



The Methodist Church

Bishopston, Easter Compton, Horfield, Shirehampton Methodist Churches and St Peter's Pilning.
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of the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit (www.bsgc.org.uk) a family of churches serving
communities across the local area.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.

Sunday 6 November 2022

A Gift from God

*Love can't be described.
It has no shape; it has no form.
Love is not an object.
Love does not conform.*

*Love enters our lives The
moment we are born. From
the cradle to the grave,
Love's in everyone.*

*Love burns like a candle
That sometimes flickers but never dies.
Love may be invisible,
Although it's right before your eyes,*

*Love can leave you empty,
Love can make you whole.
Love can make or break you,
Love is in your soul.*

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Love is in your heart, Love
is in your mind.
Love doesn't discriminate,

Love is always blind.
Love is universal,
It encompasses the globe.
No matter where you are, Love
has a language all its own.

Love is all around you.
There's plenty of love to spare.
You cannot see or touch it,
But love is everywhere.

Love's the greatest power, And
yet it is so small.
Love's a gift from God
To be shared amongst us all.

By John P. Read

<https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/lovesa-gift-from-god>

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 6 November and the week

Horfield at 10.00 conducted by Rev. P. Stonehewer with Holy Communion.

Horfield. Christian Believers Fellowship at 12.30 led by William Carey and Rev Patrick Stonehewer **Bishopston at 10.30.** Local Arrangement.

Shirehampton at 11.00 conducted by R. Clews.

Pilning and Easter Compton at 10.00 conducted by the Anglican Team.

Easter Compton. Wednesday 9 November at 3.00. Reflective Space led by the Ark Team.

OTHER WORSHIP DETAILS for 6 November and the week

Sunday Worship. Radio 4 at 8.10. A still small voice in Snowdonia.

Songs of Praise. BBC 1 at 12.25. Faith in the Kingdom of Fife. An interview with Gordon Brown.

Daily Service at 9.45. 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 on 7 November, 10.00 - 12.00, for coffee, tea, cake and chat.

WORSHIP DETAILS FOR SUNDAY 13 November and the week Horfield

at 10.00 conducted by H. Wilson.

Horfield. Christian Believers Fellowship at 12.30 led by William Carey.

Bishopston at 10.30 conducted by J. Wing.

Shirehampton at 11.00. Local Arrangement with All Age Worship.

St Peter's, Pilning and Easter Compton, 10.50 at the War Memorial, followed by morning worship at the church. All led by Rev. Patrick Stonehewer.

Easter Compton. Wednesday 16 November at 3.00. Reflective Space led by the Ark Team.

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

Eco-Church. Bristol Methodist District are delighted to announce that, led by our committed Eco District Team, we are the first Methodist District in The Methodist Church to gain a bronze Eco-District Award.

Bristol Energy Network will be offering more 'Energy Help Desk' training sessions next month covering basic energy advice and support to help people reduce energy use at home and reduce their bills. The sessions will take around an hour (including time for questions) and will take place over zoom.

Please find the dates of the next sessions below with hyper - links to register: (Control & click)

Tuesday 8 Nov, 3.30-4.30, register [here](#)

Monday 21 Nov, 3.30-4.30, register [here](#)

Wednesday 23 Nov, 9.30-10.30, register [here](#)

Tuesday 29 Nov, 9.30-10.30, register [here](#)

COVID 19 Advice. The pandemic may be over but COVID-19 continues to be present in the community at large. If you are feeling unwell or showing any of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 please stay at home and seek medical advice.

Mask mandates have been lifted across the world. Indeed, we no longer ask you to wear a mask when attending worship. Many people had started to feel that masks were unnecessary and were happy that they no longer had to wear them. The feeling of getting back to normal was welcomed. It should be remembered that for a significant portion of people, removing their mask is not an option. Those vulnerable to disease or those who live with people that are, continue to take the necessary precautions to try to remain safe. As we enter winter, please be aware of the risks around. COVID and 'flu cases are increasing in our area. Please think about those around you and what you can do to protect them. Even if you don't have a cold or flu, it's worth protecting people. For people with weak immune systems, these illnesses can still take a heavy toll.

Five reasons to wear a mask.

- 1) When you're feeling sick. 2) On public transport. 3) At the theatre or music venue.
- 4) In any crowded indoor space 5) If you haven't had a fourth booster. Let's look after each other, remember masks protect others!

Jean Doddrell. Please note that Jean's funeral will now be at Westbury-on-Trym Methodist Church (NOT Westbury Park, as previously notified) on Monday 14 November at 11.45 (date and time unchanged). Shirehampton and Sea Mills friends were saddened to hear of Jean's death on 17 October. She was well known around Bristol as an organist and piano teacher, and will be much lamented, not least for playing hymns over the phone during the lockdown for people who couldn't get out. We continue to pray for her brother and sister, and wider circle of friends.

Bishopston is holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th November from 10.30 to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to join us for a cup of coffee and cakes.

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: Sue Pollard, Jamie & Mary Quilala, Lorraine Richardson, Ruby Reid, Hazel Richardson. We also pray for the family of Margaret, daughter of June Threlfall who died recently and whose funeral takes place this week.

Horfield. Baptism at Messy Church. A member of our Messy Church is going to be baptised during our session on Saturday 12 November. It would be great to see members of our wider church community join this special day for Marnie England - everyone is invited to the whole Messy Church session which runs from 1100 onwards, or from about 12noon for the baptism itself.

