



Bishopston, Easter Compton, Horfield, Shirehampton Methodist Churches & St Peter's Piling.
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You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.

Sunday 12 February 2023



You may enjoy watching, "Countdown", every weekday afternoon when people compete to make words out of random letters. They also have a section when they discuss the origins and meanings of words. Some words have a very special meaning for some nationalities. They are very special and are not easily translated into English.

In Welsh, "Hiraeth" means a blend of homesickness, nostalgia and longing. Hiraeth is a pull on the heart that conveys a distinct feeling of missing something inextricably lost. Another word "Cwtch" (pronounced "kutch", to rhyme with "butch") is an everyday Welsh word for a special sort of cuddle or hug, an emotionally significant embrace. It's also means a cubbyhole or cupboard; a small space in which to store things safely. Its popular use has led to the phrase, "Anyone can cuddle but only the Welsh can cwtch"!!

In German, the word "Waldesamkeit", means a feeling of solitude and connectedness to nature when being alone in the woods. The word, "Wabi-Sabi" in Japanese, denotes finding beauty in imperfections. "Saidade", in Portuguese is a feeling of longing for an absent someone or something that you love but might never return.

"Commuovere" is Italian and means a heart-warming story that moved you to tears. The French have the word, "dépassement", which is the feeling one gets for not being in one's home country while the Spanish have the word, "duende", which means a work of art's mysterious power to deeply move a person. Many of these words can be used when we journey through our faith and experience the awe and wonder of God's creation.

The Jewish people have a word which has many meanings- "Shalom". This can mean peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquillity. It is used to say Hello and Goodbye. The concept of peace is important in Christianity. Biblically, shalom is seen in reference to the well-being of others (Genesis 43:27, Exodus 4:18), to treaties (I Kings 5:12), and in prayer for the wellbeing of cities or nations (Psalm 122:6, Jeremiah 29:7). *When the Bible talks about peace, it means something more than just feeling comfortable. Shalom, the Hebrew word for peace, describes a holistic and all-consuming peace that changes everything.*

Peace, or in Hebrew, shalom, is longed for by many. Biblical shalom centres around completeness and wholeness, as in repairing or reconciling a relationship. The peace or *shalom* offered through Christ Jesus fulfils every longing of the human heart, regardless of present circumstances.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." ~ John 14:27

WORSHIP DETAILS for 12 February and the week

Horfield at 10.00 conducted by C. Stones. All Age Worship.
Horfield at 12.30. Christian Believers Fellowship led by William Nagilla.
Bishopston at 10.30 conducted by Rev. M. Briggs with Holy Communion.
Shirehampton at 11.00. All Age Worship and Local Arrangement.
The Cotswold Centre at 4.45 -5.30pm, Songs of Praise café at the Community Centre, Dursley Road, BS11 9XH. All welcome. Joan Hall will continue her series on her time in Uganda with CMS.

The amount we can offer is: Single Person - £60; Couple - £80; Family of 1 Dependant (e.g. child, older person) - £100. Family of 2+ Dependents - an extra £20 per dependent up to £150 maximum.

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: Keith and Jenny Cornell, Church Council, Linda Cox, Cubs.

Eco News. Some Fishy Good News. The Bristol Avon Rivers Trust has been working with the Council on a pilot study to identify fish species in the Avon and Floating Harbour. They have found Atlantic herring, mackerel, Atlantic salmon, European eel, plaice, Dover sole, brown trout and lamprey. Also, our local river, the Trym, has been officially recognised as a trout stream.

Sixty-One. Could you offer hope to someone who has been in prison? Last week alone, we received 8 new referrals from people wanting mentoring! To meet the current level of demand, we are in real need of more people to train as mentors. For the below course to run, we need some more people to sign up in the next few days - you could make the difference! If you are prepared to give your time to listen, be patient and have your faith put to work, there are people who have been in prison who need someone like you to support them to reach their goals, give them hope and help them to become all that they were meant to be. We will give you all the training you need, our dedicated MentorMe team will support you throughout your mentoring relationship and will be on hand for advice and support. You'll also be invited to join us for celebrations events and meals throughout the year!

