



ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 20th October 2024

Collect for the for the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do also for you. Give us the will to be the servants of others as you were the servant of all; for you gave up your life and died for us, but live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

From the Methodist Prayer Handbook: Praying with Christians in Asia and Britain.

*To you, O God most high, we lift our hearts, voicing our praise, confessing our sins and seeking your pardon. To you we come for grace, to you we render our thanks and to you we ascribe all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen** (Isaac Watts, 1674-1748)*

Morning Worship and baptism 10.30am Rev. Rachel Leather

Live-stream link for morning service: <https://youtube.com/live/7PeM-FHFTcY?feature=share>

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the service.

Order of Service

Call to worship

StF 83 Praise my soul the King of heaven

Opening prayers

Feedback on 3Generate

Baptism of Alanna

Song – This little light of mine

Children leave for Sparx

Reading: Mark 10: 35-45

Sermon

StF 6125 Let love be real

Offertory prayer

Intercessions

StF 662 Have you heard God's voice

Blessing

Notices

Friday 18th October 19:00 – 20:00 Lamplighters' Music Practice in church

Monday 21st October 14:00 - 15:30 Pastoral Visitors' Meeting at church

Tuesday 22nd October 10:00 – 12:00 Tuesday Coffee Morning in the Church. All Welcome.

Wednesday 23rd October 09:00 – 10:00 Ecumenical Communion Service at Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church

09:30 - 11:30 Toddlers in the Church.

Friday 25th October 19:00-20:00 Lamplighters' Music Practice in church - CANCELLED

Sunday 27th October 10:30 Rev Diane Daymond



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Other Notices

Breakfast Worship

We have a **Breakfast Worship** planned for Sunday 20 October at 9.00am in the main hall. Do come and join Rev Rachel for a time of fun, fellowship and food. An informal gathering with music, conversation and activities. All served alongside a light breakfast (cereal and toast and a brew).

Funeral of Richard Courtney

The funeral of Richard Courtney, who sadly passed away at home on 30th September 2024, aged 77 years, will be at Penmount Crematorium in Truro (TR4 9AA) on Friday 25th October at 1:30pm. The service will be streamed:

Website <https://watch.obitus.com>

Username rijo3203

Password 189310

Six Inches of Soil

On Sunday 20th 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.

A Circular Walk

Enjoy the company of others who care about the work of Christian Aid.

On: Saturday 19th October 2024

Meet at: Brizen Young Peoples' Centre

Up Hatherley Way, Cheltenham GL51 4BB

9.45 am for 10 am start

A flat circular walk of approximately 5 miles visiting Shurdington and Up Hatherley churches

An opportunity for socialising and fellowship.

IMPORTANT

If you plan to come, please contact Heather for any last minute details.

email address hjm44hatherley@yahoo.co.uk or mobile number 07512 135391.

Shoe boxes for Teams4u

Shoe boxes covered in lovely Christmas paper will be available today for a donation of **50p**. If you are able to fill one to be sent abroad for Christmas it would be very much appreciated.

Your shoebox will be given to a vulnerable child, or family, through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages. This year the shoeboxes will be heading to the Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania. We work with partners like the Red Cross to help us find children that are most in need.

Shoe boxes will need to be back at church by 3 November. Thank you



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Messy Church at St Mark's Methodist Church, Gloucester Road

Children of primary school age along with their parents/carers, of all faiths and none, are invited to our Messy Church session on Wednesday, 30th October at 10:15am-12:15pm. Craft activities, videos, story, songs, drinks, mid-morning snacks (free!).

Adults – Please book places for your children and yourself by Friday, 25th October by emailing messychurch@stmarksmethodist.org.uk or ringing 01242 262657. Please let us know your name, the full names and ages of the children you will be bringing, any special needs or dietary requirements of the children, and a contact phone number. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

From Christ Church

We have a Ukrainian family living with us and their brother and family wish to join them here in the UK as the war intensifies. Is anyone able to help? The family consists of mum, dad and three children, boys aged 13 and 9 and a girl aged 6. They would need 3 bedrooms as over 10 years old are not allowed to share with under 10s of opposite sex. The family speak English. We would be willing to help with the process. Sue and Brian suzi7jenni@gmail.com

Advance Notices

DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal – collection Sunday 3rd November

The conflict in the Middle East is taking a devastating toll on the lives of innocent people.

As the conflict in Gaza continues, a new disaster is unfolding in Lebanon. Air strikes are heaping misery on a country already enduring multiple crises. In excess of a thousand people have been killed in Lebanon. Homes, hospitals and schools have been destroyed. More than a million people have fled their homes in search of safety. It's a painful reality that echoes the suffering we've witnessed in Gaza.

While the death, destruction, and displacement in the region are overwhelming, there is still hope. The combined efforts of supporters of DEC charities can help to provide lifesaving supplies to civilians caught up in this conflict.

How are Christian Aid responding?

Our established partners in Gaza and Lebanon are responding as best they can, under intense pressure, with medical relief and food, shelter, sanitation and cash.

How your donations helps

Every donation helps us meet the escalating needs of people fighting for their very survival.



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Needs at present:

Many thanks to all who are contributing regularly to our boxes by the two entrances to our building. Below is a list of Foodbank present needs:

coffee / teabags, long life fruit juice / milk

tinned ham or fish, instant mash, rice pudding / custard, baked beans, cereal,

soup, pasta, bars of soap, shaving gel

PLEASE NOTE WE CANNOT GIVE OUT: Opened items, Items past their best before date, alcohol, medicine.

We are currently well stocked in: baby food, sanitary products and non-dairy milk.

Our boxes for donations to the foodbank are at our two entrances. Thank you for all your continuing help.