



Welcome to *our July newsletter*

July, named after Julius Caesar, was originally Quintilis, meaning 'fifth month' in Latin, representing where it fell in the Roman calendar. It was renamed after Caesar's death. The seventh month is significant in various cultures, symbolizing transformation, creativity, and personal empowerment.

Special Sundays

During July there are a number of *Special Sundays* in the Methodist calendar



Held on the second Sunday in July (although it can be any Sunday you like), this is the children's charity of the Methodist Church. Founded in 1869 by Methodist minister Revd Thomas Bowman Stephenson in response to the poverty and danger faced by vulnerable and destitute children and young people living rough in London. Today it's grown to become a leading children's charity running over 500 projects and working with more children and young people affected by poverty, disability and abuse than any other UK charity.



The second Sunday in July (although a different date can be used if not convenient) is an opportunity to remember and pray for those who work at sea, and the people who support them. This day is an opportunity to reflect, pray, and take action for the brave men and women who work at sea and helps raise vital funds to support seafarers facing tough and often lonely conditions, often spending months away from their families.

RURAL MISSION SUNDAY

Held on the third Sunday in July (or whenever is convenient) this celebrates the importance of small rural churches and their passion for mission. An initiative that began in 2016, this provides a real opportunity for rural churches to celebrate who they are and give thanks for their community.



70th Anniversary celebrations!!

Congratulations to Stonehouse Methodist Church who celebrate their 70th anniversary this month! A weekend of special celebrations is planned; a Flower Festival on Saturday 5 July from 10am – 4pm followed by Morning Worship led by Revd Dr Marcus Torchon and a light lunch at 10.30am on Sunday 6 July.


Everyone is invited

Action for Children Sunday

Sunday 13 July is Action for Children Sunday, a day to draw attention to and fundraise for the wonderful work Action for Children does to improve the lives of vulnerable children across the UK experiencing poverty, homelessness and other issues.

Churches are encouraged to get involved by holding fundraising events big and small to support all they do. You can find out more about Action for Children and download resources to support with your worship and fundraising events [here](#).

Eco Community



Join the Eco Community Network and share ideas for living lightly in a world faced with climate change. Next meeting is 7pm on Wednesday 17 September. More information at [Eventbrite](#)

Model Railway Show



Saturday 12 July

10am - 5pm

Hucclecote Methodist Church

www.hmcmrs.org.uk

Adults £6 Children Free

Over 20 layouts of different sizes and scales packed into 4 rooms full of model railways. Children will be able to operate the Thomas the Tank Engine together with lots of preloved items, 100s of jigsaw puzzles, trade stands and refreshments. Something for everyone to enjoy!

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WHAT'S ON

Sunday 6 July, 10.30am @ Bethesda - Sunday Morning Youth Session

Sunday 6 July, 7.30pm @ Bethesda - Circuit Youth Group

Monday 7 July, 2pm @ Bishop's Cleeve - Meet up Monday's friendship group

Tuesday 8 July, 10am - 12noon @ St Mark's - Coffee morning

Wednesday 9 July, 3.30pm @ Stonehouse - Youth Group

Saturday 12 July, 10.30am @ Tewkesbury - weekly coffee morning

Saturday 12 July, 10am - 5pm @ Hucclecote - Model Railway Show

Sunday 13 July, 3pm @ Stroud - Farewell Service for Revd Rachel Hope

Monday 14 July, 2pm @ Bishop's Cleeve - Meet up Monday's

Tuesday 15 July, 10am - 12noon @ St Mark's - Coffee morning

Wednesday 16 July, 3.30pm @ Stonehouse - Youth Group

Tuesday 1 July, 10am - 12noon @ St Mark's - Coffee morning

Wednesday 2 July, 3.30pm @ Stonehouse - Youth Group

Thursday 3 July, 2pm @ Bishop's Cleeve - Film Club

Saturday 5 July, 10am @ Drybrook - monthly coffee morning

Saturday 5 July, 10am @ Stonehouse - Flower Festival

Saturday 5 July, 10.30-12.30 @ Tewkesbury - Summer Fayre!

