



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 1st November 2026

WORSHIP DETAILS for 1st November

Horfield at 10:00 conducted by John Creech - *no Junior Church this Sunday.*

Bishopston at 10.30 conducted by Vicky Davies

WORSHIP DETAILS for 8th November

Horfield at 10.00 conducted by David King

Bishopston at 10:30 conducted by Revd Martin Slocombe with Holy Communion

Lectionary readings. Revelation 7: 9-17, Psalm 34: 1-10, 22, 1 John 3: 1-3, Matthew 5: 1-12

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: Cherry Arnal, Shehzad Ashiq, Audrey and David Bainbridge, Monique Brocklesby, Jayne Brown, Richard Brown, Janet Browning, Michelle Butler, Carolina and Lou Carias.

Discussion Group - Heaven

Our third session is Tuesday 3rd November 7pm at Horfield. You don't need to attend every session, so even if you missed the first two, please feel free to come along - all are welcome!

Christmas Fayre 21st November at Horfield 11am - 1pm.

Thank you those of you who have already offered to help on the day.

We will need volunteers to help with setting up on the Friday afternoon and also with clearing up after the event. Please let a committee member know if you have any time to give, namely Helen, Heather, Margaret, Donna, Lorraine, Libby.

We are also asking for donations for:

The White Elephant stall... *items in good condition only please*

The bottle stall - *No alcohol*

Cakes... *please supply an ingredient list with the cake*

Donations for hampers - There is a list in Church of what is needed but if you prefer, Helen will accept cash to buy goods for the hampers

Thank you.

Safeguarding Training - a reminder....

There are dates available for both Foundation and Advanced Level Training. Please contact Pauline on safeguarding@horfieldmethodist.org.uk to secure your place. If you are a Church Council Member, Pastoral Contact, Church Steward, or volunteer with any of our young people groups, you will need training. Please contact Pauline if you are unsure what you need or have any questions. *See the last page for the available dates/details.*

Sponsor a street tree in Bristol

We are sponsoring a tree! Thanks to Monique, who put a proposal to the Leadership Team, there will be a Hornbeam Tree planted sometime in Autumn/Winter. It will be located just up the road from us at Horfield - past the traffic lights. We have received a very generous anonymous donation towards the costs, and many people who were at the service on Sunday have also contributed. There is still time to donate - the total cost is £375 - should we exceed this amount the excess will go towards our annual carbon offset payment.

We will keep you updated about progress and let you know when the tree is planted - Bristol City Council will be responsible for the planting, watering and maintenance. In the coming years we will be able to keep an eye on our tree and watch it grow! If you want to know more about the Hornbeam, visit www.rhs.org.uk/plants/91769/carpinus-betulus-frans-fontaine/details

If you want to find out more about this initiative visit www.treesforstreets.org.uk

A message from Climate Stewards following our carbon offset contribution

Dear Horfield Methodist Church,

Thank you for your kind climate contribution of £231.44 on 13th August. I must apologise for the delay in acknowledging this. We really appreciate your ongoing interest and support. Your contribution helps us to support fantastic community projects which take carbon out of the atmosphere whilst improving the lives of those impacted most by climate change.

Becky Rhodes

www.climatestewards.org.uk

For more information, you might like to read their [latest newsletter](#), which shares some thoughts on Harvest, school club news from Kenya, and more. A hard copy is available on the Eco Noticeboard at Horfield.

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](#) or check out the hard copy situated on both noticeboards.

DATES for your DIARY

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

3rd November - Discussion Group - Heaven 7pm at Horfield

10th November - Discussion Group - Heaven 7pm at Horfield

14th November - The 4C's Craft, Chat, Coffee & Cake 10.30am at Bishopston

17th November - Discussion Group - Heaven 7pm at Horfield

21st November - Christmas Fayre 11am - 1pm at Horfield

2nd December - Scouts & Brownies Festive Carols 6pm at Horfield

6th December - Christmas Gift Service 10am at Horfield (in aid of Action for Children)

12th December - The 4C's Craft, Chat, Coffee & Cake 10.30am at Bishopston

20th December - Nativity Service 10am at Horfield

20th December - Carol Service 4pm at Horfield

24th December - Christingle Service 4pm at Horfield

24th December - Midnight Communion 11.30pm at Bishopston

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.

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



Safeguarding Training Update

Foundation training

We are organising a number of training sessions across the year. We hope this allows everyone who needs foundation training to select one that fits for them. If there are significant numbers of people in a specific location who need training then we will attempt to organise specific training for that group. We would welcome offers from local churches to host the training and for someone to act as chaplain for each session.

- **Tuesday 24th November 2026** 9.45 for a 10am start at Hanham Methodist Church – led by Anna and Fiona – again we need a chaplain please.
- **Saturday 6th February 2027** 9.45 for a 10am start at Horfield Methodist Church – chaplain TBC – led by Fiona and Jo

To book places please send names and the date of the training you will be attending to the circuit safeguarding email address and we will collate all the information. If you are a church safeguarding officer then it would be helpful if you could collate a single list for your setting and send it to us.

Advanced training

This can only be delivered at district level, it will be led by our Regional Officer for Safeguarding (ROS) Jade Morgan.

The following courses are live to book onto via Eventbrite

- Thursday October 15th 6pm online
- Friday November 27th 10am at in person at Brean Methodist Church

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/bristol-advanced-training-with-jade-morgan-4841532>

Alternatively, you can complete the advanced course in a self-led manner online (via MCBX) followed by a 'gathered session', dates of gathered sessions are due to be released shortly. If you wish to complete advanced training in this way then your request should be sent to Amber Tate on tatea@methodistchurch.org.uk, you will need to register on MCBX before you a