

The Methodist Church

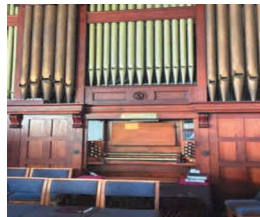
Bishopston, Easter Compton, Horfield, Shirehampton Methodist Churches and St Peter's Pilning.

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

God's table is open to all

Sunday 7 August 2022



On Sunday 3rd July Eden Grove Church held its last service. I attended with my brother and one of my cousins along with several members from Horfield.

It was a joyous celebration of all that has been the life of Eden Grove. I was there to represent my mum who couldn't attend due to illness. The church had special memories for mum. She lived in Wordsworth Road with her sister and was a Sunday School teacher at Eden Grove under the direction of Maude Jewell... who was still teaching at Horfield when I first attended there! Mum was very friendly with two sisters from the Fairchild family and their father.

Albert Worden Fairchild was a Lay Preacher there too. There were four sisters and one son and it was the son the sisters mentioned to my mum. On her 19th birthday, mum was allowed to go to a dance at the hall on Pigsty Hill, where I now sing with my choir... but this was the old hall. Here she was introduced to Bert Fairchild and the rest is history, they attended clubs there, they later married at Eden Grove. I was christened at Eden Grove. BUT the thing is this... memories are portable. It is obviously sad when a church closes and clearly it meant a lot to a lot of people as it was a packed service.... but the church is not the bricks and mortar... it is as we know the people.

So may we wish the congregation well as they seek their new place of worship, some may go to St Andrews and some may come to Horfield. How their experiences will enhance any congregation. Jesus said. 'I will build my church'. Matthew 16. 16-18

Alison Young (nee Fairchild)



WORSHIP DETAILS FOR SUNDAY 7 August and the week

Horfield at 10.00 in person and on Zoom. Conducted by Rev. P. Luxon with Holy Communion.

Christian Believers Fellowship at 12.30. Led by William Carey.

Current guidance at Horfield about Covid-19. 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 do not attend worship in person if you have any symptoms of Covid-19. You can join the service via Zoom. You are asked to maintain social distancing and are reminded that wearing masks/face coverings protects other people.

Bishopston at 10.30. Conducted by C. Sledge.

Shirehampton at 11.00. Conducted by D. Head.

St Peter's, Pilning and Easter Compton at 10.00. Led by the Anglican Team with Holy Communion.

Easter Compton. Wednesday 10 August at 3.00. Reflective Space led by the Ark Team.

OTHER WORSHIP DETAILS for 7 August and the week

Sunday Worship. Radio 4 at 8.10. GOD'S CHURCH FOR GOD'S WORLD. A Service from Canterbury Cathedral for the 2022 Lambeth Conference.

Songs of Praise. BBC 2 at 1.15. CREATIVE FAITH IN TORBAY. Katherine Jenkins meets creative Christians.

Daily Service at 09.45. BBC Radio 4 Long Wave.

Every Wednesday 2.30-4.30pm Open garden/drop-in for tea and cakes at Fulligrove House, Woodwell Road, BS11 9UG. (Not 3rd or 24th August)

Open Café Church on 8 August, 10.00 - 12.00 for coffee, tea, cake and chat at St Peter's, Pilning.

Join us in **daily prayer**: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-andworship/joinuservice-daily-prayer>

YouTube services whilst Patrick is on sabbatical will continue to be available thanks to our friends at the Church of Westbury Park on https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnfVvJ4Thf84rwaBF9K_Nkw (use the same link each week).

You will also find a **service of Morning Prayer** to cover each day of the week, available from first thing each Monday. More details at <https://westburyparkchurch.org.uk/worship-service>

While Patrick is away.

If you require a minister urgently, please contact Rev Emma Langley on 07974 658619 or the Circuit Office on 0117 951 7044.

For church matters please contact the following as appropriate:-

Easter Compton: email circuitengagement@bsgc.org.uk

Horfield and Bishopston: email mail@horfieldmethodist.org.uk

Shirehampton: via <https://shiremethodist.org/contact/>

St Peter's Pilning: email churchwardenpilning@gmail.com

For Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit matters, email circuitproperty@bsgc.org.uk

For Bristol District matters, email Rev Leigh Maydew: leigh.maydew@methodist.org.uk

WORSHIP DETAILS FOR SUNDAY 14 August and the week

Horfield at 10.00 in person and on Zoom. Conducted by J. Gardner

Christian Believers Fellowship at 12.30. Led by William Carey

Bishopston at 10.30. Conducted by P. Culshaw

Shirehampton at 11.00. Local Arrangement with All Aged Worship.

St Peter's, Pilning and Easter Compton at 10.00. Conducted by D. Bainbridge

Easter Compton. Wednesday 17 August at 3.00. Reflective Space led by the Ark Team.

- **August 21 at 10.30 at Bishopston-** A joint Service with Horfield, conducted by Sarah James.

