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Lectern available

Do you need a fairly tall, free standing and quite heavy lectern? Previously used at Bream Methodist Church and the West Dean Centre, this is now available for re-homing. There are also a set of communion glasses available. Contact Becky Morgan for more information.

AUTUMN PLAN

Ministers are now entering all service and preacher details for the forthcoming Winter plan. Final planning work will be undertaken in the next couple of weeks. For more information please contact Louise at the Circuit Office on office@gloscircuit.co.uk or by calling 01452 415769

CIRCUIT NEWS

Staff Retreat

All ministers who hold pastoral responsibility for a church, together with our church lay workers are attending a staff retreat in Ammerdown between 8 -10 October. Access to emails and phone calls will be limited while they are away.

Greetings from Derbyshire, where it still feels like I am on holiday!

Mary and I would like to pass on our thanks for the wonderful send off we had at Bethesda. Our grandchildren really liked the cakes! It was a very special service and we are really grateful for the generous gift that we were given.

**Every blessing,
John and Mary Hellyer**

Foundation Training

The next Foundation Training Course is on Wednesday 30 October at St Mark's Methodist Church, Cheltenham, G51 8PX, from 7 - 9pm.

Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm.

If you need to attend this training course, please contact Peter Gardner, Circuit Safeguarding Officer, by email at safeguarding@gloscircuit.co.uk to book

Six Inches of Soil

On Sunday 20 October Bethesda Methodist Church, (Great Norwood Street, Cheltenham), will be hosting a screening of the film '**Six Inches of Soil**'.

Presented by David Morrissey, the film tells the story of remarkable farmers, communities, small businesses, chefs and entrepreneurs who are leading the way to transform how our food is produced and consumed.

The film screening will start at 6:30pm, admission is free, although donations welcome. It will be followed by refreshments and a discussion on the issues it raises for all of us. All welcome.

PETER RICHARDSON

It is with sadness we report the death of Peter Richardson. Peter was a Local Preacher, accredited in 2001, who took services across many of our churches. Peter was also attended the Circuit Assembly and Circuit Services until his illness made this difficult.

There will be a Thanksgiving Service held on Wednesday 23 October at 11.30am, at Aylburton Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be served afterwards. Please wear what you are comfortable in and bright colours are fine. Parking is available on the field behind the church (there is now some hardstanding there).

Transform your church's online presence

'Getting Started Online' is a dynamic course designed to empower churches and communities to harness the power of digital tools and platforms for mission. Whether you're a digital novice or just looking to sharpen your online skills, this course is your gateway to engaging efficiently in the digital mission field.

Join in on the Monday afternoon sessions (five in total) from 1.30pm-3.00pm starting on November 4.

Sign up here

Baby steps to bronze: become an Eco Church

The Methodist Church
Southampton District
The Methodist Church
Learning Network

Gain inspiration, pick up tips and network with others seeking to take their next steps in becoming an Eco Church

We're all becoming more aware of our impact on the planet, and many of us are already taking steps to lower our carbon footprint. The Methodist Church has set itself the bold target of becoming a net zero emissions church by 2030, but that will only happen if we all play our part. Has your church already signed up to become an Eco Church? Are you thinking of doing it, but worried it'll be too much work? Or

maybe you're already well on the way to bronze, and wanting to share what you're learning with others. Join with the Learning Network and Mission & Community Engagement Officer Emma Nash to hear inspiring stories, pick up tips, and learn about new funding that's available to help your church reach net zero.

This event will be held online on Monday 14 October between 7.30 - 9pm. You can [book your place here](#)

An Illustrated Talk on the History of St. Mary's Newent

Thursday 17 October, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Newent

Speaker: Dood Pearce - President of the Newent Local History Society

Cost £10 including interval refreshments of Cheese and Wine. All proceeds go towards the St. Mary's Church Room Roof Appeal

Ticket requests via www.stmarysnewent.org/ contact, or by calling 01531 821641. (Tickets also available on the door)

Please do not contact Iris Peters about a Yamaha piano that is available. This has been reported as a scam.