If you can't make the below training dates, please still get in touch so that we can look at alternative dates.
Next training course:
Saturday 18 February, 9.30 to 3.30. Wednesday 22 February, 7 pm to 9 pm.
Saturday 4 March, 9.30 to 3.30. Wednesday 15 March, 7 pm to 9 pm
Wednesday 22 March, 7 pm to 9 pm (only for those planning to apply)
Venue: Ebenezer Church, 286 Filton Avenue, Bristol. BS7 0BA.
To book a place email info@sixty-one.org 0117 403 7905
Come along and find out what it means to become a mentor. You can, quite literally, make a world of difference!

This year's World Day of Prayer Service will be held at Horfield on Friday March 3 at 10.30. This year the service is written by women of Taiwan. All are welcome.

Dates for your diary. 'The Noise 2023' event will be taking place from the 29 April - 1 May. Healing Services at Horfield on 5 March and Bishopston on 14 May. World Day of Prayer on Friday 3 March. Gift day and coffee morning on Saturday 11 March at Horfield. Gift Day on Sunday 12 March at Bishopston. Leadership Meeting at 7.30 on Wednesday 22 March at Horfield. Stewards Plus on 23 March at 7.30 at Horfield.
Circuit Dates: Tuesday 21 February 10.00 to 1:00, 'Preaching the gospel in the season of Lent' led by Rev. Dr. John Emmett at Victoria. Thursday 9 March at 9.30 to 5.30, accredited first aid course at Horfield.
Saturday 18 March, Circuit Quiet Day for Lent at the Elsie Briggs Prayer House, Westbury-on-Trym.

Horfield and Bishopston Safeguarding. Local preachers, worship leaders, safeguarding officers and members in leadership roles within the Church, must complete an Advanced Safeguarding Module. Anyone who has a role, where they meet others in their church must complete the Foundation Module. The Courses must be completed every 4 years. If you need to take part in training, please speak to Eurfron or Pauline, so that we can book you onto the relevant courses.

We are Bristol.Horfield. Do you want help with the cost of Living? Please look at the wealth of information on the Notice Board in the Crush Hall.

St. Peter's Piling & Easter Compton at 10.00 conducted by C. Jones.
Easter Compton on Wednesday 15 February at 3 pm. Quiet, Reflective Space

OTHER WORSHIP DETAILS for 12 February and the week

Sunday Worship. Radio 4 at 8.10. CHRISTIAN AND SINGLE led by Rev. Eleanor Jeans.
Songs of Praise. BBC 1 at 1.15. GOD IS LOVE from Gretha Green.
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, Piling. Open Café Church, 13 February, 10.00-12.00 for coffee, tea, cake and chat.
ALFA Christian Community -Quiet Garden Morning, Monday 13 February, 10.30 to 12.30, at Fullgrove House, Woodwell Road, BS11 9UG. The theme is "Love mercy". Drop-ins continue on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30-4.30pm.

WORSHIP DETAILS for 19 February and the week

Horfield at 10.00 conducted by J. Gardner.
Horfield at 12.30. Christian Believers Fellowship led by William Nagilla.
Bishopston at 10.30 conducted by A. Smith.
Shirehampton at 11.00 conducted by D. Bolton with Holy Communion.
St. Peter's Piling & Easter Compton at 10.00 conducted by the Anglican Team.
Easter Compton on Wednesday 22 February at 3 pm. Quiet, Reflective Space.

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

Horfield and Bishopston house groups.

The question has recently been asked, "what is A Methodist way of Life"? Why not join a Zoom Lent house group to discover what this means in practice? If you are interested, could you let Patrick Stonehewer or David Bainbridge know, your preference for the day of the week and time?

Horfield Messy Church. Saturday 11 February. Please come and join us from 11:00 to 1:00pm. There will be loads of activities to do with a short celebration thinking about the unconditional love of the Good Samaritan, followed by scrummy lunch.

