



Bishopston, Easter Compton, Horfield, Shirehampton Methodist Churches & St Peter's Piling.
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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.

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

Sunday 26 February 2023



A prayer for the tragic events in Turkey and Syria

God of time and space, we cry to you for your children - our neighbours - in southern Turkey and northern Syria, following the earthquake that has devastated hundreds of lives. Only they and you know what it is like to experience such trauma in the middle of the night.

We give thanks for the aid that is already being given and for the promises of help that have been made by many nations.

Comfort, we pray,

those who are trapped in collapsed buildings.
those who have lost loved ones.

those who wait for news and
those digging through rubble to save others.

Grant the gift of hope so that those caught between life and death know that you are with them and that others are ready to support them as they seek a future that overshadows the experiences of today.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who endured so much for love of them.

Amen.

Prayer written by the President of the Conference, the Revd Graham Thompson.

WORSHIP DETAILS for 26 February and the week

Horfield at 10.00 conducted by J. Creech.

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

Bishopston at 10.30. Local Arrangement.

Shirehampton at 11.00. Café Church Local Arrangement.

St. Peter's Piling & Easter Compton at 10.00. Conducted by Rev. P. Stonehewer with Holy Communion.

Easter Compton on Wednesday 1 March at 3 p.m. Quiet, Reflective Space.

Details of other church meetings on 26th February

- Shirehampton: additional Church Council Meeting, 12.15pm on Sunday 26 February in the Church.
- Walking from Cape Wrath to Dover.* Rev Patrick will be sharing some experiences from his sabbatical, on Sunday 26 February, 12.30 onwards, at Shirehampton Methodist Church. All are welcome.

OTHER WORSHIP DETAILS for 26 February and the week

Sunday Worship. Radio 4 at 8.10. ST DAVID-900 YEARS CELEBRATIONS. From Jerusalem with reflections from contemporary Welsh Pilgrims.

Songs of Praise. BBC 1 at 1.15. ST DAVID'S PILGRIMS. Katherine Jenkins meets pilgrims in Pembrokeshire walking to St. David's Cathedral.

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

The Bristol Methodist Centre. Would you like to receive an e-mailed newsletter from the Centre to keep you up to date with all the latest developments? Please let your Ambassadors, David and Audrey, know and it will be arranged. The Centre is looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways. Many who have helped with the night shelter will know how rewarding this can be. If you would like to help, please let David, Audrey, Bob or Eurfron know.

Holy Trinity, Horfield. *Exodus- A Musical Journey* by Jonathan Crow & Margaret Holli at 4 p.m. 25 March, with guest artists, narrators, Horfield Young People's Club and others. Retiring collection for, "Artists in Exile".

February Eco Tip - Go Green(er) for Lent. The weeks leading up to Easter are a great time to start or give something up that benefits nature and helps address climate change. Is there a change you can make to better care for creation and improve our lives and the lives of others through healthy, eco-friendly and sustainable living?

Bristol Churches Shelter. Prayer update from Amanda Munday (coordinator): What a week of change we have had at the guest house. We were able to host a new guest who found housing within 2 days of staying with us! One of our long-term guests is delighted that he has been successful in his application for a private rental property in Easton and another guest is moving into supported housing with a church in Knowle West next week. We give thanks to God for his hand over all our guests and for his protection over the guesthouse during the last week. There have been many ups and downs as we have had to negotiate a difficult departure from the guest house for one of our guests. We pray for him that he can get the help and support that he needs.

At Resound, we are looking for two people to join our staff team from April. **Pastoral and Discipleship Lead.** £10,600 (£26,500FTE) 14 hours a week. This role will suit an individual who is interested in working closely with people, preferably with some experience of supporting elderly and/or vulnerable people. The pastoral and discipleship lead will hold responsibility for overseeing pastoral care for adults at Resound, as well as acting as a primary support for small groups and their leaders. This role holder will need to be willing to support the congregation and staff of Resound in an inclusive manner, recognising the diversity of the community.

Caretaker. £16,072 (£22,500 FTE) 25 hours a week. This role will suit an organised person, able to work flexible hours with some evening and/or weekends. They will be responsible for looking after the Resound building, ensuring all is kept in good working order, carry out basic repairs and cleaning.

