



The Methodist Church

Horfield and Bishopston Methodist Churches.

Minister Revd Martin Slocombe

Tel 0117 9629679 - Email: martin.slocombe@methodist.org.uk

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

Sunday 14 April 2024

WORSHIP DETAILS for 14 April

Horfield at 10.00. Local Arrangement with Easter Offering

Bishopston at 10.30 conducted by D Carter

Lectionary readings. Acts 3: 12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3: 1-7, Luke 24: 36b-48

OTHER WORSHIP DETAILS for 14 April and the week

Please refer to your preferred TV and radio guide for details of broadcast worship.

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>

WORSHIP DETAILS for 21 April

Horfield at 10.00 conducted by J Barnett

Bishopston at 10.30 conducted by Rev M. Slocombe with Holy Communion

GENERAL NOTICES. Please send items for the notices to secretary@horfieldmethodist.org.uk by Tuesday.

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: Christine Williams, Pam Williams, Hannah & Samuel Williamson, Alison Young, Marion Andrews, Richard Angell & Margaret Angell-Alpass, Cherry Arnal.

Eco Coffee Morning. At Horfield on Saturday 27 April from 10.00 to 12.00. More details on page 3.

The General Church Meeting was held on 7 April.

Stewards: The following were reappointed: Donna Sharpe, Hazel Thorne, Lou Carias, Pauline Harris, Jenny McLaren, Christine Williams and will be joined by Pam Gannon. This was proposed by Jenny Cornell, seconded by David Bainbridge, and agreed unanimously.

Representatives to Church Council: The following were re-elected: Bob Walters, Janet Browning, David Chandler, Asmin Taylor, Lorraine Richardson and will be joined by Hayley Grady. This was proposed by Pam Gannon, seconded by Hazel Thorne and agreed unanimously.

Review of finances: Spending is devoted to engaging with the local community, but also in a major way on maintaining the buildings, providing a continued presence on one of Bristol's major arterial roads. Everyone was asked to review their giving, to register for gift aid if possible and think about leaving a legacy donation

Discussion on Church Life: The theme for discussion was evangelism, how we introduce the love of God so that people wish to share in the life of both buildings. We thought about how we can engage with different groups of people and what we offer them to attract. Several ideas were raised as to how we could engage with the

Year of Evangelism Project. These will be discussed by the Leadership Team and information will be made available once some decisions on ideas to progress have been made.

YOUR HELP AND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CHURCH FAYRE

The Church Spring Fayre is fast approaching - Saturday 18 May, 10.30-12.30

Collecting Saleable items required. Complete and in good condition - to sell on any of these stalls. Books (fiction only please); toys; white elephant (bric-a-brac); fruit/veg/herbs/plants; craft/handmade items, (criteria - is it something you yourself would pay money for if you saw it for sale?); homemade cakes (lots needed)/marmalade/jam.

Contributions for the food hamper raffle prizes - a list of items for you to donate will be available soon. Monetary contributions are also welcome (see Helen).

Please do not bring items for sale until Sunday (12th) before the Fayre, unless agreed in advance. Cakes should be brought on the Friday evening or Saturday. All cakes/food must have a list of ingredients

Please speak to Cherry, Helen, Lorraine, Donna or any other members of the fundraising team if you are able to help in any of the following ways:

Setting up. Friday 17 May, 4.00 - 6.30pm (for 30 minutes or longer)

On the day of the Fayre:

1. People to help on the stalls (be there from 10.00)
2. We desperately need people to volunteer to do shifts of 30 minutes in the kitchen doing the washing up from 10.30 - 1.00pm
3. Clearing up afterwards 12.30 - 1.30pm/2.00pm

Finally, we need people to come to the Fayre, the two Fayres being our biggest fundraising events each year. Please encourage friends and neighbours to come along, even if it is just to enjoy the delicious cakes and lunches in our cafe!

Thank you in anticipation of your support. The Fundraising Team

Inter Faith Network. The Methodist Church has long valued and supported the work of the Inter Faith Network. At a time when there is an increase of incidents of discrimination, particularly in terms of antisemitism and Islamophobia, it is increasingly important that those committed to working across and within faith communities are supported and resourced.

You may wish to sign the petition calling on Michael Gove to honour his promise to fund the Inter Faith Network following this link: <https://www.change.org/p/michael-gove-keep-your-pledge-on-inter-faith-network-funding>

North Bristol and South Glos Foodbank. Latest Newsletter received - more information at info@nbsq.foodbank.org.uk 0117 472 5172 www.nbsq.foodbank.org.uk

Bristol Churches Shelter. Message received from inHope thanking the church for the generous gift of £192.90 for the Bristol Churches Shelter. The donation will be held in a restricted fund by inHope and used only for expenses related to the Shelter. Regular newsletters from BristolChurchesWinterShelter@gmail.com **Dates for your Diary**

- ☐ Neighbourhood & Mission - Horfield on Wednesday 24 April at 7.30
- ☐ Eco coffee morning fund raiser - Horfield on Saturday 27 April
- ☐ Leadership Team - Horfield and Bishopston on Thursday 16 May at Horfield at 7.30
- ☐ Property & Finance Group - Horfield on Wednesday 22 May at 7.30

- Eco Group meeting - Friday 24 May at 7.30 on Zoom
- Worship Consultation meeting - Horfield on Wednesday 5 June at 7.30
- Church Council - Horfield and Bishopston on Tuesday 11 June at Horfield at 7.30
- Bring and Share lunch - for Horfield and Bishopston on Sunday 14 July
- Worship Consultation meeting - Horfield on Thursday 5 September at 7.30

