

The Methodist Church

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

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a family of churches serving communities across the local area.

...to love God with all that we are and to love our neighbours as ourselves...

Sunday 9 October 2022



When I was a child, my aunt gave me an old heavy metal bike with hard rubber wheels. I used to ride down the roads on the sides of the valley using my feet as brakes, my mother used to complain that my shoes were worn out very quickly.

One of my earliest recollections was of my father standing in his shed, with my shoe placed on a last, while he, "tapped" (repaired) them. He would use thick leather, which he cut into shape and fixed with small nails over the base of the shoe. Once this was done, he would cover the sides of the new leather with a substance which blended in with the uppers and kept the shoe waterproof. Then he would rub the new soles with sandpaper so that I would not slip. Rubber soles

were not used widely at that time.

During the war my mother bought me a pair of wooded clogs, which I could wear in the garden. I thought they were wonderful. Times were hard during the 1940's and John, my husband, remembered his teacher asking if anyone had pairs of spare shoes so that some of the children could go on a school trip- they had no shoes. Some children with worn shoes would put wedges of newspaper inside to cover the holes and protect their feet

There is an old American saying, "Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes." What does it mean? It means to see from another's point of view; to feel what another feels, **to spend time trying to consider or understand another person's perspectives, experiences, or motivations before making a judgment about them.** This is what we try to do as we consider being an inclusive church

Derek Rishmawy writes in "Christianity Today". "For some, the gospel narrative means Jesus came to end exclusion and preach God's inclusive kingdom. This was certainly part of his ministry and is arguably the most appealing aspect to our culture's moral sensibilities. In Jesus, the outcasts of society have hope. Those long marginalized and kicked to the curb (figuratively and literally) can find him extending a hand, inviting them back into the community of the truly human as objects of dignity and divine affection."

Prayer

Lord, give us new strength so that we can build places of belonging: To create a community for all to share their gifts, to know that each of us is loved, to help us to see the light of Christ in all that we serve. Let us remember that each of us is loved, each of us is willed and each of us is necessary.
Amen

With Every Blessing - Eurfron

WORSHIP DETAILS FOR SUNDAY 9 October and the week

Horfield at 10.00 Conducted by J Barnett. All Age Worship

Horfield - Christian Believers Fellowship at 12.30 Led by William Carey.

Bishopston at 10.30 Conducted by Rev. P. Stonehewer with Holy Communion

Shirehampton at 11.00. Local Arrangement with All Age Worship.

St Peter's, Pilning and Easter Compton at 10.00. Conducted by Rev. T. Kalongo

Cotswold Christian Community 4.45-5.30pm, Songs of Praise café at Community Centre, Dursley Road, BS11 9XH. All welcome.

Easter Compton Wednesday 12 October at 3.00. Reflective Space led by the Ark Team.

OTHER WORSHIP DETAILS for 9 October and the week

Sunday Worship. Radio 4 at 8.10. Humbler Church Bigger God.

Songs of Praise. BBC 1 at 13.15. The Good News of Gospel. Sean Fletcher is in London.

Daily Service at 09.45. BBC Radio 4, Long Wave.

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

St. Peter's, Pilning Open Café Church 10 October, 10.00 - 12.00, for coffee, tea, cake, and chat.

ALFA Christian Community 10th October, 10.30-12.30, Quiet Morning at Fulligrove House, Woodwell Road, BS11 9UG - affiliated to the Quiet Garden Movement <https://quietgarden.org>. Time to enjoy God's peace and presence in the garden, based on "Be still and know that I am God". All welcome.

St. Peter's Pilning - Messy Church. You are invited to join us on Wednesday 12 October 3.30pm-4.30pm, exploring how we care for the world, including some tree-planting.

WORSHIP DETAILS FOR SUNDAY 16 October and the week

Horfield at 10.00. Led by members of the congregation

Horfield - Christian Believers Fellowship at 12.30. Led by William Carey.

Bishopston at 10.30 Conducted by D. Carter

Shirehampton at 11.00. Conducted by Rev. P. Stonehewer: Harvest Festival and Holy Communion

St Peter's, Pilning and Easter Compton at 10.00. Conducted by the Anglican Team

Easter Compton. Wednesday 19 October at 3.00. Reflective Space led by the Ark Team.

The New Room. will soon be launching our spotlight display - W.H.V. Titcomb: Drama of the Open-Air Stage - exploring Titcomb's love of drama which led him to depict a contentious moment defining Wesley's life and legacy. We invite you to study the crowd, watch them be captivated by a moment, a message. Examine the scene, and celebrate and reflect on Bristol's ongoing story of public activism and free speech. Join us for a Beginners Sketching class, accompanied by a cream tea from our award-winning cafe; find out more about Bristol's history of protest as we welcome Bristol Radical History Group; enjoy acoustic music by candlelight in our Folk music series. Our Community Choir starts again this term, bringing together singers from all backgrounds - why not join us for a taster session? Not forgetting Activity Days for children during half term, and Museum Guided Tours throughout the Autumn. See www.newroombristol.org.uk for details.

