ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday 30th August 2026
A Local Arrangement Led by Matt Courtney

Collect for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redeemer God,
you heard the cry of your people
and sent Moses your servant
to lead them out of slavery.
Free us from the tyranny of sin and death
and, by the leading of your Spirit,
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ out Lord. Amen.

From the Methodist Prayer Handbook:

Let our faith in you, O Lord, be ever stronger, our life with you ever deeper, our praying ever more awake to your glory, our hold on you ever firmer and our love for you ever increasing. Amen.
(William Bramwell, Methodist itinerant preacher (1759-1818)

The live-stream link for the Sunday morning service is on the covering email.

Order of Service

Call to Worship
Hymn: 20 STF – Be still for the presence of the lord
Opening Prayers and The Lord's Prayer
All Age Talk
Hymn: 87 STF – Praise to the Living God!
Reading: Exodus 3:1-15;
Responsive Reading: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c;
Reading: Romans 12:9-21;
Reading: Matthew 16:21-28
Hymn: 101 STF – Before the world began, one Word was there
Reflections on the Readings
Hymn: 473 STF – Moses, I know you're the Man
Intercessions
Offering and Blessing the Offering
Hymn: 51 STF – Great is thy Faithfulness
Blessing

Notices

Tuesday 1st September 10:00am – 12:00 Noon: Coffee morning - all welcome

Wednesday 2nd September 9.00am: Ecumenical Communion service Bishop's Cleeve Methodist

Friday 4th September 4:00pm: Friday Club.

Saturday 5th September 3:00pm: Roots in the Hall.

Sunday 6th September 10.30am: Holy Communion - Covenant - Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors - led by Rev Rachel Leather

Advance Notices

Wednesday 9th September 12.00 Noon: Committal service for the life of Duncan at the Willow Chapel of Cheltenham Crematorium

Friday 11th September 12.00 Noon: Thanksgiving service for the life of Duncan here at St Mark's.

The Network Cheltenham Showcase

The Network Cheltenham Showcase is happening on Monday 14th September, starting at 7:30pm, at Bethesda Methodist Church - Cheltenham.

Come and hear about the work of YMCA Cheltenham, Cheltenham and Bishop's Cleeve Anna Chaplaincy for older people, LAMPS Collective and Home for Good. There will be plenty of other local Christian groups and organisations to meet and connect with during the evening.

All are welcome! Spread the word

EasyFundRaising.Org

We have some members who have signed up to **EasyFundRaising.Org** in order to help raise funds for our church. One of them has received this advert from them.

> Help St Mark's Methodist Church Cheltenham get more supporters and they could win a MASSIVE £5,000 donation* in our new Donation Day giveaway, sponsored by TUI.
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> Share your invitation messages below today to get entries and you'll get an extra entry for every new supporter who joins.
> I'm one of 10 supporters raising free donations for St Mark's Methodist Church Cheltenham every time I shop online, and you can join in too this summer!
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> Sign up to support them on #easyfundraising and over 8,000 retailers will make a donation on your behalf when you shop with them. All the big names like TUI, Sainsbury's, Argos, Just Eat and many more are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. Every donation will help us.
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> Please sign up today and they could win a massive £5,000 donation:
> https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-marks-methodist-church-cheltenham/kzukce/s2s/ZdU7Z020/SE878/textcopy/.

Notice About Sunday Notices

If you wish to add something to the church Sunday notices, please try to make sure it is received by noon on the previous Thursday.

Make sure that you send it to **notices@stmarksmethodist.org.uk** and not to the stewards email address as it will have to be forwarded and this may not happen in time for the notices.

Many thanks from the Steward Team

The People's Emergency Briefing

The People's Emergency Briefing is a 50 minute film being shown across the country highlighting the climate and nature emergency and the implications for our lives, our economy and our future. Rev Rachel has been to see this (as has our MP, Max Wilkinson), and would strongly encourage all church members to go and see it.

You can find out more here: National Emergency Briefing which includes a short trailer.

The next showing locally is at Cowley Girl Guides HQ GL53 9NJ (head to the Green Dragon pub and turn right) on Thursday 17th September 7pm and all are welcome – no booking required.

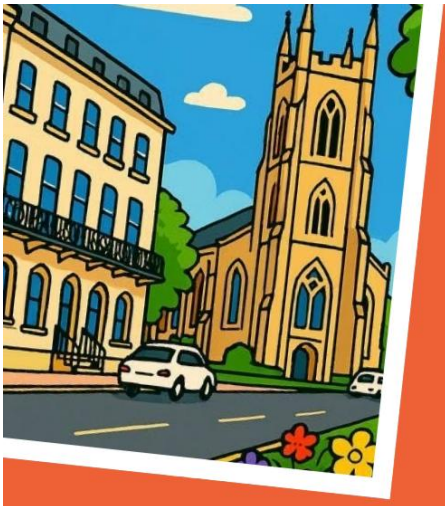
Alternatively, Norton Village Hall GL29LJ are showing this on Saturday 17th October 7.30pm.

Rachel found this to be informative on the mitigating action we can take, not to reverse the climate emergency, but how we can all make adaptations and meaningful changes.

Duncan's Funeral

There will be a short committal service for Duncan at the Willow Chapel of Cheltenham Crematorium on Wednesday 9th September at 11.30am. The family welcome anyone from St Mark's to attend.

We will hold a thanksgiving service for the life of Duncan on Friday 11th September at 12 noon at St Mark's, followed by refreshments in the hall.



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Connect & collaborate with Christian organisations in our town

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Informative presentations

Strengthen ecumencial relationships

Exhibitors from local groups

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MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

7.30pm

BETHESDA METHODIST CHURCH, GREAT NORWOOD STREET

Presentations from:

- YMCA
- Home For Good
- LAMPS
- Anna Chaplaincy

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Friday 18 September 2026

7pm for 7.30pm start

featuring **quizmaster Paul Wheeldon**

Fish & Chips, Sausage & Chips or Veggieburger & Chips by **Norwood Fish Bar**

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