Horfield. We're delighted to announce that 4:12 (our youth group) is making a comeback! 'Let no one despise your youth but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.' (1 Tim 4:12, NRSV). Please pray about this, and if you know of anyone in year 6 or above who would like to join, please talk to Donna Sharpe, Helen Wallbridge, Shirin Sitter or Rev Patrick for details. First meeting (with pizza!) planned for Sunday 26 February, 5:30- 7:00 pm in the 4:12 Room. Where else?

Horfield Methodist Church Film Club. The next film club will be on Thursday, 16 February at 7pm. An historical film, The Queen's time in power is known as the 'G***** Age'. She ruled England alone. She did not marry. And although she was queen, England had no king. Some people felt only men should be rulers, she proved them wrong. All welcomed. All suitable films are chosen by reviews. This one achieved 6.8 / 10.

North Bristol Advice Centre is now offering help with the online application for Universal Credit including creating an account and completing the online claim. We are providing one face to face appointment per week with a trained volunteer at our Lockleaze office. At the moment, this service is only available to **single claimants**. In order for us to successfully support people with these applications they will need to have available: details of their income, housing type and costs, childcare costs, and benefits. If you know someone who needs support applying for Universal Credit (who may not have access to the Internet or doesn't feel confident completing online forms) please let them know about this service. Enquiries/referrals can be made by calling 0117 951 5751 or through our online Advice Tool: <https://northbristoladvice.org.uk/advice tool/>

Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust. This is a reminder that the Bristol Emergency Winter Fuel Fund is now open for referrals. We are one of 5 anchor organisations across Bristol who are distributing the funds to individuals, couples and families in need of financial help to cover their energy bills.

Reflection on the Lectionary Sunday 12th February (Ordinary 6)

Psalms 119 : 1 - 8; Deuteronomy 30 : 15 - 20; 1 Corinthians 3 : 1 - 9; Matthew 5 : 21 - 37

The reflection for this week is by Local Preacher, Christine Jones.

Today's Gospel reading encourages us to think about Jesus' attitude to some of the Ten Commandments. Was he picking ones he liked best? Or ones he felt were especially for him? Or were they ones he knew were the hardest to live?

v 21 - 'You have heard that it was said to those of old times 'You shall not murder.' Jesus changes it from something that is hard - don't kill - to something even harder: don't be angry with people, don't insult people, don't call someone a fool. I have to admit that's one I break almost every day - usually it's the other motorist. No, Jesus is saying I'm to be reconciled with them. I may still think they are wrong or mistaken, but they're not fools. Jesus is pointing out the Best Way to live with those we disagree with.

v 27 - 'You have heard that it was said 'You shall not commit adultery.' Jesus isn't just saying 'don't break your marriage'; he's going wider and deeper than that. He's looking at the whole area of relationships. Marriage is only just a part of that. He's also focussing on thoughts and feelings as much as on deeds. I can feel quite smug that I've never committed adultery, never even wanted to. But how good are my relationships with people? Maybe not very. Jesus is pointing out the Best Way to relate to people, whether they are heterosexual or homosexual.

v 33 - 'Again you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times 'You shall not swear falsely.' Jesus isn't just saying 'don't lie,' don't bear false witness'; he's going further and deeper than that. 'Let your Yes be Yes and let your No be No'. It's hard, but it is the Best Way. God didn't give us 10 easy things to do; he gave us 10 Best Ways to live.

Nobody seems to have asked Jesus if there was any commandment we could leave out and still have all we needed; but somebody did ask him which was the most important. I'm sure you remember what he said and which was the one he said was second. Again his definition of neighbour was much broader than his audience. He gave another Best Way. It wasn't like the 11th Commandment - don't get found out. It was again far reaching. 'Love one another as I have loved you.' Love God, Love people, God loves us.

A prayer from the Methodist Prayer Handbook [page 3] by Amelia, age 9, Elston All Saints Anglican Methodist Primary School, Newark. *Father God, I promise to love my friends, my family and the Lord Jesus. I will love them with all my heart, with all my soul and with all my mind. I will keep all the ten commandments and I will worship you. Amen.*

Our thanks to Christine.