Congratulations to Jonathan Edwardes from St Peter's Pilning, who recently completed the One Million Step Challenge. Please support his efforts <https://step.diabetes.org.uk/fundraising/jonathan2709>

60 Years of the Methodist Modern Art Collection 'In conversation' event with Dr John Newton Gibbs, son of the founder of the Collection and former Chair of MMAC in discussion with current Chair, Professor Ann Sumner. Saturday 15 October 3.30 pm, followed by tea and biscuits at Victoria Methodist Church Bristol, 1a Whiteladies Rd Bristol BS8 1NU

@Shire JTE Newsletter - a few highlights: Can you spare a few hours during the week? Is there a hobby or skill you could pass on to others We need volunteers to help us offer for to local residents so if you would like to get involved, please get in touch. If you are looking for employment volunteering is always a good thing to have on your CV. We also need a minute taker for monthly meetings. Hub's Cups Cafe will be running every Tuesday, 11am-12.30pm We are able to offer one to one sessions to help signpost into other organisations, groups and services as well as identify any gaps in provision that we may be able to plug. Christmas is fast approaching For some people its not the most wonderful time of the year - so if you are alone or a struggling family join us on Christmas day for a free meal and some friendly company. We will be adding more details soon but if any local businesses would like to help with donations feel free to get in touch by calling 07305 066478 or email projectcoordinator@jtehubshire.org

North Bristol and South Gloucestershire Food Bank. With the demand of food being given out rising, the team have been busier than ever, picking orders and sorting all of the donations we receive. Despite giving out a lot more food, our donations have also increased which is amazing. We are seeing on average 2 tonnes of food given each week- an amazing amount for which we are grateful. With these donations, we have been able to feed more and more people and keep up with the rising demand in our local community.

Horfield & 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: Samuel, Veronica, Efua, Nana & Oswald Mensah, Nancy Murombedzi, Musicians, Carol Nelson, Reg Payne, Betty Payne.

Horfield. A big THANK YOU to Lou and Helen who recently spent a day laying insulation in the roof-space above the Circuit Office - a task identified in our eco-survey.

Horfield. If you are willing to help out with the serving of tea and coffee immediately after Sunday morning worship, please let Rachel Tan or Lou Carias know mail@horfieldmethodist.org.uk

Horfield. A box will remain at the back of the church for ongoing donations of non- perishable goods to The Bristol Methodist Centre, our Methodist Charity. Please pick up an extra tin etc when shopping and place it in the box.

Horfield. Messy Church this Saturday 8 October 11.00-1.00pm on the theme 'Share like Sheep' using Matthew 25:31-46. Please bring your loose change to fill our change sheep, raising money to give to our local food bank. Decorate a small box to take home and fill with food for our food bank. Sheep or goat quiz. Make your own yummy sheep sweets - who could you share with? It's a tricky story to understand, we need to think about what type of person God wants us to be: the story uses sheep and goats to describe two types of people, come along to find out more. Messy picnic to finish!

Horfield. Brass Band Concert. Saturday 15 October at 7.30 p.m. sees the much welcome return of the City of Bristol Brass Band. Prices start from £6, with under 16s free.

Horfield & Bishopston. Dates for your diary The Afternoon Tea planned for Tuesday 11 October has been postponed: hope to see you in November. Wed. 12 October- Eco group at 7.30 (Zoom); Thursday 13 October - Children & Y. People Committee at 7.30 (Zoom); Tuesday 15 November - Church Council on zoom; Sat. 26 November- Christmas Fair at Horfield, one of our major fundraising events for the church so we very much hope you will support us in whichever way you can. Details of help needed will be available in October.

Dramatized version of the Lectionary Gospel Reading Year C – Sunday 9 th October

Reading : Luke 17 : 11 – 19

'Jesus heals ten men with leprosy'

This version tells the story from Jesus' perspective, looking back over what happened

I was on my way to Jerusalem, I'd got as far as the border between Samaria and Galilee. I needed to take the next turning on my left, walk through the main street in the village and just beyond it the walls of Jerusalem should come into sight. As I turned the corner to enter the village, I saw ten men walking towards me. As they came closer, I could see each one of them was suffering from leprosy. Keeping their distance, they stopped ahead of me and together cried out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!'

I instructed them to go and show themselves to the priests in their local synagogue who would pronounce them clean. As they turned to walk away I could see the transformation of healing taking place, changing their bodies and soon each was cleansed.

As they walked away into the distance, one of them stopped, paused for a short time, turned around and started walking back towards me. There was an expression of joy on his face, he looked very different from when he'd approached me a few moments before. Throwing himself down at my feet and in a loud, joyful voice he cried out words of praise and thanksgiving for his healing. His actions surprised me as much as his request for healing had a few moments ago, for this man was a Samaritan.

Where were the other nine, I thought? I cleansed all ten, yet only this Samaritan had come to offer praise and thanks to God for the miracle I'd done in his name and power. I asked him, 'where are the other nine, why have they not come back to offer their praise and thanksgiving?'

I looked down at him, smiled, stretched out my arms in blessing and told him to rise and go for his faith had made him well

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Our thanks to Adam for this dramatized version.