is intentionally Christian in its mission.

*INTERESTED?*

More information can be found at [www.gloucestershiremethodist.org.uk](http://www.gloucestershiremethodist.org.uk)

The deadline for applications is noon on Friday 15 October

Interviews are expected to be held on Monday 1 November





## **PART-TIME PIONEER FAMILIES WORKER**

**at CHRIST CHURCH, NAILSWORTH LEP**

Do you have a heart for vulnerable families and a desire to share the good news of Jesus' love? Is God calling you to Nailsworth?

Christ Church, Nailsworth LEP (Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed) is looking to appoint an enthusiastic Pioneer Families Worker to build on existing outreach and develop new initiatives. We are looking for a committed Christian who will build relationships with children, young people and their families, providing support, encouragement and sharing God's love.

You will need to be a self-starter but also able to work in a team which includes the minister of Christ Church and a PSALMS/Sportily sports minister.

The post is part-time and will require some evening and week-end work. Starting salary will be in the range £10,000 to £12,000 p.a. (plus pension and NI contributions) depending on experience and qualifications, for 20 hours a week. The appointment will initially be for 2 years.

Further details are available on our website (<http://www.nailsworthchristchurch.org.uk>) or from Rev Esther Mason ([esther@nailsworthchristchurch.org.uk](mailto:esther@nailsworthchristchurch.org.uk); tel. 07956 657759).

Applications should include a CV and names of 3 referees (see further details) and be sent to Rev Esther Mason (preferably by email, alternatively to Christ Church LEP, Newmarket Road, Nailsworth, GL6 0DQ).

***Closing date for applications: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021***

***Interview date: Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021***

***Desired (but negotiable) start date: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022***

*Please note there is a Genuine Occupational Requirement for this role to be held by a Christian.*



## STORM FORCE TEN

### BRISTOL'S BRIGHTEST SHANTY BAND

Churchdown Methodist Church are privileged to announce a concert by **Storm Force Ten**, a well-loved group of Shanty Singers.

Thursday 8 October, price £8 to include refreshments. See George Govan [chosen.ggovan@gmail.com](mailto:chosen.ggovan@gmail.com) or 07801 260202 for tickets or apply on-line at [i.gov1967@gmail.com](mailto:i.gov1967@gmail.com)

## COP26 CLIMATE CRUNCH

A talk with Jonathon Porritt, leading environmentalist and author, former CEO of Friends of the Earth, and founder of Forum for the Future.

Tuesday 19 October, 7.30pm at Cleeve School & Sixth Form Centre of Excellence

T: 01242 244785 or E: [transition.cleeve@gmail.com](mailto:transition.cleeve@gmail.com)

## 2021 STATISTICS COLLECTION

The Methodist Church Online site is now open for the 2021 statistics collection.

Due to the present circumstances we are not collecting attendance data; all that is needed is the current membership figure and the in-year movements (such as office holders and pastoral contacts).

Further information can be found at:

Forms and guidance: [www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/statistics-for-mission/online-data-entry/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/statistics-for-mission/online-data-entry/)

Frequently Asked Questions: [www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/statistics-for-mission/faqs/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/statistics-for-mission/faqs/)

The data entry site will be open until 31 January 2022

## SPECTRUM

Are you looking for a study group which brings together ordained and lay members of our Church to join in study, discussion and prayer? If so, SPECTRUM, formerly known as: Fellowship of the Kingdom, may be the answer.

The Gloucestershire group meets on the second Tuesday of the month, October to March, at Christchurch, Abbeydale, Gloucester, from 10:30am to midday. When permitted, there is coffee from 10am.

The overall theme of our studies is DARKNESS AND LIGHT ARE BOTH ALIKE TO THEE, based on the studies given earlier this year at the Spectrum Conference when the speakers were the Rev'd Dr Inderjit Bhogal and the Revd Catherine Bird.

