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 8th November 2026

WORSHIP DETAILS for 8th November
Horfield at 10.00 conducted by David King – Remembrance Service
Bishopston at 10:30 conducted by Revd Martin Slocombe with Holy Communion

WORSHIP DETAILS for 15th November
Horfield at 10.00 conducted by Revd Deborah Mallett
Bishopston at 10:30. Local Arrangement – Action for Children

Lectionary readings. Isaiah 25: 1-9 or Isaiah 52: 7-12 or Micah 4: 1-8, Psalm 9: 9-20 or Psalm 46, Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39 or Revelation 22: 1-5, Matthew 5: 1-12 or Matthew 5: 43-48 or John 15: 9-17

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: Gordon Chambers, David and Mary Chandler, Anne Chapman, Jenny and Keith Cornell, Linda Cox, Joan Davis, Libby Deeks, Jane Duffy, Revd Dilwyn and Margaret Edwards.

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.

Forget Me Not Service at Bishopston
Thank you to Martin who led us in worship as we remembered those we love, but can no longer see. It was a beautiful service of reflection - we shared laughter, tears and memories. A lovely evening!

Discussion Group – Heaven

Our fourth session is Tuesday 10th 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!

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 unsure what you need or have any questions contact Pauline, she will be more than happy to help.

Sponsor a street tree is Bristol

Thank you for all your generous donations. It is great that so many of you were able to help and show your support for this exciting project. 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. In the meantime, if you want to find out more about this initiative visit www.treesforstreets.org.uk

November Eco Tip from Climate Stewards

As winter creeps in, homes are really important. God calls us to give nature a home, too. Does your garden have a bird feeder? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life? If you don't own the house, you could make a case to the homeowner for a bird box, hedgehog highway or whatever. (For a hedgehog highway do make sure the neighbours are OK with you making a small hole in a shared fence). Why not gather your housemates, friends and family to discuss how a new recycling, heating or transport arrangement might work for you all - you'll go further together!

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

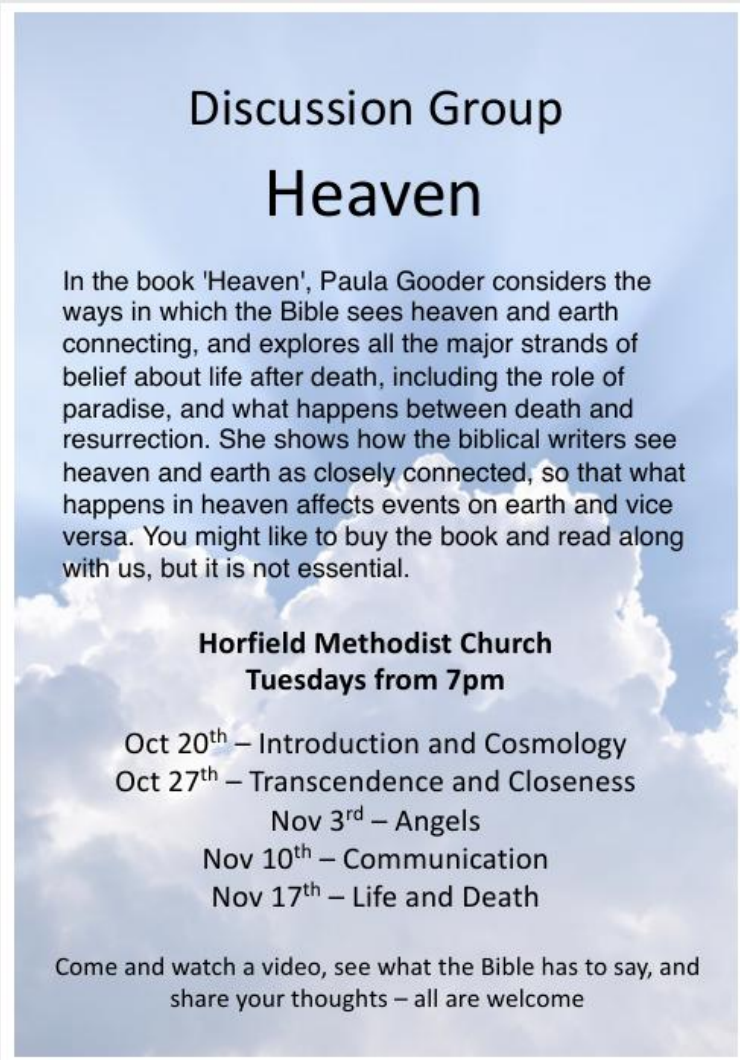
Circuit Events. To find out what's going on across the circuit and details about all upcoming events click here or check out the hard copy situated on both noticeboards.

DATES for your DIARY

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.



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 form 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