



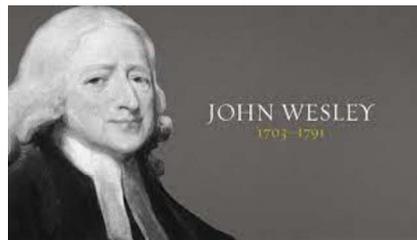
The Methodist Church

Bishopston, Easter Compton, Horfield, Shirehampton Methodist Churches and St Peter's Pilning.
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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.

These notices are also posted on <http://www.horfieldmethodist.org.uk>

"The best of all - God is with us." (John Wesley).



Sunday 27 June 2021 - Conference Sunday and Bible Month

Last weekend I was privileged to join one of the ordination services delayed from the 2020 Methodist Conference because of the pandemic. My attendance was via video link, but I felt part of the service which took place in the church in central Reading where I did most of my practical training before I came to Bristol. The 2021 ordinations take place this coming weekend, and I am looking forward to supporting Leigh Maydew, who serves four churches in the NE of our own circuit. Rev Patrick

Leigh writes for us: *My Ordination is fast approaching. The service takes place at 4pm on Sunday 27 June and will be live streamed due to the restricted numbers able to be present, via <https://youtu.be/VBKZWDaNZ1c> (please feel free to share this as you wish). Earlier in the day at 10.45am, Conference Worship will include the Reception into Full Connexion where as ordinands of The Methodist Church we formally enter a covenant relationship with the church, we become in connexion with Methodist ministers past and present, part of Mr Wesley's preachers. This service will also be live streamed, with details of this available via the Conference website pages (<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conference-2021/>)*

The Conference this year has a lot of business to deal with, including reports on the future shape of ministry, trusteeship and the 'God in love unites us' report looking at the issues of how we relate well to each other including the topic of same sex marriage. Your prayers therefore for the ordinands, and for the conference as a whole would be most welcome. Rev Leigh Maydew

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Joint Service - Horfield, Bishopston, Easter Compton and Shirehampton at Horfield and on Zoom on June 27 at 10.00 led by Howard Wilson (Bible Month)

We are pleased that we are now able to increase the number of worshippers in person on Sunday mornings to 40. For a trial period we will see whether we can dispense with the telephone booking line, so please arrive in good time for the service so you can register your details or scan the QR code for Covid 19 purposes. Please continue to enter via the left-hand doors from the Gloucester Road frontage, with the side (red) door in Churchways Avenue solely for those needing level access, wear a face covering whilst in the building (unless you have a medical exemption) and follow other COVID-19 arrangements within the building including maintaining two metres social distancing at all times. Do not attend worship in person if you have any symptoms of Covid 19. Please understand that if 40 people have arrived before you then we will not be able to let you in. You will continue to be able to join the service via Zoom.

St Peter's Pilning at 10.00 at the church led by Rev Patrick Stonehewer with Holy Communion.

Horfield - Junior Church sessions continue online every Sunday at 10.00. Email Helen before Saturday midday (treasurer@horfieldmethodist.org.uk) for the Zoom access details.

All Age devotions for everyone, available via www.rootsontheweb.com

Open Church Cafe, 21 June, 10.00 onwards, hosted by St Peter's, Pilning. Please contact churchwardenpilning@gmail.com for the joining details.

Evening Prayer, every Wednesday, at 4.00 for 35 minutes hosted by St Peter's, Pilning, using the Church of England "Join us in Daily Prayer" resources <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>. Currently still on Zoom, details on last page.

Bible Study on 30 June, 7.45 to 9.15. Zoom details below.

Services on Sunday 4 July

Joint Service at Horfield with Bishopston at 10.00 in person and on Zoom led by Rev P. Stonehewer with Holy Communion and celebrating Bible Month. We extend a warm welcome to Mia Reid who will be baptised during this service, along with her parents Chrissy and Philip, and her family and friends.

Joint Service at St. Peter's, Pilning and Easter Compton at the Church at 10.00 led by Rev. P. Rowe with Holy Communion

Shirehampton at the Church at 11.00, led by C. Campion Smith.

OTHER WORSHIP DETAILS

Sunday Worship - BBC Radio 4 on 27 June at 8.10. Exile and Return from Rugby School.

Songs of Praise - BBC 2 on 27 June at 1.15. Claire Mc Collum meets HRH, the Princess Royal, on the Scottish island of Iona.

Daily Service - Each weekday on BBC Radio 4 LW at 09.45.