You can be assured of a warm welcome on **Tuesday 12 October**, when the Revd Carrie Seaton will introduce the first meeting with the title: IN DEFENCE OF DARKNESS, based on Isaiah 45 verse 3.

For further information, please contact Revd Vernon Godden



### Rural outreach in Devon

The thing that gives me joy is finding out that many people who don't usually attend church are open to spirituality and they oftentimes already know God."

Helen Fry, outreach worker, reflects on her role as a pioneer in a community in Devon. Read more at [www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/the-methodist-blog/reflections-of-a-pioneer/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/the-methodist-blog/reflections-of-a-pioneer/)

## Copyright

In our connected world, we are so used to seeing all kinds of images, videos and text extracts that we don't always realise each piece of material is someone's intellectual property. In this blog Beth Dufour, Freelance Permissions Editor, helps to explain copyright and how to avoid copyright infringements and potential fines. Read more at [www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/the-methodist-blog/copyright-the-bigger-picture/?utm\\_source=Methodist%20Church%20House&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=12703207\\_The%20Methodist%20News&dm\\_i=BVI,7K9UV,MH1FQX,US9R4,1](http://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/the-methodist-blog/copyright-the-bigger-picture/?utm_source=Methodist%20Church%20House&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=12703207_The%20Methodist%20News&dm_i=BVI,7K9UV,MH1FQX,US9R4,1)



**Quedgeley Methodist Church**

**Present**

# **THE COTSWOLD CANARIES**

**singing**

**Songs from the Musicals**

**Friday 12th November 2021**

**7.30 p.m**

**Tickets £5**

**Complimentary Tea / Coffee / Cake**

**Served during Interval**



**Tickets available from**

**[qmcchurchbookings@gmail.com](mailto:qmcchurchbookings@gmail.com)**

**or 07709955717**

**In aid of  
Church Funds**

**Doors Open  
7.00 p.m**



*A wonderful opportunity for Pastoral Visitors*

## **Severn Vale Deanery Training Day**

On Saturday 16 October, 9.30am - 3.30pm at St John the Evangelist, Churchdown, GL3 2DB

Please book your place via the Church Office T: 01452 855553 or E: [office@stjohnschurchdown.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnschurchdown.org.uk)

Donations welcome on the day, suggested minimum £5

The day will include: Care Home Worship - a taster; review of Worship; What is spirituality?; Anna Chaplaincy; Dementia Friendly Church/Dementia Friendly Worship; explaining Dementia to Children and supporting bereaved older people.

Speakers include Rachel Cottell who shares her time between being a teacher at Church-down Village juniors and as the community engagement coordinator at Badgeworth Court Care Centre, delivering dementia awareness workshops in the community, as a worship leader and Safeguarding Officer for the Greenway benefice, and as a wife, daughter, mum, step-mum and especially Granny.

Gill Ford is the Anna Coordinator for the local Anna Chaplaincy charity, CaBiC, and volunteers, as a befriender, with Age UK and People for You. She qualified as a solicitor and has, more recently, been a lecturer in Law at the University of Gloucestershire and UWE.

Brian Dunlop is Chair of the local Anna Chaplaincy charity CaBiC and is a member of The Bible Reading Fellowship's national working group for Anna Chaplaincy. He is an ordained Anglican priest and was a partner in a Cheltenham firm of Patent Attorneys.





## Woodlands Church is Methodist COP26 hub in Glasgow

Join our Methodist friends in Glasgow during the COP26 conference next month where Woodlands Methodist Church will be offering a warm welcome to visitors and hosting a number of live events that will be livestreamed. The CJ4A team have organised an exciting programme - take a look and make a note in your diary to join them! More details at [www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/environment-and-climate-change/the-methodist-hub-at-cop26/?utm\\_source=Methodist%20Church%20House&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=12703207\\_The%20Methodist%20News&dm\\_i=BVI,7K9UV,MH1FQX,US9R4,1](http://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/environment-and-climate-change/the-methodist-hub-at-cop26/?utm_source=Methodist%20Church%20House&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=12703207_The%20Methodist%20News&dm_i=BVI,7K9UV,MH1FQX,US9R4,1)



## Wreath Festival

**Friday 26 & Saturday 27 November, 10am - 4pm**

Lonsdale Road Methodist Church are hosting a two day wreath festival to be opened by BBC Radio Gloucestershire Presenter and BBC Radio 4 'The Listening Project' Producer, Faye Hatcher. Cakes, cuppas and display items made by the church craft group will all be available.