Churches Night Shelter. Things are coming together for the start of the project this week. Thanks to all those contributing to Phase 1 - we have all our cooks and volunteers in place to serve and care for our guests. Please pray that we will receive confirmation of the grant funding this week and that we will get some applications for the guest empowerment roles to work alongside Amanda.

Opportunities to help

Please get in touch if you can help with any of the gaps below:

- Christmas - cooks/volunteers for any day from 19 December to 1 January.
- Phase 3: Tuesday and Friday teams (volunteers and food) and Wednesday evening meal only. □
Cleaning team - Monday mornings, 9.00 to 11.00.

Also, the B&B owner has asked if the church might have 9 blankets to use as bedding toppers on the single beds. Don't forget that there are free optional training sessions that you can sign up for using Better Impact or by dropping an email to bristolchurcheswintershelter@gmail.com

Professional Boundaries training 'Microsoft teams'	Tue 15 November 6:30 to 9pm
	Mon 21 November, 1.00 to 3pm
Red Cross First Aid awareness 'in person'	Tue 17 January, 1.00 to 3pm
Red Cross First Aid awareness 'in person'	Mon 20 February, 1.00 to 3pm

Weekly Prayer

Reminder that all are welcome to join us for our weekly Wednesday morning zoom prayer meeting, 7.30 - 7.50am. **Weekly zoom link:** Topic: Bristol Churches Shelter Weekly Prayer Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83384246975?pwd=aVdadDJDdlRNSEpxVWYvdnBoekd4QT09>

Meeting ID: 833 8424 6975 Passcode: 933976

Below are details of '**Welcoming Space**' launching from 1st November. Flyers and Posters will be available soon in digital and paper form. Please share with people who you work with. There are a lot of different types of spaces/events/activities, so a warm, welcoming, non-stigmatised space is available to all. We recommend downloading this map/timetable produced by the team at Lockleaze Hub who have co-ordinated a joined-up approach with Welcoming Spaces in Lockleaze and Horfield - <https://www.ebe.org.uk/s/warm-and-welcomeplaces-leaflet-3.pdf>

There Is Room. The Methodist Church has launched its Advent and Christmas resources for 2022.

There Is Room resources To introduce and explore these resources there will be three Zoom sessions.m

Choose one from: Thursday 3 November, 11.00 - 12.00. Monday 7 November, 2.00 - 3.00.

Tuesday 8th November 7.00 - 8.00. Zoom link ID 921 5010 1931 Passcode 828625

Circuit Quiet Day. Saturday 19th November 10.00 - 3.00. St. Peter's Church, Cross Hands Road, Pilning BS35 4JB. Time to prepare for Advent, a day of prayer and reflection on the theme 'There Is Room' led by Adam Biddlestone. Bookings via the Eventbrite link or to Adam Biddlestone. circuitengagement@bsgc.org.uk

Events at the New Room. November 23 from 7pm: Talk: A Century of Protest exploring the hidden history of dissent over Edward Colston's status as a symbol of Bristol. Featuring Roger Ball and Mark Steeds from Bristol Radical History Group. The talk will be held in the Café at the New Room, drinks and cake will be available. Tickets £5.

Sketching for Beginners, November 12 and December 3 from 2-4pm: Want to have a go at sketching but don't know where to start? Join local artist Simon Tozer for a relaxed and friendly afternoon learning simple sketching techniques (using the New Room as a subject), followed by an afternoon cream tea. Tickets £25, including all materials. Booking for all events can be accessed via <https://www.newroombristol.org.uk/whats-on/>

Lectionary readings for this week: Haggai 1:15b - 2: 9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; or Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 2:15, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38.

Dramatized version of the Lectionary Reading : Luke 20 : 27-39 'The resurrection and marriage' The Gospel reading is presented as a conversation between Jesus and the Sadducee.

Narrator : Sadducees who believe there is no resurrection, came to Jesus. They came with a story which prompted their question about resurrection.

Sadducee : Teacher, Moses wrote in the law that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise offspring for his brother. Now let us imagine that there were seven brothers. The first married a woman and died childless. In turn each brother marries the first brother's wife but died leaving her with no children. Finally, the woman dies too. What we want to know is this, whose wife will she be at the resurrection since all seven brothers had been married to her?

Narrator : Now Jesus also knew the law and the stories of Moses, so used his knowledge to back up his answer and belief in the resurrection.

Jesus : In this age people marry and are given in marriage but in the age to come, in the resurrection from the dead, people will neither marry nor be given in marriage. For then they will be like angels, children of the resurrection, who will no longer die. Even Moses when he met God through the burning bush showed that the dead rise. He called the Lord, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob' because he is not the God of the dead but of the living, for to him we are all alive.

Narrator : The teachers of the law who heard this said to Jesus, 'well done, teacher!' The Sadducees dared not ask him any more questions and left him alone.

Our thanks to Adam for this dramatized version

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Job Fair

**Tuesday
November 15th
12.30-14.30**

Full & Part Time Vacancies
Advice & Training
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Shirehampton JTE Hub

The Methodist Church, Penpole Avenue, Shirehampton BS11 0DY
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www.jtehubshire.org

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NO BOOKING REQUIRED - CERTIFICATE 12A
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/CARER.