



ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday 1st September 2024 – 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time
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PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE CHELTENHAM HALF MARATHON WILL BE TAKING PLACE THIS SUNDAY MORNING – SOME ROADS IN CHELTENHAM WILL BE CLOSED.

Father of all, you gave your only son, to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind that was in Jesus Christ that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; for he lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

From the Methodist Prayer Handbook: Praying with all creation.

Holy and gracious God, by way of creation, you have brought us into being. By way of the cross, you have brought us into your kingdom. By way of the resurrection, you have restored us to life.
(Macrina – deaconess and teacher - 329 to 379)

Live-stream for morning service: <https://youtube.com/live/9v6nGJgHLwE?feature=share>

Notices

Saturday 31st August) 3.30pm Welcome service for the new chair of Bristol Methodist District, St. Mary Redcliffe Church.

Monday 2nd September) 7.30 Church Council meeting

Tuesday 3rd September) 10am Coffee morning - all welcome.

Wednesday 4th September) 9.00am Ecumenical Communion service Bishop's Cleeve Methodist

Wednesday 4th September) 9.30 Toddlers

Thursday 5th September) 2.30 House Group at Anne's home

Friday 6th September) 2.30 Friday Club (Beekeeper)

Friday 6th September) 7pm Lamplighters/Choir music practice

Sunday 8th September) Rev. Rachel Leather (Holy Communion, Covenant service)

Advance Notices

There will be a special collection for Methodist Homes on Sunday 8 September. Cash or cheques can be used. If you would like to donate via the card machine please write the last 4 digits of your card on one of the forms by the machine and write that it is for MHA. Thank you.

14th September : Ride and Stride If you would like to sponsor Brenda, Beth, Tom, Sam, Ann & Stephen cycling around Cheltenham churches to raise money for Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust, see Ann after the service. Thank you.

NB.) THERE IS A CHANGE TO THE SERVICES INFORMATION ON THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE - ONLY SERVICES FOR THE UPCOMING TWO SUNDAYS WILL BE DISPLAYED (RATHER THAN THE WHOLE MONTH) BUT THESE WILL BE IN MORE DETAIL.

ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

Welcome, Call to worship

Hymn StF 403 God is love

Prayer of Adoration & The Lord's Prayer

Talk to the church family, Blessing on the children

Hymn StF 51 Great is thy faithfulness

Psalms 15 H&P 837 said together

Reading James 1¹⁷⁻²⁷, Mark 7^{1-8, 14-15, 21-23}

Hymn StF 415 The church of Christ

Drama: But we've always done it this way

Sermon Were the good old days really so good?

Prayer of confession (based on Psalm 15)

Say together:

O Lord, who may abide in your tent, who may dwell on your holy hill?

Lord God, we confess we are not blameless.

We have not always told the truth, we have not always done good things to others, we have not always kept our promises, we have not always used our money for the best.

We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

forgive us our sins, cleanse us from our faults, and open to us the gateway to your holy hill.

Amen.

Assurance of forgiveness

Hymn StF 508 Purify my heart (remain seated)

Prayer of intercession, Receiving and blessing of the offertory

Hymn StF 615 Let love be real

Sending out, Blessing

FOODBANK

List of needs from the Foodbank - the boxes for receiving donations for the Foodbank are by our two entrances. Thank you to all who keep filling up the boxes.

SOUP - CANS OR PACKETS

•INSTANT MASH, INSTANT NOODLES AND INSTANT RICE

•SAVOURY SNACKS, RICE

•TOILET PAPER, WASHING UP LIQUID, WASHING POWDER (POWDER OR CAPSULES PLEASE NOT LIQUID)

•TINNED HOT & COLD MEATS, FISH

•BISCUITS, CHOCOLATES/SWEETS, DESSERTS - HOT OR COLD, PACKETS, CANS

•TINS - FRUIT, VEGETABLES, TOMATOES, BAKED BEANS

•DRINKS - LONG LIFE MILK, LONG LIFE JUICES, SQUASH, TEA AND COFFEE

•BABY ITEMS - NAPPIES (SIZES 6 AND 7), BABY WIPES, BABY FOOD - JARS, PACKETS

•TOILETRIES - SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, SOAP, DEODORANT CARRIER BAGS