



The Methodist Church

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

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a family of over forty churches serving communities across the local area.

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God's table is open to all
Sunday 24 October 2021



This coming week is 'One World Week', starting on 24 October which is United Nations Day, marking the day when the UN was founded in the autumn of 1945 in the shadow of WW2. We look ahead this week to the start of the COP26 Summit in Glasgow, which draws together world leaders on the key topic of the climate crisis.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Here God sets the pattern of true love, the basis for all love relationship. God paid dearly with the life of his one and only Son, he watched him suffered for us. Jesus accepted our punishment, paid the price for our sins and then offered us the new life so that we can have peace with God the Father.

We thank You God Our Father, for all the wonders of the world you have created for us to inhabit. Thank you for the people of the world around us. The people that guide us, love us and help us in this time of need. For people who lead us, who work in health care, everyone who shares their gifts and talents to help us come together to make our world a better place.'

Asmin Taylor, Church Steward, Horfield

FORTHCOMING SERVICES on 24 October

Joint Service at Horfield at 10.00 with **Shirehampton** led by Rev John Emmett.

For those attending Horfield in person: please arrive in good time for the service so you can register your details for Covid-19 purposes. Please enter via the left-hand doors from Gloucester Road, with the side (red) door in Churchways Avenue solely for those needing level access. Please 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

Bishopston at 10.30 led by J Gardiner.

St. Peter's Pilning with Easter Compton at 10.00 conducted by Rev. M Briggs with Holy Communion.

Prayers for COP26 Summit Rev Patrick will be leading prayers between 4-5pm on Saturday 23 October at Horfield Methodist Church. Please join in person or online

Zoom Meeting ID: 207 126 8364 Passcode: 262483

<https://zoom.us/j/2071268364?pwd=b0JyWC9uVTdhQWJWcGxzK2ExTVZMdz09>

OTHER WORSHIP DETAILS for 24 October

Sunday Worship. Radio 4 at 8.10. A Haven for an Emperor. An Ethiopian Orthodox Worship reflecting the legacy and impact of the Ethiopian Emperor, Haile Selassie, on the City of Bath.

Songs of Praise. BBC 1 at 1.15. Church Island. Aled Jones visits Anglesey's Church Island, a holy place for over 1000 years.

Daily Service at 09.45 each weekday, BBC Radio 4 Long Wave

Open Café Church on 25 October from 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 hosted by St Peter's, Pilning, using the Church of England "Join us in Daily Prayer" <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-andworship/joinusservice-daily-prayer>.

You are all invited to join our weekly **Bible Study on Zoom**, on Wednesdays from 7.45-9.15pm including some time for prayer. We are looking at the book of Daniel at the moment, which includes some well-known stories, equally some interesting insights.

WORSHIP DETAILS FOR 31 October

Joint Service at Horfield at 10.00 with **Shirehampton and Bishopston** led by D. Head.

St. Peter's Pilning with Easter Compton at 10.00 conducted by Ken Luxon.

WEEKLY NOTICES. Please send items to Eurfron by Tuesday, eurfron@blueyonder.co.uk or 0117 969 1908.

GENERAL NOTICES

All We Can. On the morning of 14 August (local time) a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti. A few days later, Tropical Depression Grace made landfall in Haiti, causing further damage and destruction. Just over one month on, the Haitian Civil Protection have reported that an estimated 2,189 people are known to have died, over 12,200 people are injured, and at least 129,000 homes have been either damaged or completely destroyed.

All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain promptly launched an appeal to support those affected.

The outpouring of generosity in response to this appeal has enabled All We Can, and its humanitarian aid partners in the region, to begin meeting the urgent needs of those most impacted by the earthquake.

To help meet these critical needs, emergency food supplies (including rice, oil and beans), water purification tablets, sanitary equipment and temporary shelter materials are already reaching 2600 of the most impacted households in the Grand Anse and Nippes regions. Additionally, to ensure that farming households can quickly revive production, seeds and tools will be distributed for the winter agriculture season in the near future. Once immediate humanitarian needs have been met, families will need support to regain their livelihoods and focus on long-term recovery - and so efforts are already underway to plan for recovery and rehabilitation.

Shire Craft Exhibition 2021. At The Public Hall Station Road BS11 9TX, Tuesday 26 to Saturday 30 October. Opening times 10.00 - 18.00 (Thursday until 20.00). This year's theme is Robots. Look out for them in the village shops • Handmade crafts and exhibits by local artists • Plenty for Christmas • Daily demonstrations • In house cafe for tea, coffee and cakes. Come and enjoy the atmosphere. Entrance fee £1.00, children free.

St. Peter's, Pilning. Saturday 6 November at 2.30. Free lunchtime concert of Baroque music for organ and strings. John Cheer organ, David Lewis violin and Claudine Cassidy cello.

Horfield. The Church Fair is planned for the 20 November, subject to a risk assessment and Government restrictions. It is going to be a smaller/shorter affair than usual (10.30 - 12.30) with fewer stalls and only drinks and cakes/savouries, no lunches. We shall be pleased to receive offers of good quality, saleable items for the Christmas stall. You might wish to contribute money towards the raffle prizes of Christmas hampers. Please contact Helen.