Sunday 6 July, 9.15am @ Tewkesbury - Wild Green Breakfast Club

Sunday 6 July, 10.30am @ Stonehouse - 70th Anniversary service led by Revd Dr Marcus Torchon

Saturday 19 July, 10.30am @ Tewkesbury - weekly coffee morning

Saturday 19 July, 10.30am @ Aylburton - monthly coffee morning

Monday 21 July, 2pm @ Bishop's Cleeve - Meet up Monday's

Tuesday 22 July, 10am - 12noon @ St Mark's - Coffee morning

Wednesday 23 July, 3.30pm @ Stonehouse - Youth Group

Saturday 26 July, 10.30am @ Tewkesbury - weekly coffee morning

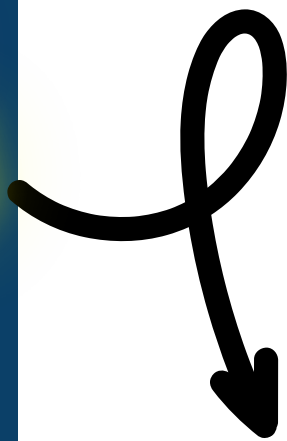
Saturday 26 July, 10.30am @ Coalway - monthly coffee morning

Monday 28 July, 2pm @ Bishop's Cleeve - Meet up Monday's

Tuesday 29 July, 10am - 12noon @ St Mark's - Coffee morning

Wednesday 30 July, 3.30pm @ Stonehouse - Youth Group

Thursday 31 July, 2pm @ Bailey Lane End - monthly natter



Stonehouse Youth Club - For school years 3-6, Wednesdays 3.30-5pm. Games, pool, table tennis, table football, crafts, tuckshop! For more info contact Shanice on 07842 171216

Year 6s - Exploring the transition to secondary school from a faith perspective. Wednesday 13 August, 2-4pm @ Bethesda. For more info contact circuit.youth@glosccircuit.co.uk



Circuit trip to 3Generate - the Methodist Children & Youth Assembly. Friday 3 to Sunday 5 October 2025. For more info contact circuit.youth@glosccircuit.co.uk

Churchdown Youth Club - For school years 3-7, Sunday evenings 5-6.30pm. Dodgeball, footie games, chill zone, card games, lego, switch, crafts, tuckshop! For more info contact Julie @ outreach.churchdown@glosccircuit.co.uk





Upcoming Workshops



When: Weds 9 July, 7-8.30pm

Join the East Anglia and Beds, Essex & Herts districts for a workshop exploring the Methodist Church's Equality Impact Assessment. Open to anyone across the connexion to discuss how to use this resource to help create church communities that are just, inclusive, treat everyone with dignity and stand in solidarity with those who experience discrimination and exclusion. Tickets available via **Eventbrite**

Save the date: Weds 30 July, 7pm

Circuit Stewards Community of Practice meeting. Connexional Team members share their wisdom and knowledge, invite discussion, listen and learn what's happening for those present. An opportunity to connect with other Circuit Stewards, build relationships and share knowledge and experiences together.

Tickets available via **Eventbrite**.



Weds 9 July, 10 - 12.45pm Longfield Wellbeing Centre, Minchinhampton

Grief creates a ripple effect – a single loss impacts many areas of life. The emotional, social and practical adjustments that are experienced after a primary loss can challenge our resilience and leave us feeling isolated.

Join Longfield Community Hospice for a one-time, small group discussion in a safe space to explore and discuss these feelings.

E: bereavement.services@longfield.org.uk
T: **01453 733706**

Join us: Fri 18 July, 11 - 11.45am

A 45 minute online space for lay employees and volunteers in the Methodist Church to catch up. There's no agenda, but each time there will be a different conversation starter.

Tickets available via

Eventbrite

**The Staffroom
For Lay Employees
& Volunteers
July**

Vacancies

TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Bristol Methodist District is looking for dedicated individuals to join our District Property Committee. Work with our amazing Property Secretary. Support and give consent to local churches in repairs, alterations, sales and sharing agreements. Property plays a significant role in enabling a church's presence within communities.