## The Church: A movement of hope within a fractured and often lonely humanity in person and on Zoom

**Speaker:** Rev'd Dr Julie Gittoes, Priest and Theologian, Vicar of St Mary's & Christ Church Hendon

**Tuesday 12th October 2021**

**7.30pm for 7.45pm start**

**The Elwes Building Lecture Theatre TC014**, The Park Campus, University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham GL50 2RH

**For the Zoom Link** please contact **Philip Averay** at [revphilipaveray@gmail.com](mailto:revphilipaveray@gmail.com) who will be happy help.

To join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85677752725?pwd=YmU0b1pNODVucWNIQTN5QINSc3doQT09>

Meeting ID: 856 7775 2725 Passcode: 175170

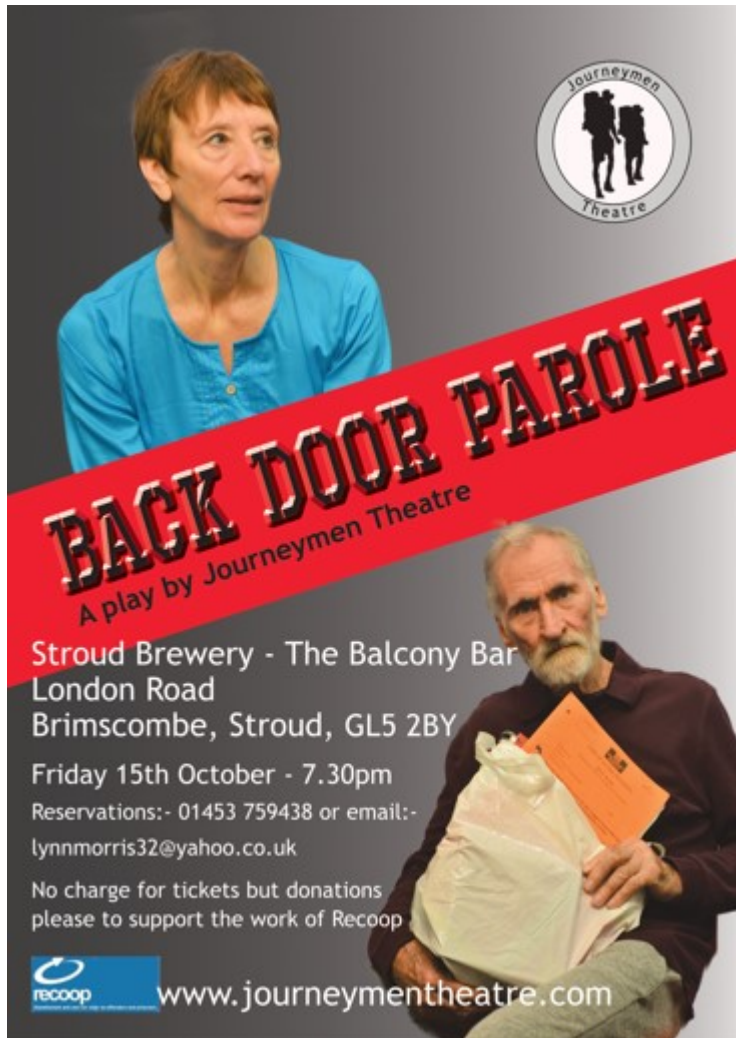
## St Mark's & Bishop's Cleeve Zoom Café Church services

St Mark's & Bishops Cleeve are running monthly Zoom Sunday evening café church services. These services are informal and allow for a variety of speakers on a variety of subjects, with plenty of conversation.