Horfield. An Eco Notice Board in the Crush Hall is now in use. Lou is displaying information about the work already completed and about the plans for the future. There will also be items about conservation, ecology and how to find your home's carbon footprint. Please read it.

Horfield: On our collective behalf, THANK YOU to Rachel Gowin, Maureen Hyde and Elaine Gibson who have organised our Methodist mission collections for more years than I suspect they would care to remember. See the separate note about how we are now organising charitable support.

Horfield: The Neighbourhood and Mission Group has been looking at our charitable giving, and following a discussion with Church Council, it has been agreed that we will try and focus on the following charities on an on-going basis: North Bristol Foodbank and the Methodist Centre (usually at Harvest); the Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter and the Parkway Initiative (usually in the Autumn and Winter); Methodist Women's Network (Easter Offering). In addition to this, we will nominate a charity for our Christmas Day offering each year: in 2021 this will be Children's Hospice SW. In line with this decision, if anyone still has Home Missions, Overseas Missions or JMA donations, please would you bring them to church so that they can be banked and passed on.

Horfield. We are exploring the idea of supporting an environmental project either here or in another country. If you have a special interest in a particular environmental charity that you would like us to consider please contact either Patrick or Eurfron.

Horfield. Red and white poppies along with other small items are on sale at the back of the church. Please donate generously.

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: Dan and Rachel Smith, Stewards, Andy Stevenson, Jasmine Stonehewer.

Horfield. In case of fire or need of a quick evacuation from the premises, please keep calm and follow the directions of the stewards to exit the church. Congregate on the pavement at the junction of Gloucester Road and Wellington Hill. Please wait there until you are dismissed.

Dates for your diary

Horfield and Bishopston

Thursday 11 November at 19.30. Eco Church on Zoom. Speakers are Pauline & Mike Culshaw and Janet George

Saturday 20 November from 10.30 to 12.30. Church Fair.

Special days this week: 24 October, United Nations Day. 25 October, World Opera Day.

29 October, National Cat Day. 30 October, British Summer Time ends - Turn your clocks back.

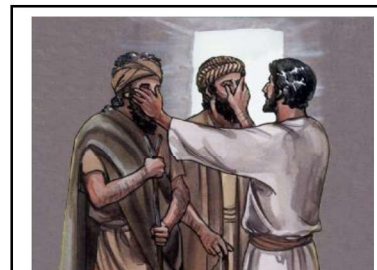
31 October, Halloween.

Reflection on the Lectionary Sunday 24th October (Ordinary 30)

Psalms 34 : 1 - 8; Job 42 : 1 - 6, 10 - 17; Hebrews 7 : 23 - 28;

Mark 10 : 46 - 52

This reflection is provided by Faithspace Co-ordinator, Sarah James



Context -The story of Jesus healing blind Bartimaeus. Mark 10.46-52

This part of Mark reads like a list of times Jesus showed helping the vulnerable was right, showing their value and place in salvation.

In answering the Pharisees tricky questions, he speaks against divorce protecting the livelihood of women, saying, 'what God has joined together let no one separate.' He blesses children while the disciples try to dismiss them. He tells the parable about the young rich man sent to give up his wealth and explains to James and John, that sitting on his right hand means sacrifice and being a servant; vulnerable and last. Then he puts this into action, healing blind Bartimaeus. He is vulnerable, told to be quiet, as he shouts for Jesus' attention. People don't want to hear, but Jesus does.

Reading and understanding the passage

Think of times people needing healing are seen as a nuisance? Do you tire of peoples' problems, or listen to them? How do we help when there is no easy solution?

How do we feel about those that shout loudest? Can we help the slow in coming forward?

Background

Jesus asks Bartimaeus 'what do you want me to do for you?' Read John 5:6, the healing of the man at the pool. What does he say when they later meet? Where else does Jesus ask a question before healing?

Mark's gospel is more action packed than the other gospels, but when Jesus heals it's quick, with a minimum of fuss, discussion, sometimes even healing from a distance, why do you think this is? What does it say about Jesus and the nature of healing?

Connecting with the story in prayer

Imagine yourself as Bartimaeus, waiting to meet Jesus. Explore the sights, sounds and smells around you. Go through the text, feeling how it would feel; meeting with Jesus, his healing, then following Jesus. Give yourself time to be with Jesus, ask him for understanding and healing. Thank Him the knowing that he and his healing are still with you.

Your Response

What does the story teach us about healing and belief?

What do we believe about God's miraculous intervention into our lives? How do we square that with those who are not healed from illness, or hurt?

Jesus' message was for all, the vulnerable, valued and worthy. The society he lived in held up religious purity and perfection of the good, they believed it was God's punishment if you were ill or disabled. What does our consumerist, celebrity- led society tell us to treat the disabled, ill, or imperfect? Think of attitudes, practice and the part money plays.

What to take away.