The job descriptions can be found on the website - <https://www.resoundbristol.co.uk/vacancies>
Please email Cathy Knowles at hr@resoundbristol.co.uk to find out more, or if you would like an informal chat with a member of our team. To make an application, please send your CV and covering letter telling us why you would like to apply for this role. The closing date for applications is 7 March 2023.

Dates for your diary: Friday 3 March at Horfield- Day of Prayer and Lent Study Group; Sunday 5 March at Horfield- Healing Service; Saturday 11 March at Horfield - Gift Day Coffee Morning; Sunday 12 March at Bishopston- Gift Day; Sunday 2 April at Horfield- Church Meeting.

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, 27 February, 10.00-12.00 for coffee, tea, cake and chat.

ALFA Christian Community. Drop-ins continue on Wednesday afternoons, 2.30-4.30pm.

WORSHIP DETAILS for 5 March and the week

Horfield at 10.00. A Healing Service conducted by Rev. P. Stonehewer, with Holy Communion
Horfield at 12.30. Christian Believers Fellowship led by William Nagilla.

Bishopston at 10.30. Local Arrangement

Shirehampton at 11.00 conducted by C. Campion Smith.

St. Peter's Piling & Easter Compton at 10.00. Conducted by Rev. P. Van Rossum.

Easter Compton on Wednesday 8 March at 3 p.m. Quiet, Reflective Space.

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

Bishopston. Saturday 4 March at 10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning.

Horfield and Bishopston. Gift days will be held on Saturday 11 March at 10.00, at Horfield and Sunday 12 March during the Service at Bishopston.

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: The Eco Group, Oliver Fairman, Finance and Property, Rev Dilwyn and Margaret Edwards, Betty Franklin, Pam Gannon, John Gard. Our special prayers go to John while he is in hospital.

Horfield. Following the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Northern Syria there will be an opportunity to make donations towards the recovery effort through the church. We propose to channel our giving through ShelterBox whom we have previously supported. ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity established in 2000 in Helston, Cornwall, UK, that provides emergency shelter and other aid items to families around the world who have lost their homes to disaster or conflict.

Horfield. It's Fairtrade Fortnight 27 Feb to 12 March. Make the switch to Fairtrade products if you can. For lots more information visit www.fairtrade.org.uk and keep an eye on the noticeboards for posters and information.

Horfield - Services during Lent - we will be exploring the theme of A Methodist Way of Life during Sunday worship, looking about how we try to live our lives in response to God's love, made known to us in Jesus. A Methodist Way of Life is both new and old. It is new, in that Methodists first discussed such a way at the 2018 Conference, although it is based on the Our Calling framework, agreed in 2000. That, in turn, was built on what Methodists have always done, since the days of John Wesley, in trying to follow Jesus and live out the Christian faith - just as those first followers in Acts did. May we be a blessing within and beyond God's Church, for the transformation of the world. As part of this, **Lent Study groups** will commence on Friday evening 3 March at 7.30 p.m on Zoom. All are welcome to join these groups. Please contact David Bainbridge on: dbainbridge38@live.co.uk for Zoom details.

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

Horfield. Occasionally we may need to use the creche on Sunday mornings. I shall be organising a rota of two people each week to be on standby. Please let me know if you can help. Eurfron.

Reflection on the Lectionary Sunday 26th February (1st Sunday of Lent)

Genesis 2:15-17: 3:1-7; Psalm 32: Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

This reflection was taken from godgossip.org

In Genesis, we hear about the first sin as the man and woman are tempted by the serpent to disobey God's command. Paul tells the Romans that this first sin brought death to humankind, death ultimately defeated by Jesus who brings forgiveness, grace, and salvation. In Matthew's Gospel, the devil tempts Jesus three times, but Jesus remains obedient to his Father.

Reflect: Sinning is turning away from God. We can turn away from God in our thoughts and in our actions, by doing things we know are wrong or by failing to do the things we know are right.

In the desert, Jesus is tempted to satisfy his physical desires, to seek power, and to test God's love. We face similar temptations. The culture encourages satisfying any desires we might have, without regard for God or others. Accumulating wealth, power, and influence is seen as a life goal. Doubting God's love and even his existence is seen as a mark of sophistication.

In the midst of these temptations, Jesus gives us the strength and grace to follow the path of life and he offers forgiveness when we stumble.

Pray: God, please forgive me for the times I have turned away from you and help me purify my heart.