



The Methodist Church

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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>

God's table is open to all

Sunday 31 October 2021



This weekend marks the beginning of the COP26 Climate Summit in Glasgow. As we continue to pray for the summit in general, including all those who are attending from around the globe, please pray for all those hosting the summit, including our own political leaders, but also the people of Glasgow themselves. The Methodist Church in that region has reached out to all the delegates, not just those with a Methodist link, to offer them a place of welcome and somewhere to pray.

As "Scotland Methodists COP26", they understand that sometimes all it takes to change the world is a little support. In their invitation, they have reminded delegates about our determination as Christians to make an impact addressing injustice, including climate injustice. The core of all our efforts is to bring our limited resources, our faith and our hopes to the range of activities in which we're involved. Through all of our deeds, words and prayers, there lies a hope to display the faith behind our beliefs.

[adapted from <https://www.scotlandmethodistscop26.org/>]

Can I invite you to pray for our Methodist sisters and brothers in Glasgow, particularly those at Woodlands Methodist Church, who are offering this support to those attending the summit. Alongside that, next Sunday's pre-recorded worship is based on a service of prayer and reflection from the Iona Community - you can follow these prayers at any time during the week, indeed any time during the whole summit via this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3xr1l31ifA>

*Loving Creator,
at this moment in earth's history
when humanity must take account of earth's destiny, give to those leaders who gather in Glasgow
a sense of urgency,
a perception of necessity and the wisdom and will
to secure the health and wellbeing of the world at whatever the cost to wealth,
political advantage or prestige.
And give to us all a vision
of a world restored to full health
that is worthy of all those yet to be born
and worth all the work, sacrifice and commitment which is ours to offer.
Amen. (© 2021 Wild Goose Resource Group used with permission)*

FORTHCOMING SERVICES on 31 October

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

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 - Link at end.

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

This week's pre-recorded worship, a service of prayer for the COP26 Summit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3xr1l31ifA>

OTHER WORSHIP DETAILS for 31 October

Sunday Worship. Radio 4 at 8.10. "Drop, Drop Slow Tears", Lament and longing in environmental crisis.

Songs of Praise. BBC 2 at 1.15. "All Hallow's Eve". Katherine Jenkins is in Blackpool to discover the Christian tradition of the All Hallow's Eve and how faith in the town is reflected in its world-famous illuminations.

Daily Service at 9.45 each weekday, BBC Radio 4 Long Wave.

Open Café Church on 1 November 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. Zoom link details on last page.

WORSHIP DETAILS FOR 7 November

Joint Service at Horfield at 10.00 with Bishopston and Easter Compton led by Rev. Patrick Stonehewer with Holy Communion and Baptism of Mandy Stone and Mitch Gardner.

Shirehampton at 11.00 led by J Gardner and at 4.45 at the Cotswold Centre.

St. Peter's Pilning at 10.00 conducted by Rev. R. Rowe with Holy Communion.

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

GENERAL NOTICES

Help generate a global wave of prayer by taking part in this year's **International Day of Prayer (IDOP)** for the persecuted church on Sunday November 7. Eauk.org/idop

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 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 for this.

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: Our Minister Patrick, Chin, Rachael & Dylan Tan, Asmin Taylor, Beryl Thompson.

Horfield. Our next afternoon tea will be on Tuesday 9 November from 2.30 to 3.30. Cost £2.50. Please let Eurfron (0117 9691908) know if you are coming.

Horfield. Next **Film Club** is Thursday, 11th November 2021 starting at 7pm.

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

COVID Requiem at Holy Trinity, Horfield.

(Requiem of Psalms)

Part 3 of Sunset Requiem

Premiere

by Jonathan Crow

Saturday 6 November 2021 at 7.30pm



Horfield: Advent Sunday 28 November - we have been invited to join our friends at **Horfield Parish Church (Holy Trinity)** for an Advent service of music, reading and prayer. If you would like to sing in the choir, you are invited to join rehearsals beforehand. They are on Thursdays 11/18/25 November at the parish church from 7pm.

Dates for your diary

Horfield and Bishopston

Thursday 11 November at 7.30. Eco Church on Zoom. Speakers: Pauline & Mike Culshaw and Janet George

Saturday 20 November from 10.30 to 12.30. Church Fair.

Thursday 25 November. Stewards + at 7.30 at the church.

Tuesday 30 November. Church Meeting to discuss our Mission Statement at 7.30 on Zoom.

Special days this week:

2 November. National Stress Awareness Day

5 November. Bonfire Night

Reflection on the Lectionary, Sunday 31 October, (Ordinary 31)

Psalm 146; Ruth 1 : 1 - 18; Hebrews 9 : 11 - 14; Mark 12 : 28 - 34

This reflection is provided by Rose Shaw, Holy Trinity, Bradley Stoke.

Mark 12 :28-34 and Ruth1: 1 -18 Where is your heart?

A reflection from a disciple of Jesus

Well, what an incredible time we have all had following the Master these last three years! A rollercoaster in fact; who would have believed all that has happened. The Master`s amazing teaching, the healings, even the wind and the waves obeying him and demons fleeing at his bidding! He is so wise and so full of compassion, but the religious leaders cannot or will not seem to 'get it.' They are always questioning, always trying to trap him! Today, they asked "*of all the commandments which is the most important?*" How will he get round that one you could see them thinking!

How boldly he answered looking so straight into their eyes. "*The Greatest commandment is to Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul mind and strength and the second to love your neighbour as ourselves!*" Powerful words! One of the leaders understood that our wandering Galilean teacher truly had a wisdom far greater than he did because he answered, "*Yes you are so right!*"

We could see Jesus looking at him with such pleasure "*You are not far from the kingdom of God!*" He said. Wow - no more questions!!!

So powerful, so life changing to take on board what the master is truly saying. God knows our hearts - each one of us common, poor, sick, ordinary nobodies - yes even women and children too! Rather than just giving us the scriptures as rules and regulations that we just cannot keep, the master tells us that God's heart is kind, that He cares for each one of us and he wants our hearts - for us to love Him back - yes and to love those around us too. It's that simple but no - it changes everything, its total life commitment.

So today, with you and I where is our heart? - so easily we slip into the ways of religious habits and expectations, as has been said - we can get 'hardening of the oughtaries,' the rules and regulations of thinking things that ought to be- why because that`s what it`s always been!

But to follow the heart of Jesus? To be part of God`s kingdom on earth?

Our Old Testament reading from the book of Ruth shows where her heart lay. with her destitute mother-in-law even to cross countries and cultures, to live the rest of her life apart from her own kin. To take on Naomi`s life and even the God she worshipped. What a heart of love.

Today Jesus offers life and freedom, kindness and love to each one of us. He gave His life on the cross that we can live in the Father's freedom and love. He gives us His Holy Spirit of love and power and freedom from 'hardening of the oughtaries.' The heart of love that Ruth showed for her mother-in-law.

Where the spirit of the Lord is there is freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17b), freedom from fear and freedom to love - to be who we were created to be, to love God and to love those around us. Where is your heart today?

Prayer

Loving, Father God, Jesus came to show us the Thank you for His sacrifice that calls us to follow, not with a feeling of servitude but with a heart of love. Jesus, may our hearts grow to be more like yours, may we pause often and see your hand at work, in the stranger, in the irritations and problems in life, in the disruptions to our day. May we know you more and may we see your heart working through us and your kingdom growing around us. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Our thanks to Rose for this reflection