



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 18th October 2026

WORSHIP DETAILS for 18th October

Horfield at 10:00 conducted by Revd Martin Slocombe

Bishopston at 10.30 conducted by David Deekes with Holy Communion

WORSHIP DETAILS for 25th October

Horfield at 10:00 conducted by Revd Martin Slocombe with Holy Communion

Bishopston at Horfield.

Lectionary readings. Isaiah 45: 1-7, Psalm 96: 1-9 (10-13), 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10, Matthew 22: 15-22.

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: Mark Shipton, Chris and Shirin Sittther, Helen Slocombe, Daniel and Rachel Smith, Andrew Stevenson, Asmin Taylor, Hazel Thorne, Marilyn Tighe, Helen Wallbridge, Bob Walters.

Heaven Discussion Group

A reminder that the first session starts **Tuesday 20th October 7pm** at Horfield - all are welcome!

A Musical Medley

What a lovely evening we had on Friday! All the performers were brilliant, and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. A BIG THANK YOU to the fundraising group for pulling this all together. The evening has raised over £615. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event. An evening like this takes a lot of effort, but to see so many happy faces in the audience made it really worthwhile!



Methodist Homes - MHA

It was lovely to welcome Silke Chatfield (the chaplain at Horfield Lodge) to Horfield on Sunday - it was a beautiful service. We raised £130 in cash, with other payments also made on the card machine. Thank you to everyone who came along, and for your generous donations - this money will make a difference and means so much to MHA. Thank you Silke for giving up your time and coming to speak to us.



A date for your diaries.....

Our annual service of remembrance -
everyone welcome

Christmas Fayre 21st November at Horfield

It might seem like a long way off, but if you are able to lend a hand at the fayre, please let Heather, or any of the fundraising team know. It's never too early to volunteer or let us know what you might be able to help with!

Please keep visiting our own church **Facebook page** at <http://www.facebook.com/share/16H4iPxiiX/>

Circuit Events. To find out what's going on across the circuit and details about all upcoming events, click here <https://bsqc.org.uk/events/> or check out the hard copy situated on both noticeboards.

DATES for your DIARY

20th October - Study Group - Heaven 7pm at Horfield (see poster on last page)

22nd October - Church Council 7pm at Horfield

24th October - Messy Church 10am - 12pm

27th October - Study Group - Heaven 7pm at Horfield

2nd November - Forget Me Not - a time for reflection 7pm @ Bishopston (see poster on last page)

21st November - Christmas Fayre at Horfield

Submissions for notices

All submissions for the notices should be sent to: mail@horfieldmethodist.org.uk by MONDAY for inclusion the following Sunday. Details of future events should be supplied with at least 12 days' notice.



SUPERINTENDENT'S GREETINGS FROM SABBATICAL

9 October 2026 - Year A

Dear Friends across the Bristol & South Gloucestershire Circuit,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is good to be back! As I return from sabbatical, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported both me, my family and the Circuit over these past months. I am especially grateful to my ministerial colleagues, Circuit Stewards, lay employees, church officers, project leaders, ecumenical partners, and all who willingly took on additional responsibilities during my absence.

A particular word of thanks goes to Reverend Patrick Stonehewer for serving as Acting Superintendent and to Jayne for keeping the Circuit Office running so effectively. Together with many others, they ensured that the life and work of the Circuit continued seamlessly. To Martin, thank you for looking after Westbury-on-Trym Methodist Church.

Sabbatical is a precious gift from both God and the Church. It provided me space for prayer, study, worship, rest, and time with family and friends. It also offered me opportunities to travel to Edinburgh, the Isle of Man, Zambia, Italy, and the Vatican. These experiences enriched my faith and broadened my perspective, and I look forward to sharing some of the lessons and reflections through Inga's fortnightly Mailchimp updates in the weeks ahead.

I return refreshed, grateful, and renewed in my sense of God's calling. One verse that accompanied me throughout my sabbatical was Isaiah 40:31: *"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength."* These words proved more than an encouragement; they became a lived reality. I was reminded afresh that ministry depends not simply on our effort or determination, but on the grace of God. We serve a God who renews, restores, and continually invites us forward in faith and hope.

As I rejoin the life of the Circuit, I do so with deep gratitude for all that God is already doing among us. Across our churches and projects, I see faithful discipleship, compassionate service, generous hospitality, and a sincere commitment to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. These are visible signs of the Spirit's work and reasons for great encouragement.

I look forward to reconnecting with many of you in the weeks ahead, listening to your stories, and sharing in the opportunities and challenges before us. My prayer is that we will continue to grow in faith, deepen our discipleship, and respond boldly to Christ's call in the communities we serve.

Thank you once again for your prayers, encouragement, and support. Please be assured of my prayers for you, your families, your friends, and all our churches. As we journey forward together, may we do so with confidence in God's promises and trust in God's leading: *"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen."* (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Blessings and love,
Teddy

Discussion Group Heaven

In the book 'Heaven', Paula Gooder considers the ways in which the Bible sees heaven and earth connecting, and explores all the major strands of belief about life after death, including the role of paradise, and what happens between death and resurrection. She shows how the biblical writers see heaven and earth as closely connected, so that what happens in heaven affects events on earth and vice versa. You might like to buy the book and read along with us, but it is not essential.

Horfield Methodist Church
Tuesdays from 7pm

Oct 20th – Introduction and Cosmology
Oct 27th – Transcendence and Closeness
Nov 3rd – Angels
Nov 10th – Communication
Nov 17th – Life and Death

Come and watch a video, see what the Bible has to say, and share your thoughts – all are welcome

Forget Me Not



Bishopston Methodist Church
Monday 2nd November 2026
7.00pm

Led by Revd Martin Slocombe

A time for reflection, as we
remember together, those we
love, but see no longer

BRISTOL AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE
METHODIST CIRCUIT
invites you to

CAROLS AND STEAM

ON THE AVON VALLEY RAILWAY

Ride a steam train, sing carols accompanied by the
Bristol East and Kingswood Brass Band and enjoy
seasonal refreshments.

Saturday 5th December and
Sunday 6th December

Avon Valley Railway, Bitton Station, BS30 6HD
Arrive by 6.45pm for train departure at 7.00.
Parking available on-site.

£13.00 adults, £7.00 (children 5 – 16), under 5s free
Hot drink and seasonal treat included.
Booking essential

Profits for Action for Children & The Railway Children Charities



For more information or to book, scan the QR code.
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POP UP Café

MONTHLY

ST PETER'S
COMMUNITY CENTRE

10 ST PETER'S WAY
BS10 5FQ

ALL
WELCOMED



COLD
SNACKS

TEA

COFFEE

SQUASH

10:00 – 12:30
THIRD
MONDAY
EACH MONTH

The Pop Up Café is always looking for
more volunteers and customers! Next
open on Monday 19th October.