JOIN NOW

@chain@bristolmethodist.org.uk

DISTRICT POLICY COMMITTEE

WE ARE LOOKING FOR 1 LAY AND 1 ORDAINED PERSON TO BECOME DISTRICT TRUSTEES. COMMITTEE PROVIDES OVERSIGHT AND GUIDANCE TO THE DISTRICT. 3 MEETINGS A YEAR - HYBRID

DISTRICT SCRUTINY GROUP

1 VACANCY TO JOIN A GROUP THAT SCRUTINISES, LAY EMPLOYMENT, ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIPS AND CHURCH CLOSURES. 3 TIMES A YEAR ONLINE ONLY.

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Gavins Avenue
Somerset
Methodist
District

Call for COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Volunteer Needed



The Bristol Methodist District is looking for dedicated individuals to join our **District Grants Panel**. This group meets 3 times a year online and you could learn about the amazing work happening around the district as well as making a positive impact by agreeing funding.

Email:
office.admin@bristolmethodist.org.uk

Join With Us

DPC - 1 Lay Person, 1 Minister Vacancy

Meets 3 times a year, online or hybrid meetings.

This group covers compliance, governance, worship, discipleship, finance, resourcing & looking ahead.

E: dpc.secretary@bristolmethodist.org.uk

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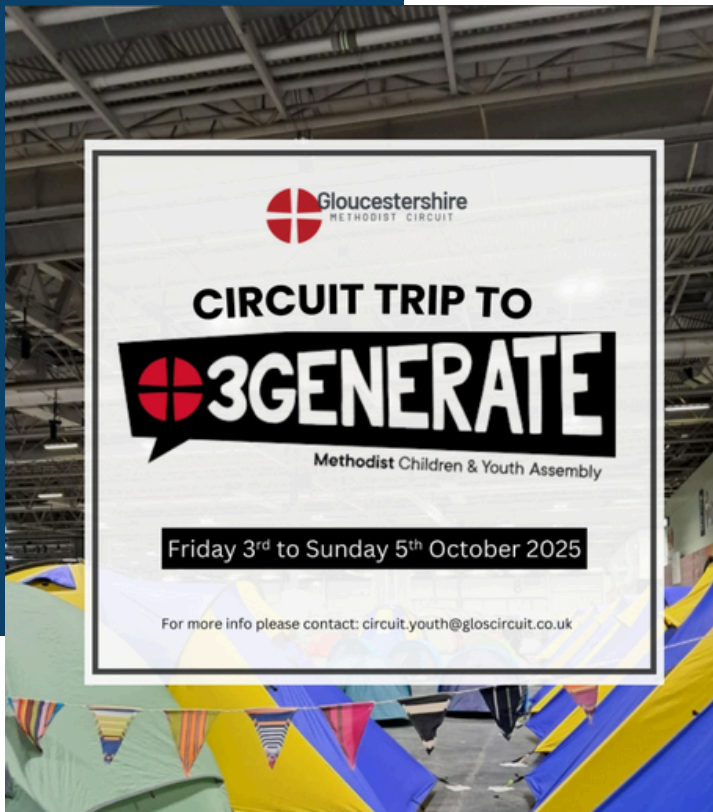
Meets 3 times a year, online. This group covers lay employment contracts, local ecumenical partnerships & church closures.

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Grants Panel - 1 Vacancy

Meets 3 times a year, online. This group covers grant applications. listening to presentations, asking questions & making decisions

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**DISTRICT
EDI GROUP**

**ALL ARE INVITED TO THIS EDI
CONVERSATION**

THURS 17TH JULY 7.30PM ON ZOOM

[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/99780741931?](https://zoom.us/j/99780741931?pwd=USXYUQ87UN9MKOB8VUBEZLX1SLTZWE.1)

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Feedback on EDI matters from Conference, sharing of good news stories as well as talking about best practice and a Q&A session. Join the conversation [here](#)



The 2025 Property Stewards Handbook is now available to download from the Methodist Church website. You can grab your copy [here](#)

Messy Church

Where: St Mark's
When: Wednesday 23 July
10.15am - 12.15pm

Parachute games, craft activities, videos, story, songs, mid-morning snacks - all free!!!

E: messychurch@stmarksmethodist.org.uk
T: 01242 262657 to book a place

All children must be accompanied by an adult

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