The Vine

The Vine - providing worship resource material - has now been published covering services on 13 and 20 October. If you would like to be sent this free resource, please contact Louise at the Circuit Office on 01452 415769 or by email at office@glosccircuit.co.uk

District Environment Webinar

Monday 21 October, 7pm - a webinar about how we engage with the environment in our worship and preaching - this will be led by Revd's Simon Topping, John Kime and Ian Souter. To book your place on the webinar email Revd Ian Souter on souterfam@aol.com



FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Saturday 12 October, 10am – 4pm: Open Day with exhibitions, tea and cake. History, Art, Geology, Crafts, Family Hub, activities for children. Something for everyone. Come and help us celebrate.

Sunday 13 October, 3pm Songs of Praise
Our building in Milton Street is 300 years old this year! It was originally built for Fairford Baptists in 1724 and remodelled in 1853 (the date on the front of the building). The church is now a joint Congregational/ Methodist partnership.

The Samuel Chadwick Lecture

Wednesday 16 October 2024 at 11:15am

Delivered by **Rev Dr Martyn Atkins** on:
**'The Marks of Methodism:
Mission Potency for Today'**

Attend **online or on campus**
at Cliff College in Derbyshire

CLIFF
COLLEGE

Cliff College is delighted to be hosting the seventh annual Samuel Chadwick Lecture on Wednesday 16 October 2024. This year the keynote speaker will be Rev Dr Martyn Atkins, former Principal of Cliff College and former President of the British Methodist Conference. Rev Dr Atkins will be speaking on *The Marks of Methodism: Mission Potency for Today*.

You are invited to attend the lecture either online or on campus at Cliff College in Derbyshire. For further details and booking, please [visit the Cliff College website](#).



Gary Hopkins, Ministry Development Officer with responsibility for chaplaincy, considers how chaplaincy should be embraced as part of the mission of God in **The Chaplaincy Chain Podcast**, hosted by the Free Churches Group.

October Eco Tips

October's eco tip is all about how to 'contribute to wildlife conversation'. Wildlife plays a vital role in maintaining the ecosystems that provide us with essentials like clean air, water and fertile soil. Click below to find practical solutions, worship resources and a prayer.

[Read more of this month's tip here](#)

Your Faith, Your Online World is a multi-denominational project aimed at supporting young people across

the UK as they explore what it means to have faith, and navigate life online.

[Discover more here](#)





All items are at Littleworth Hall (Amberley) and are available for re-homing. Please contact Cathy McIlroy at jcmcilroy@btinternet.com for more details



Gloucestershire Methodist Circuit

Youth Group

FORTNIGHTLY on SUNDAY

For more information,
contact Rev Rachel Leather:
revrachel.leather@methodist.org.uk
01242 262657

*We alternate between
discussion evenings
at Bethesda,
Cheltenham and a
social activity*



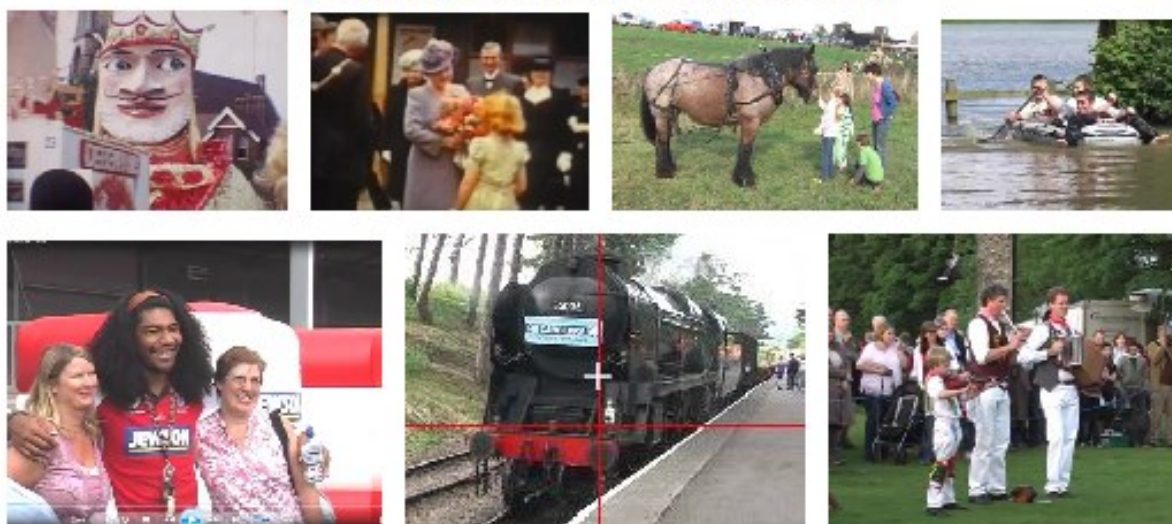
*For those connected
with a circuit church,
aged 11+ (Yr 7)*