We would warmly invite anyone from the circuit to come along to these online services.

On Sunday 10 October at 6.30pm, one of our trainee Local Preacher's, Trevor Wills, is leading a session on The Wealth Divide. If you would like to attend, here is the link: <https://zoom.us/j/91808057925?pwd=OGRxUnM4MWIxbDRmN3RqWUlwMW5Ez09>.

For more information, including if you would like to regularly receive the Zoom links to these services, please contact Rev Rachel Leather.




**BACK DOOR PAROLE**  
A play by Journeymen Theatre

Stroud Brewery - The Balcony Bar  
London Road  
Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2BY

Friday 15th October - 7.30pm  
Reservations:- 01453 759438 or email:-  
lynnmorris32@yahoo.co.uk

No charge for tickets but donations  
please to support the work of Recoop

 [www.journeymentheatre.com](http://www.journeymentheatre.com)

## 3Generate

Day tickets are still available!

This is a brand new way to experience all 3Gen has to offer and get a taster of the event. As an alternative to being residential for the weekend, children and young people can participate by joining in each day from Friday 29 to Sunday 31 October by travelling to and from the NEC in Birmingham, or they can just come for the day.

More information can be found at [www.3Generate.org.uk](http://www.3Generate.org.uk)



**Prisons Week  
2021**

**Consider the  
Ravens**

**10-16 October**

See [www.prisonsworld.org/?utm\\_source=Methodist%20Church%20House&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=12681721\\_Chaplaincy%20-%20September%202021&dm\\_i=BVI%2C7JTA1%2CMH1FQX%2CUQC7Y%2C1](http://www.prisonsworld.org/?utm_source=Methodist%20Church%20House&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=12681721_Chaplaincy%20-%20September%202021&dm_i=BVI%2C7JTA1%2CMH1FQX%2CUQC7Y%2C1)  
for more

## INDUCTION OF PRESIDENT - METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN, BRISTOL DISTRICT

**SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER, 11.30 am – 3pm, WESTBURY-ON-TRYM METHODIST CHURCH**

2pm Induction Service for Jennifer Gardner *Preacher: Rev N Headley Superintendent Minister Bristol Circuit*

Come and enjoy a day learning about all the things Methodist Women in Britain is doing, locally, nationally and globally. Watch the 10th anniversary film 'Table Fellowship' showing all the things that have been happening in the Lord's name.

### *'A Black Woman's Journey'*

Four black women associated with the Westbury-on-Trym church are going to share their stories of racism. Another person is going to tell her story of living and growing up in a mixed race family in England. There is no better way than to listen to, and hear another's story to try and understand what it feels like to experience racism.

Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided



## Online Safeguarding Training Courses - 2021-2022

This on-line Safeguarding training programme for 2021/22 is organised by the South-West Region Learning Network of the Methodist Church. In our Circuit it is estimated there are 150 volunteers who need to attend a safeguarding course, and this will increase by the end of 2022 Connexional Year. If this is you, and you are confident with computers and can use zoom facilities, please register for a training course as soon as possible.

### Creating Safer Space



**Safeguarding children, young people  
and vulnerable adults**

ONLINE: Advanced Module – Creating Safer Space

Register by 2 February 2022. Gathered Session 2 March 2022 at 7pm

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-version-advanced-module-safeguarding-training-registration-159105702439](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-version-advanced-module-safeguarding-training-registration-159105702439)

ONLINE: Foundation Module – Creating Safer Space

16 November 2021 9:30am [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/methodist-foundation-module-safeguarding-creating-space-registration-159103666349](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/methodist-foundation-module-safeguarding-creating-space-registration-159103666349)

8 February 2022 7pm [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-methodist-foundation-module-safeguarding-creating-space-registration-159103780691](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-methodist-foundation-module-safeguarding-creating-space-registration-159103780691)

12 May 2022 9:30am [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/methodist-foundation-module-safeguarding-creating-space-registration-159103937159](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/methodist-foundation-module-safeguarding-creating-space-registration-159103937159)

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### Safeguarding Sunday - 10 October 2021

Many churches across the country will be turning a spotlight on safeguarding on this Sunday. Protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding Sunday is all about creating an opportunity for churches to show their communities that they take this responsibility seriously.

