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 29th November 2026

WORSHIP DETAILS for 29th November
Horfield at 10.00. Local Arrangement – the theme is **"Living Water"**, inspired by the vision of the river flowing from the temple in **Ezekiel 47:1–12**. Wherever the river flows, it brings life, healing and abundance. Using Resources from the Season of Creation 2026.
Bishopston at 10:30 conducted by Revd John Emmett.

WORSHIP DETAILS for 6th December
Horfield at 10.00. Café Style Worship. Come and join us as we share stories from our chosen Christmas charity - Action for Children. There will also be a quiz and some craft! All money collected at this service will be donated to the charity to help with the important work they do. If you want to find out more click here or visit www.actionforchildren.org.uk
Bishopston at 10.30 conducted by Revd Martin Slocombe with Holy Communion.

Lectionary readings. Isaiah 64: 1-9, Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9, Mark 13: 24-37

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: Julie Leeming, Joan Lewis, Sandra Lloyd, Brian and Sheila Lomas, Lucy Manners, Katherine Matthews, Jennifer McClaren, Efua Mensah, Oswald Mensah, Samuel and Veronica Mensah.

Our Advent theme for 2026 is "Don't be afraid" – A message from Revd Martin Slocombe
These words accompanied the appearance of angels, to Mary, to Joseph and to the shepherds. Fear is a natural reaction to the unexpected and the inexplicable, both of which are themes of the Christmas story.
Lots of us are afraid, for lots of good reasons. But there are glimmers of goodness and love all around, like feathers: light and easily missed, scattered around us. Will you notice them?
From Advent to Christmas, Don't Be Afraid follows a simple but powerful journey. Each week names a different way fear shows up, and a different way God meets us within it.
During Advent, we begin by learning to notice hope, even when things feel uncertain or unsettled. We discover that God is already at work, beginning something new, often in hidden or overlooked places. As the story unfolds, we are reminded that God is closer than we think, present before we recognise it. We see that God's presence can interrupt our plans, not to unsettle us, but to open new possibilities.
At Christmas, we hear the heart of the good news: God comes near in Jesus, not with force, but with vulnerability and love.

Beyond Christmas, the journey continues as we learn to trust that God stays with us over time, makes a home among us, and gently guides us step by step.
I hope you will enjoy reflecting upon this journey we travel together as we approach this most wonderful season of Christmas.
God bless,
Revd Martin

The Christmas Fayre

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who worked so hard on the stalls and in the café, and to everyone on the fundraising committee. Both the main hall and the church were full of people - it was a lovely celebration of friendship, community and Christmas Spirit. At the last count, the total raised = £2,248.26 – an amazing achievement!!



Last Sunday

At our service last Sunday Martin led a discussion around our Unique Selling Points – we talked about what we do well and what we can focus on in 2027. Below, are the bullet points from that discussion. The Leadership team will be meeting in January to look at these and start planning the next steps……

Things we are good at……
Welcoming Volunteering Church looking great
Friendly Adapt to change Fayre Christmas Journey
Eco Church Little Fishes Hiring out our rooms a presence on Gloucester Road
Link with Groups?? Inclusive Messy Church Pastoral Care

Things we are already doing, but could do better……
Engaging with community
Engage with our hirers/groups incl. scouts
How we reach the local Community and engage on Eco matters
Improve Messy Church offering
link with Horfield Lodge

Something new outside of these walls……
Offer free coffee/biscuits before Rovers home games – a presence before games on the street
Soup kitchen
Open up the buzz zone more
Glass doors at the front
All 4 of these could be looked at as 1 project.

We hope that as a membership we can work together and there will be plenty of opportunity for everyone to get involved in any new initiatives – further meetings and more information will follow.

Cleaning – Horfield site

We are looking to create a list of volunteers to cover any days that our cleaner can't come in (e.g for sickness, holiday). The idea being we have a list of days that people are generally free, then if for any reason we are in need on a particular day, Helen would know who would be best to contact. If this is something you think you could help with, please let Helen or Lou know.

Turnaround – Christmas Appeal 2026 Turnaround is collecting gifts and essential items to create festive packages for its guests. For the full list of what is needed click here or visit www.turnaround.org.uk/news/share-christmas-joy-with-turnaround-bristol A copy of the full list is available at Horfield, and there is also a box at the back of church, where you can drop off any items.

A message from All We Can

'Are you looking for an impactful gift this Christmas?
With every Extraordinary Gift, you will receive a card to pass on to your loved one, showing them the difference their gift could make.
All the proceeds from Extraordinary Gifts go to wherever the need is greatest across our work.
You have until Wednesday 16th December to secure your Extraordinary Gifts in time for Christmas!
You can order your Extraordinary Gifts in one of three ways:

1. *On the All We Can website: https://www.allwecan.org.uk/extraordinary-gifts*
2. *Via the Extraordinary Gifts Catalogue*
3. *By calling the All We Can Supporter Care Team: 020 3758 7700*

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.

62nd Horfield Scouts Group

Our Scouts will be selling Christmas Trees again this year – see the poster on the last page and on the noticeboards at Horfield. Please support them if you are able. Also, the date of their carol service at Horfield has changed – it will now be on the 9th December.

An invitation from our friends at Holy Trinity Church, Horfield

All are welcome to join us as we anticipate Christ's birthday;
Sunday 29th November 6pm Advent Service & Sunday 20th December 6pm Service of Lessons and Carols

DATES for your DIARY

***5th December** – Messy Church 10am – 12pm at Horfield*
***6th December** – Christmas Gift Service 10am at Horfield (in aid of Action for Children)*
***6th December** – Christmas Carols with the CBF Church 3.30pm at Horfield*
9th December** – Scouts & Brownies Festive Carols 6pm at Horfield ***change of date*
***12th December** - The 4C's Craft, Chat, Coffee & Cake 10.30am at Bishopston*
***17th December** – Christmas Singalong 7.30pm at Horfield (An evening singing Christmas carols and songs)*
***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.


62nd Horfield Scout Group
Christmas Trees
Saturday 28th November
5th and 12th December
8am to 3.30pm
Horfield Parish Church Hall
Wellington Hill
Norway Spruce & Nordmann Firs
in a range of sizes with a choice of stands.


"FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN:
AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER:
AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR,
THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE."
ISAIAH 9:6
YOU ARE INVITED TO
Christmas carols
SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER @ 3:30 PM
(AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
SERVICE)
HORFIELD METHODIST CHURCH
1 CHURCHWAYS AVENUE
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