Lonsdale Road Methodist Church

Bring you a Gloucester Film Makers Presentation

Gloucester City & The Cotswolds

(Vintage and Recent Films)



Wednesday 23rd October

7.30pm

A varied programme of Films to include:

2007, the year of the Floods – a club film project

Bisley Well Dressing, Cotswold Olympiks, Heavy Horses

King George V1 & Queen Elizabeth at Cirencester

***1960's Carnival Processions, Gloucestershire & Warwickshire
Railway..... and lots more!***

Lonsdale Road Methodist Church GL2 0TA

(Off Elmbridge Road)

Admission £6, refreshments included

Tickets may be had from Jill Tucker, John Greene and the Stewards

Tickets also available at the door

Please Contact John Greene on 01452 531838 for further information

JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

"This show's got everything
... like, EVERYTHING! Amazing!"

"Brilliant! Like a surprise
chocolate with an
amazing filling... first
it was one thing then
another!"

"Talent, innovation, joy,
celebration and brilliance
... a fantastic evening."

Audience responses

SPRINGS
DANCE COMPANY

Friday 6 December 19:30

Bethesda Methodist Church, Great Norwood Street, Cheltenham

Tickets: £12 Adults, £10 Concessions, £6 U18s + booking fee Scan for tickets:
or visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/995071344177



UPCOMING EVENTS

AT LONSDALE ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

CURRY & QUIZ EVENING

21ST SEPTEMBER, 7.00PM

£10.00 per person ~ Profits to Church Funds
Bring your own soft drinks – water will be provided

FILM NIGHT WITH JOHN GREENE

Gloucester City and the Cotswolds (vintage & recent film)

23RD OCTOBER, 7.30PM

£6.00 per person in aid of the James Hopkins Trust

CRAFT & GIFT FAYRE

16TH NOVEMBER, 10.00AM ~ 12NOON

Profits to Church Funds

CAROLS & MINCEPIES

with the

WIDE VALLEY SINGERS

14TH DECEMBER, 7.30PM

£8.00 per person ~ profits to Gloucester City Mission

ALL ENQUIRIES TO
JILL TUCKER on 0776534465 or jillytucker38@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 - 10 Oct	All day	Ammerdown	Staff Retreat (Circuit Ministers with pastoral responsibility & Church Lay Workers)
11 Oct		Chrestos	Winter Plan - The deadline for Ministers to enter church service details
15 Oct		Chrestos	Winter Plan - Final planning work will begin on the Winter plan
30 Oct	7 - 9pm	St Mark's	Foundation Training Course:
6 Nov	9.30am	Zoom	Staff Meeting
12 Nov	9.30am	Zoom	Circuit Executive meeting
28 Nov	7.30pm	Zoom	Finance Support Group meeting
2 Dec		Chrestos	Spring Plan - The deadline for preachers to submit their availability
16 Dec		Chrestos	Spring Plan - Chrestos opens for Ministers to enter service details for their churches. Church stewards will need to make sure they send all information and service request including visiting preacher details to their minister by this date
18 Dec		Chrestos	Spring Plan - The deadline for Ministers to enter church service details
2025			
6 Jan		Chrestos	Spring Plan - Final planning work will begin on the Spring plan
8 Jan	9.30am	Zoom	Staff Meeting
9 Jan	7.30pm	Zoom	Finance Support Group meeting
14 Jan		Chrestos	Winter Plan - Final planning work will begin on the Winter plan
31 Jan		Methodist Church Online	Statistics for Mission returns due for all churches
4 Feb	9.30am	Bethesda	Staff Meeting
13 Feb	7pm	Venue to be Confirmed	Church and Circuit Treasurers Meeting
25 Feb	9.30am	Zoom	Circuit Executive meeting