What's more, it is your chance, as a church, to use your Sunday service to explore together what safe places look like, and to thank all those working behind the scenes to make our churches safer for all.

The website <https://thirtyoneeight.org/news-and-events/safeguarding-sunday/> has everything you need to help plan and run your event. May I encourage your church to participate.

**Peter Gardner - Circuit Safeguarding Officer**

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### Diversity and the Church

St Mark's Cheltenham are hosting a Café Church service on Sunday 9 January 2022 at 6.30pm with Revd Rachel Leather and Andy Rickell with the theme of Diversity and the Church.

Andy was one of the leading radical advocates of the disability rights movement for 20 years, including a controversial opinion piece in the Guardian when he criticised the largest disability charities. He was on a shortlist of two to be appointed as the Disability Commissioner at the Equality and Human Rights Commission. He thinks if we learn how to welcome disabled people properly in our churches, it will teach us how to welcome everyone in our communities into church. Expect some honest, forthright but positive thoughts and an open dialogue about what churches could be doing to be truly welcoming and inclusive to everyone including disabled people.

This service is being hosted via Zoom and everyone is welcome to join in. Please contact Revd Rachel Leather for the Zoom link.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

*Amendments and new items are shown in bold*

### 2021

|                             |            |   |
|-----------------------------|------------|---|
| Wednesday 13 October        | <b>2pm</b> | Social & Climate Justice Group                      |
| Tuesday 19 October          | TBA        | Circuit Mission Group                               |
| <b>Thursday 18 November</b> | 9.30am     | Circuit Executive                                   |
| Tuesday 30 November         | 7.30pm     | Finance Support Group                               |
| Monday 6 December           | 7.30pm     | Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting - North   |
| Tuesday 7 December          | 7.30pm     | Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting - South   |
| Wednesday 8 December        | 7.30pm     | Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting - West    |
| Thursday 9 December         | 7.30pm     | Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting - Central |

### 2022

|                          |            |   |
|--------------------------|------------|---|
| Wednesday 12 January     | <b>2pm</b> | Social & Climate Justice Group                      |
| Thursday 13 January      | 7.30pm     | Finance Support Group                               |
| Thursday 3 February      | 9.30am     | Manse Group   |
| Tuesday 8 February       | TBA        | Circuit Mission Group                               |
| Tuesday 8 February       | 9.30am     | Property Group                                      |
| Thursday 17 February     | 7.30pm     | Circuit Treasurers Meeting                          |
| Wednesday 2 March        | 7.30pm     | Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting           |
| Thursday 3 March         | 9.30am     | Circuit Executive                                   |
| <b>Sunday 20 March</b>   | 3pm        | Circuit Assembly                                    |
| Monday 4 April           | 9.30am     | Property Group                                      |
| <b>Wednesday 6 April</b> | <b>2pm</b> | Social & Climate Justice Group                      |
| Thursday 28 April        | 9.30am     | Circuit Executive                                   |
| Sunday 22 May            | 3pm        | Circuit Assembly                                    |
| Monday 6 June            | 7.30pm     | Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting - Central |
| Tuesday 7 June           | 7.30pm     | Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting - North   |
| Wednesday 8 June         | 7.30pm     | Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting - South   |
| Thursday 9 June          | 7.30pm     | Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting - West    |
| <b>Wednesday 13 July</b> | <b>2pm</b> | Social & Climate Justice Group                      |

***Something to include in the newsletter? We'd love to hear from you!***  
***Send to [office@glosccircuit.co.uk](mailto:office@glosccircuit.co.uk)***