

Welcome to Horfield Methodist Church

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Today's Worship: 13th January, 2019.

10.00am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Rachel Spencer.

6.00pm: Evening Worship led by Mr David Bainbridge

Today's Lectionary Readings:-

Isaiah 43, 1 - 7; Psalm 29; Acts 8 14 - 17; and Luke 3, 15 -17 and 21 – 22.

Worship next Sunday, 20th January, 2019.

10.00am: All Age Worship, Covenant Service and Holy Communion led by Revd Patrick Stonehewer.

6.00pm: Evening Worship led by Mrs Val Williams.

If you are new to our Church or visiting, you are most welcome. Please introduce yourself to our Minister or one of the stewards.

Junior Church and Crèche. Children and young people are invited to share in Junior Church and Crèche after the second hymn and blessing today. You are welcome to use the Children's Corner at the front of the Church which is available throughout the service. Parents/Carers are asked to ensure that their children are supervised.

Church Flowers. These are kindly provided this week and next by the Margaret Postlethwaite, to whom we express our thanks.

We are part of the **Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit (www.bsgc.org.uk)**, a family of over forty churches serving communities across the local area.

Forthcoming events and general notices.

- Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said: "Truly I tell you this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

This is more than a story about giving. This is a story about discipleship. The words at the end of the story mean, literally, "She threw in her whole life, all she had". To be a disciple of Jesus Christ means to love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. It means to offer our whole selves back to God in loving service.

Our Church Anniversary Service on 20th January will be combined with our celebration of God's promises to us, expressed in our Annual Covenant Service, when we then offer ourselves anew to God's service. Part of the offering of our whole lives is to offer our time, our different talents and our money (our treasure).

Our financial giving supports all our work at Horfield, including our outreach through (for example) Christmas Journey, and also enables other key projects across the city. January may not be a popular time to ask you to dig even a little deeper into your pockets, but can I ask you to do so by considering your own level of giving to the church? Even with our income from letting out our



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premises, we are still spending more than comes in each year, a position which is not sustainable in the long term.

There will be a coffee morning next Saturday, 19th January, between 10.00am and 2.00pm, at which there will be some information about our finances, and the opportunity to offer either a one-off gift or to make an on-going commitment as it is helpful if your giving is made regularly. There are ways to help with this including an envelope scheme for regular weekly donations, and by making donations by standing order. If you pay income tax, you can Gift Aid your giving so that the church receives a rebate from the government at no further cost to you. If you would like to know more, please contact David Bainbridge (dbainbridge38@live.co.uk or 0117 985 7179) about the envelope scheme and Gift Aid, or Helen Wallbridge (helencello@btopenworld.com or 0117 962 4257) about standing orders.

With best wishes for 2019. *Rev Patrick*

- **Pastoral Visitors.** During our Annual Covenant Service on 20th January, we will commission those who serve our church community as pastoral visitors. There will also be an opportunity to thanks to God for the ministry of several of the team who have recently stood down from this important role: Elaine Gibson, Joan Lewis, Lorraine Richardson, Asmin Taylor and Jean White. We also remember the vital contribution of Pat Webb in this role until her recent death. As we pray for those who serve amongst us in this way, can I ask you whether you feel called by God into this role? If you would like to know more, then please speak to Pam Williams, a church steward or myself. *Rev Patrick.*
- **Novel Group.** The next meeting will be on Thursday, 24th January, 2019 at 10.00am. The book is "A Column of Fire" by Ken Follett.
- **Film Club.** The next film club is at 7.00pm on Thursday, 24th January at Horfield Methodist Church. This sequel plays like a familiar song covered by a lesser artist, but the good parts are still intact. If you're in the mood for a dance, take the chance.

Prayer Support.

An important part of our discipleship is to pray for our community and each other. This week you are asked to pray for the following people and their families:-

Rachel Canning, Sarah Chard, Nicholas Chivers, and Valerie Chivers.

Anyone wishing to have prayers included during worship is requested to enter their requests in the book at the back of the church before 9.50am / 5.50pm. Please check with the person to be prayed for that they are happy for their name to be entered.

The Prayer Corner is available after each service at the back of church, where someone is available to pray with you.

Requests can be made at any time for our Prayer Chain: please contact Brenda How on 0117 924 8987, or a steward.

Room bookings: Please contact Janet Browning on 0117 908 9035 or hmcbookings@yahoo.co.uk.

Weekly notices: Please submit items to John Hopper by each Monday (email: p.hopper1@btinternet.com, tel: 0117 951 4529). To be added to the electronic circulation, please contact John Hopper.

Sunday.	<p>Prayer Breakfast: monthly, second Sunday, 8.30am.</p> <p>4:12 Youth fellowship: monthly, second and third Sundays, 5.30pm. Contact: cyp@horfieldmethodist.org.uk.</p>
Monday.	<p>Cubs: weekly, 6.30pm at Rozel Road. Contact: Tim Bird (07974 762 190).</p>
Tuesday.	<p>Lunch Group: monthly, second Tuesday, 12.30pm. Please let Eurfron Parry (0117 969 1908) know by 10.00am the Monday before.</p> <p>Scrabble Group: 2.00pm. Fortnightly. Next meeting – 22nd January, 2019.</p> <p>Beavers: weekly, 6.15pm at Rozel Road.</p> <p>Explorer Scouts: weekly, 7.45pm at Rozel Road.</p>
Wednesday.	<p>Wednesday Morning Group: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays during term time, 10.00am. Contact: Helen Wallbridge (0117 962 4257).</p> <p>Scouts: weekly, 7.30pm at Rozel Road.</p>
Thursday.	<p>Novel group: bi-monthly, 10.00am.</p> <p>Craft Group: monthly, second Thursday, 2.00pm.</p> <p>Cubs: weekly, 6.30pm at Rozel Road.</p>
Friday.	<p>Little Fishes Toddler Group: weekly during term time, 10.00am. Contact: Helen Wallbridge (0117 962 4257).</p> <p>Art Group: weekly, 2.00pm. Contact: John Parry 0117 969 1908.</p> <p>Brownies: weekly, 6.00pm. Contact Sue Pollard (07791 241105).</p> <p>Scouts: weekly, 7.30pm at Rozel Road. Contact: 62ndbristol.co.uk.</p>
Saturday.	<p>Coffee morning: monthly, first & third Saturdays, 10-11.30am, in term time. Run by residents of Kenneth House.</p> <p>Messy Church: monthly, second Saturday, 11.00am – 1.00pm. Contact: cyp@horfieldmethodist.org.uk</p>