



The Methodist Church

Horfield Methodist Church

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We are part of the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit (www.bsqc.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 4th October 2026

WORSHIP DETAILS for 4th October

Horfield at 10:00 conducted by John Barnett - Harvest Festival and Parade (*a chance to donate items/cash towards the important work of Turnaround*).

Bishopston at Horfield.

WORSHIP DETAILS for 11th October

Horfield at 10:00 - Local Arrangement - MHA (Methodist Homes), with a talk by Silke Chatfield, the chaplain at Horfield Lodge .

Bishopston at Horfield.

Lectionary readings. Isaiah 5: 1-7, Psalm 80: 7-15, Philippians 3: 4b-14, Matthew 21: 33-46

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: Carol Nelson, Linnette Nelson, Indira and Richard Norton, Eunice Obeng, George Otoo, Rachel Owen, Rosemary and Terry Palmer, John Parry, James Pocock, Sue Pollard.

A prayer for 3Generate 2-4 October

Loving God,

As children, young people, group leaders and volunteers gather together for the weekend of 3Generate, we give thanks to you for the fun they will share and the friendships they will make.

We want to thank you for the opportunity given to each person taking part, for each child, for each young person, each leader and each volunteer, that they may know your presence and unwavering love.

We thank you for each venue, activity and experience provided at 3Generate to help encourage meaningful conversations about faith with new friends.

We thank you for the safe travels to the event and pray for safe travels home. We ask that the joy experienced at 3Generate would continue into the everyday lives of those attending.

We pray too for all churches and communities, that they may continue to nurture and support young people in faith, wherever they are.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

A Musical Medley at Horfield Friday 9th October 7.30pm

Tickets are still available, so please encourage your friends and family to come along - for tickets email treasurer@methodist.org.uk or ask Donna, Esmin or Lorraine.

Safeguarding Training Update from Circuit **** IMPORTANT ****

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 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. *NB. The training scheduled for Saturday 6th February 2027 will be at Horfield.*

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.

- **Thursday 8th October 2026**, 6.45 for a 7pm start at Shirehampton Methodist Church – led by Fiona and Jo. We would need someone to offer to be chaplain please.
- **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 – venue and 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

- Wednesday September 30th 10am online
- 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

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.

There are a couple of things happening at **Staple Hill Methodist Church** you may be interested in;

Saturday 17th October *Autumn Concert* with the Redland Wind Band at 7.30pm

Repair Café - third Saturday of every month 10am-12noon. Posters are on the noticeboards at Horfield, and on the circuit events page.

DATES for your DIARY

5th October - Property Group Meeting (Horfield site) 7pm at Church

6th October - Leadership Meeting 7pm at Horfield

7th October - Children & Young People Group Meeting at Horfield site

9th October - A Musical Medley 7.30pm at Horfield - see poster on the last page

10th October - Tea, Coffee, Craft & Chat at Bishopston 10.30am - 12pm

17th October - Evangelism weekend follow-up 10am- 12/12.30pm (St Andrews, Filton)

17th October - Property Group Meeting (Bishopston site)

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

22nd October - Church Council 7pm at Horfield

24th October - Messy Church

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

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.



Horfield Methodist Church
presents
A Musical Medley

Friday 9th October
at 7.30pm

An evening of music
featuring guest artistes
Alison Howell (organ)
John Waldren (piano)
supported by musicians and singers
from Horfield Methodist

Adults £10 • Under 18s £5
Tickets: treasurer@horfieldmethodist.org.uk

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



The Methodist Church
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Evangelism weekend '25
follow up!

OCT 17th
10am – 12/12.30pm

ST ANDREWS METHODIST CHURCH,
FILTON, BS34 7PS

Coffee and cake morning for sharing and encouragement!

We will explore:

- What's happened since the weekend?
- How have you been connecting with your community?
- What stories can we celebrate?
- What can we learn from one another?

Come and share ideas, encouragement, and inspiration as we continue reaching out in our communities. Everyone welcome!



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

Avon Valley Railway

Bristol East & Kingswood Brass Band

For more information or to book, scan the QR code.
Any Questions?
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