



The Methodist Church

Horfield Methodist Church

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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.

We hope to welcome all
serve the community
spread God's love

Sunday 31 August 2025

WORSHIP DETAILS for 31 August

Horfield at 10.00 conducted by M.Torchon, Chair of District

Bishopston: whole church service at Horfield

Lectionary readings. Jeremiah 2: 4-13, Psalm 81: 1, 10-16, Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16, Luke 14: 1, 7-14

OTHER WORSHIP DETAILS for 31 August and the week

You will find an online service of Morning Prayer at www.westburyparkchurch.org.uk/worship-service. This is renewed each week, early on Monday.

Details of broadcast worship from around the country are available through your preferred TV and radio guide.

WORSHIP DETAILS for 7 September

Horfield at 10.00 conducted by A Biddlestone

Bishopston at 10.30 conducted by F Maisokwadzo

Whole Church

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: Joan Lewis, Sandra Lloyd, Brian and Sheila Lomas, Pauline Lush, Lucy Manners, Katherine Matthews, Jennifer McLaren, Efua Mensah, Oswald Mensah, Samuel and Veronica Mensah.

DBS further update. A number of people in the church have recently been asked to update their DBS check. You will have received an email from DDC if this applies to you. Once you have input your documents, they need to be verified. Martin will be available at the church on Friday 5th September from 9.30am to 4pm to do this. Can you please try to attend during this period, bringing your original documents, so that your DBS check can be completed. Many thanks

Catalyst 25. We're really looking forward to this special day with **Trey Hall**, who leads Evangelism & Growth for the Methodist Connexional Team. This is taking place at Badminton Road Methodist Church on Saturday 18 October. It will be a relaxed, friendly event full of practical ideas and encouragement to help your church welcome new people and grow stronger as a community.

This event is **free and open to everyone** — whether you're a church leader, volunteer, or just passionate about making your church more welcoming. **Sign up here: [Eventbrite](#)** Got questions? Just email Rev Sharon at sharon.lovelock@methodist.org.uk We can't wait to see you there!

Oddments Theatre Company - Amazing Grace. Friday 24 October at the Horfield site. We are really excited about this upcoming event, but we need your help! If anyone is able to provide overnight accommodation for some of the theatre company crew please let Martin or Lou know ASAP. Many thanks.

Communications Training for Churches. The Circuit Communications Group is offering training to help church admins, volunteers, and members strengthen their online and social media presence. The session will cover why social media matters today, how to use it effectively, and simple tools to create a lively Facebook page. Everyone is welcome — come along to be encouraged, motivated, and equipped! **See posters below.** For details or to book your place, please contact Inga: communications@bsqc.org.uk

Where have you seen God in the world this week?

The Church in Westbury Park is holding a fundraising event to support the British charity 'Medical Aid for Palestinians'. 'Makers' Market' Saturday 13 September 2025, Westbury Park Methodist Church, North View, Bristol, BS6 7QB, 11am-4pm. Local creative makers showcase and sell their work, supported with a cafe and cake stall. The event is supporting 'Medical Aid for Palestinians' <https://www.map.org.uk> who are providing aid around Gaza. Admission is free. All welcome!

MAP are providing immediate medical aid to those in great need in West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem and Lebanon. The charity is also supporting local skills to re-develop a long-term healthcare system.

There are still a couple of spaces available for any interested 'makers' to take part. Contact Alison Grant at the Church.

The Mystery of Everything

A discussion group based upon the film of Stephen Hawking's life,
The Theory of Everything

Come and watch the film – Tuesday 2nd Sept 2025 at 7pm
Everyone welcome, whether you want to follow the course or not

Tue 9th Sept 7pm – The experience of wonder

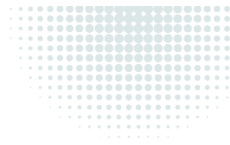
Tue 16th Sept 7pm – The enigma of weakness

Tue 23rd Sept 7pm – The complexity of relationships

Tue 30th Sept 7pm – The encounter with frailty

**Mon 6th Oct 7pm – The hope beyond
brokenness**

All to be held at Horfield Methodist Church



Communications training

HOW CAN CHRISTIANS
COMMUNICATE IN THE
ONLINE WORLD?

DATE
24
MONTH
September

TIME
1 - 3pm

at Westbury on Trym
Methodist Church



DAVID KNIGHT
Methodist Learning
Network

Join David Knight from the Methodist Learning Network as we cover the basics of online communication for Churches. It will explore the different types of social media, how churches can create and manage online profiles, and why it is important for churches to speak into the online space.

For information and booking contact:
[Inga communications@bsgc.org.uk](mailto:Inga_communications@bsgc.org.uk)

COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING

For church admins,
volunteers, and anyone
interested in improving
your church's digital
presence.

24 September, 2025
1:00 pm - 3:00 am
Westbury on Trym Methodist church

To book your place contact Inga communications@bsgc.org.uk

DATES for your DIARY

- 18th September - Children and Young People's Group, 7.30 at Horfield
- 20th September - Bishopston Property, 10.30
- 25th September - Horfield Property & Finance, 7.30, Horfield
- 1st October - Horfield and Bishopston Worship Group meeting, 7.30, Horfield
- 2nd October - Leadership Team (**change of date**)
- 12th October - Harvest Festival, whole church at Horfield
- 16th October - Pastoral Contacts meeting, 7:30 at Horfield (**change of date**)
- 20th October - Church Council (**change of date**)
- 24th October - 'Amazing Grace' by Oddments Theatre Company at Horfield
- 31st October - Candles in the Darkness service at 7 pm, Bishopston

All submissions for the notices should be sent to: secretary@horfieldmethodist.org.uk by Tuesday for inclusion the following Sunday. Details of future events should be supplied with at least 12 days' notice. Let us know how things have gone - some positive stories.