



The Methodist Circuit of Gloucestershire Newsletter (Issue 80 – 25.08.10)

Prayers

We ask you to remember in your prayers this week the worship, work and witness of the congregation at Quedgeley.

Superintendent's Lunch Club

The Superintendent's Lunch Club will resume on Thursday 9th September 2010 at 12.30 p.m. and will be held at Fromebridge Mill, Whitminster, Gloucester and will continue the following week on Thursday 16th December 2010 at 12.30 p.m. at The Moon Under the Water, Bath Rd, Cheltenham.

Methodists for World Mission Conference

The South West Conference of Methodists for World Mission is being held at Ammerdown from 29th to 31st October 2010. They would like to encourage any overseas students who might be interested to attend and the District is prepared to meet the cost of 2 such students.

If you know of any overseas students who would be interested and able to attend this Conference, please contact the Circuit office.

Circuit Welcome Service

This year's Welcome Service for new staff will take place at Bethesda Methodist Church, Great Norwood Street, Cheltenham on Thursday 2nd September 2010 at 7.30 p.m when the preacher will be the District Chairman the Revd Ward Jones. In this service we shall be welcoming the Revd Philip Morse to Gloucester Barton St, Lonsdale Rd & St. John's, the Revd Heather Upton to Aylburton, Bream, Clements End, Coalway, Ellwood & Woolaston, the Revd Carrie Seaton to Cirencester & North Cerney. We will also be welcoming URC ministers the Revd Sian Collins to Nailsworth and the Revd James Taylor to Fairford, South Cerney & Tetbury, both of whom have now been in post for a while. And we will be welcoming Susan Price who was appointed Families Worker @ Cirencester, South Cerney & Tetbury earlier this year, and Amanda Wragg, who is about to take up her appointment as Families Worker in Tewkesbury.

While some informal welcomes have been arranged more locally, we ask everyone to come to the Circuit welcome as well so that your new member of staff may feel supported. And if you're not in any of the churches mentioned above, this is a Circuit welcome for Circuit staff so we want you there too!

If you're a church steward, please will you make sure this gets publicised in this coming Sunday's notices.

Rev Canon John James
Superintendent Minister



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Powerpoint Training

There are still training places available for learning basic PowerPoint, or finding out what it can do, FREE at Chepstow Library on Saturday 4th September between 1.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. The only cost is getting there and paying the pay-and-display car park fee. If you are interested please contact Philip Hyne on 01594 824656 or pandjhyne@tiscali.co.

St Alban's Methodist Church, Stroud - Autumn Celebration and Harvest Festival

St. Alban's Methodist Church would like to invite you to share in their Autumn Celebration and Harvest Festival at St Alban's Methodist Church, Stroud on:-

Saturday 25th September 10.00 am - 4.30 pm

Sunday 26th September 12 noon - 6.00 pm

There will be flowers, displays, crafts, produce and refreshments.

Their Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 26th September at 10.00 am and in the evening at 6.30pm there will be a Songs of Praise service.

Entry is free but donations to the church funds are welcomed.

Fairford United Church

As part of their Festival of Psalms, Fairford United Church will be holding a day of reflection. On Tuesday September 14th 2010 from 10.00-11.30 a.m. Revd James Taylor will lead a study on the Psalms. For further details please contact Mrs Thelma Hardie 01285 713971.

This will be followed in the afternoon from 2.00-3.00 p.m. when Mr John Reynolds will lead a reflective time on the Psalms. And from 3.00-4.00 p.m. there will be a choice of two crafts - Quilling and Banner making.

In the evening from 7.00-8.00 p.m. there will be three craft choices quilling, banner making and collage work and from 8.00-9.00 p.m. Revd Barbara Bridges will conclude the day with a quiet time reflecting on the Psalms.

All these events are open to anyone to come along and drop in as you please. Please come and join in at your time of choosing and bring a friend or two!

Also, as part of the Festival of Psalms, Christian artist, Alison Thistlethwaite will be the supper speaker on 17th September 2010 at 7.00 p.m. at Fairford United Church.



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Supper will be served at 7.00 p.m. and Alison will then speak about and demonstrate her gifting. There is no charge, but there will be a donation basket. If you would like to book a place please contact Rosie Emmerson on 01451 844656 – please not places will be restricted so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Hucclecote Methodist Church

You are invited to visit Hucclecote Methodist Church on Sunday 12th September 2010 for new worship 'Junction Ahead'.

7.00 p.m. Cafe, Chill Out and Worship Warm Up, followed at 7.30 p.m. Worship. Everyone is welcome.

An Invitation from Christchurch (Gloucester)PCN Group

Walter Brueggemann, an outstanding Old Testament scholar, has produced a four session DVD study on the conditions of the Israelites under Pharaoh, the significance of the giving of the Law at Sinai, and the influence of all this in subsequent years to the time of the Jesus and the Roman empire. It is called "***Countering Pharaoh's Consumption Society Today***" and suggests "*it is a journey from slavery to covenant that we keep making over and over again.(.because) Pharaoh has immense power always to draw us back into slavery*" If you would like to share this study with us, the first presentation will be (at Christchurch) on **Saturday September 4th at 2.30 p.m.**

Methodists at 'Greenbelt' this Weekend

As well as a full Methodist programme in the Gallilee Tent at Greenbelt there will be other Methodist contributions in 'The Living Room' of 'G Source':

11am on Saturday 28th, Steve Hucklesby of Methodist Church House will be leading a discussion on 'Post Copenhagen: Where next?'

3pm on Sunday 29th August, Mark Boulton from Bethesda, Cheltenham will be inviting questions on 'Free Energy from the sun' which will include the implementation of PV installations at the church and his home.

7pm on the same day Jerry Barr will be sharing his ongoing experiences in seeking to build community in Bishop's Cleeve as part of the 'Transition Towns' network.

These are just three of a full programme of environmental issues being addressed in the 'Living Room' over the weekend. The speakers include Revd Dave Bookless of A Rocha".



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Cookery Demonstration - Any budding Master Chefs?

Cookery Demonstration on Wednesday 8th September 2010 at 7.30pm

With the winner of Celebrity Master Chef now decided, you can brush up on your culinary skills on Wednesday 8th September 10 at Lonsdale Road Methodist Church Hall (off Elmbridge Road) Gloucester.

Starting at 7.30pm there's a Cookery Demonstration with Karen Merrett, Regional Manager of Sainsbury's Supermarkets "Try Team".

It's all part of the church's fortnightly Wednesday Group meeting and visitors are welcome.

Admission is just £2.00 and includes Coffee or Tea, plus a biscuit!

World Mission ISPG

If anyone is interested in world mission USPG, the Anglican mission group has just launched a new four-session study course that will enable any church group to undertake an in-depth exploration of what world mission means today. Entitled 'The World is My Parish', each session is designed to last approximately 90 minutes – so the course could be conducted over a series of evenings, in a single study day or over a parish weekend.

Materials can be downloaded for free. Alternatively, a hard copy of materials can be obtained from USPG, with a requested donation of at least £10 to cover costs. Further info online at: http://www.uspg.org.uk/article.php?article_id=874

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