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

North Bristol Advice Centre are running two of their most well-known and popular training courses in August for their new volunteers and would like to offer the opportunity for staff and volunteers from other organisations to attend. The courses are:

- Introduction to Welfare benefits - Wednesday 10 August (9:30 - 3:30)
- Disability benefit form filling - Wednesday 17 August (9:30 - 12:30)

For third sector charities and organisations we are pricing places at a heavily discounted rate of £15 per person. Please email: admin@northbristoladvice.org.uk if you would like to book a place or call 0117 9515751

Horfield and Bishopston. 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: John and Rachel Gowin, Geoff Grady, Hayley Grady, Colston Grady, Jade Heal, Peter Hamilton, John and Pauline Harris.

Old Mother Hubbard was not alone... Here at the Bristol Methodist Centre the cupboards are looking bare! Please can you help us with the following *tinned* items so we can make tasty lunches for our guests?

Corned Beef	Stewing Steak	Minced Beef
New potatoes	Carrots	Peas
Sweetcorn	Baked Beans	Rice Pudding
Custard	Fruit	Evaporated Milk

Items can be dropped off at the Centre Mondays to Thursdays between 9.00 and 3.00.
Please place any donations in the box at the back of the church. Thank you. (Audrey and David Bainbridge)

Photo Exhibition. If you are submitting printed photographs for the exhibition on 24 September, it would be lovely if you could add a little note telling us where the photo was taken, or maybe even a little description. Thanks, from the Eco Group.

Dates for your diary: August 21, Joint Service at Bishopston. August 24, Eco Group meeting on Zoom. September 4, Circuit Welcome Service for the new Superintendent. September 14, Circuit Meeting. September 15, Leadership Meeting (Bishopston and Horfield). September 24, Eco Photographic Exhibition. (Horfield).

Bishopston. Coffee morning on the 6 August at 10.30. Come along for coffee, cakes and a chat. All welcome. Thank you, Regards Pauline.

Horfield. Afternoon Tea. The next afternoon tea will be on Tuesday 9 August from 2.30 to 3.30. Cost £2.50. Please ring Eurfron on 0117 9691908 to book a place. We shall have to assess whether it will be viable to continue with providing teas so please support it if you can.

Horfield Messy Church. Bring your own picnic on the Wellington Hill Field on Saturday 13 August from 11 to 1.30.

Reflection on the Lectionary Sunday 7th August (Ordinary 19)

Psalm 50 : 1-8,22-23; Isaiah 1 : 1,10-20; Hebrews 11 : 1-3,8-16; Luke 12 : 32-40

This reflection is provided by Local Preacher, Ros Sledge (Potters Wood).

The Royal Standard is a flag that represents the Sovereign and the United Kingdom, which is flown when the Queen is in residence in one of the Royal Palaces, on the Queen's car on official journeys and on aircraft (when on the ground).

During the Platinum Jubilee celebrations our elderly and fragile Queen limited her public appearances. However, you may have noticed that on a couple of occasions she went from Windsor Castle, where she is living, to Buckingham Palace where, to those of us who were alert noticed that the Royal Standard was raised, notifying that the Queen was in residence at Buckingham Palace.

This is a simple example to understand that the staff at Buckingham Palace had to be alert and waiting all the time in case the Queen decided to make a presence with her senior royals on the balcony to show her appreciation to the crowds that had gathered on The Mall and also for the media who must have been alert because the commentators immediately told us that the Royal Standard had been raised and that the Queen must be in residence at Buckingham Palace.

One way of looking at the Gospel passage from Luke - and I'm supposing that the Palace staff had to keep the Palace spotless all the time - could mean that our lives need to be lived spotlessly. But we're human beings - is that realistic?

As a result of jobs that I have held where almost instant decisions were required, I've become a person who thinks through all the possibilities that could occur should things go wrong and go in different directions. It means - if I'm not careful - that I'm working things out all the time and my brain is forever active.

Is this another way of interpreting Luke's passage about the watchful slaves? Being forever on our guard; working out what we would do in such and such a situation? Is that realistic?

Remember Jesus entrusted his apostles - Peter, James, John and the others to carry on the work that he called them to do. They were just ordinary folk like us and Jesus knew them and their weaknesses. And he knows us and our weaknesses.

Perhaps one way to at least have some insight to being ready is:-

- Live in the light that Jesus brought us when he came onto this earth.
- Be wary. Be wary of falsehoods. But especially be wary of ourselves misusing our positions and totally forgetting that we too will be personally judged.
- Accept that we don't know when it will happen.
- Always be hopeful.
- Always support and encourage one another.
- Think - today might be the day.
- And lastly but most of all keep being Christ's disciples and doing the work that he has called us to do.

But remember no one ever said that being a Christian was going to be easy. It certainly isn't the easy option, and neither is it some sort of insurance policy.

Prayer:

Give us:

Something of the wisdom that was in your words.

Something of the love that was in your heart.

Something of the help that was in your hands.

Something of your patience with people.

Something of your ability to bear slights, insults and injuries without bitterness and resentment.

Something of your ability always to forgive.

Help us to live in such a way that others may know that we began each day with you and that we are walking with you, so that, however dimly, others may see you in us.

This we ask for your love's sake. Amen.

Our thanks to Ros for this reflection.