WEEKLY NOTICES - please send items to Eurfron by Tuesday, eurfron@blueyonder.co.uk or 969 1908

GENERAL NOTICES

Where's it to? has been created to capture the essence of Bristol's incredible high streets, their history, community and unique flavour, brought to you straight from the locals who live there. Two of the areas where we are present already feature - do take a look www.wheresittobristol.com

Outing. Please join us on a beautiful outing to the "costa de sol" of Severn Beach, walks, views and history, travelling by train. See the connection with Methodism. Saturday 10 July, 11:10 Montpelier Station to Severn Beach. Severn Beach to Montpelier with returning options. 13:50, 15:50, 17:50. *Just as You are* Tea Cottage open Tuesdays to Saturdays between 10.30 and 4.30.

Southmead Development Trust give advice on debt, housing, finances, health and well-being. This is for adults (over 18) registered with a North or West Bristol G.P. Surgery. Contact : Southmead.org/wellbeing/social-prescribing

Eco-Tip. Use good wood. Our country imports a lot of products made from wood like paper and furniture. It takes an area of land almost three times the size of Wales to grow all that wood. First, try to use reclaimed or pre-loved wooden furniture wherever possible and recycle paper products. Buy wood and wood products from UK or EU sources.

Horfield. An important part of our discipleship is to pray for our community and one another. This week you are asked to pray for the following and their families; Joan Davis, Libby Deeks, Disabled Christian Fellowship, Jane Duffy, Sue Dyer.

Horfield. Congratulations to Graham Franklin on his 90th birthday. We ask for your prayers and thoughts for Graham and Betty, and their family, during Graham's continued illness.

Horfield. As part of our eco journey we are looking at land around the church to encourage more bees, butterflies and small creatures. We invite anyone with an interest in or knowledge of plants and habitats to join our gardening group. If you can help us please speak to a member of the eco group who are Margaret, Lou, Janet B, Asmin, Cherry, Bob, Audrey, David, Eurfron and John.

Horfield. Future Dates Church Council, Thursday 8 July

Lectionary readings; Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 1 : 1, 17 - 27; 2 Corinthians 8 : 7 - 15; Mark 5 : 21 - 43

Lectionary reflection on next page overleaf.

This reflection is provided by Local Preacher and Faithspace Pioneer, Sarah James.

Our reading has two women - let's compare. One is ill, outcast, she takes healing from Jesus. The other is dead, so can't ask; others ask for her.

Both are deemed unclean, untouchable, unreachable, but Jesus heals them.

Woman with issue of blood

Her condition: embarrassing, long term, debilitating she has been ill for 12 years! Therefore, shunned by the community as unclean

Questions

1. Who are 'untouchable' in our society? How would Jesus treat them? How do we?
Why didn't the woman ask Jesus for help? a) embarrassment? b) unsure Jesus would help her? c) afraid of the crowd? d) All three?

Consider

Blood was deemed unclean, particularly menstrual blood. Women had to offer sacrifices at the temple and it meant seven days of ritual separation. This meant she was always unclean. It was probably also a painful illness. But she did own up, knowing she had been healed.

2. What did she think would happen if they knew it was her who touched Jesus?
As a male religious leader, would he help? Would she be punished?
The woman believed in Jesus, he told her faith had healed her.
3. What did it cost Jesus to heal her? - he knew he had, because he "felt the power go out of him" - what did he mean?
Was it that goodness rubbed off him? Or was it her faith in him?
His power must not be taken unasked. Jesus wanted her to ask/own up to her faith in him, so she and others would accept this. His actions showed public acceptance of all she was.
4. What does it cost us to help others? Can goodness rub off on you? Do we ask Jesus for help/own up to our faith in him?

Jairus' daughter. She was dead- a more hopeless cause, but Jairus' faith told him he must ask. The girl was twelve and the woman had been ill for 12 years Contact with death also meant 7 days of ritual separation (Numbers 19 :11 - 22). The crowd had other beliefs, this time laughing at Jesus. He ordered them out and said she was just sleeping, halting their mourning rituals. Jesus says 'talitha cum ', meaning arise little girl. Jesus asks only three disciples to be present.

5. Questions

Do you have such a faith? What type of healing do you believe in?
As when Jesus raises Peter's mother, normal life is resumed and the girl eats.
What does this tell us about the miraculous being alongside the mundane?
The key to healing is faith, what effect had it on those watching?

Prayer. Go for a walk with Jesus, talk to him about wholeness, pray for your healing and that of others.
Lord Jesus, our friend who walks with us through thick and thin. Never let us think we cannot ask for wholeness, or be healed. We bring our inner-most needs to you. Heal us and all creation. Amen

A prayer for Methodist Conference for wisdom and unity on Marriage and relationships, Justice, dignity and solidarity and Oversight and trusteeship. Amen.

Our thanks to Sarah for her reflections