



Welcome to  
**Bethesda Methodist  
Church**

[www.bethesda-church.org.uk](http://www.bethesda-church.org.uk)

Minister: Rev Hilary Ewing  
(day off Wednesday)

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We welcome all friends and visitors to our Services.

**Sunday, 8th August 2010**

10.30 am Holy Communion Rev Canon John Mead  
6.00 pm Evening Service Brian Gibb  
The Stewards on duty are Catherine & Brian Gibb.  
Brian & Helen Gibb welcome us to Church.

**Sunday, 15th August**

10.30 am Morning Service Ann Hudson, Winchcombe  
6.00 pm United Evening Service at St Philip & St James

Stewards	Val Gage & Anne Rawlinson
Vestry Steward	Elaine Bailey
Welcome	Barbara Weaver, Georgie Harding
Coffee	Ann, Stuart, Holly Smith, Sally Williams
Traidcraft	Joan France & Mary Sanders

**Sunday, 22nd August**

10.30 am All Age Worship Rev Hilary Ewing  
6.00 pm Evening Service Rev John James, Stroud

Stewards	Annette Turner & Celia Kidd
Vestry Steward	Barbara Ellis
Welcome	Noel & Pat Hopes
Coffee	Dawn & Mike Guest, Joan Berry
Traidcraft	Helen Davies, Joan McKenzie

**Sunday, 29th August**

10.30 am	Morning Service	Tony Rowntree, B. Cleeve
6.00 pm	Holy Communion	Rev Hilary Ewing

Stewards	Val Gage & Dilys Harrison
Vestry Steward	Joan France
Welcome	Joan Berry, Barbara Ellis
Coffee	Val & Bryan Williams, Sylvia & Derek Fryer
Traidcraft	Jo & Chloe Bennett

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**Calendar**

Mid-week Communion at 10.00am Thursday 19th August  
All are welcome.

Choir Practice, every Friday in August at 7.30 pm.

Saturday, Coffee Shop at 10.30 am

14th August	Katie Hare, Angela Baldwin
21st August	Hazel Bonvini, Barbara Furber
28th August	Margaret Heaven, Barbara Ellis

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**Accommodation needed**

Can you help? A young woman from Tanzania is in need of accommodation, short or long term, while studying for her PhD at the Park Campus. Details available from Jim Coates.

### Action For Children (NCH)

If you would like your home collecting box emptied please pass it to Margaret Allsopp as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Backpackers

There are four walks during August. Please contact the person named if you will be walking:

Wednesday 4th Sedgeberrow 6 miles (John Morrell)

Monday 9th Charlton Kings 5 miles (Jim Coates)

Tuesday 17th Final Cotswold Way section, 6 miles (Elaine Bailey)

Thursday 26th Buckholt Wood/Cranham 5 miles (Peter Green)

### Church picnic

Saturday 14th August from 3.00pm. A picnic in Hatherley Park for all the Church family. Enjoy Rounders and a picnic. Please bring your food. Ice creams on sale.

### Circuit Welcome Service at Bethesda

Bethesda will be hosting the Gloucestershire Circuit Welcome Service for new staff on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm. We will be welcoming four new staff to the Circuit including Revd Carrie Seaton who moves from Gloucester to take pastoral charge of Cirencester Methodist/UR Church and North Cerney.

### Advance Notice - Creative Writing Workshop 18<sup>th</sup> September

In preparation for the Bethesda festival on 2nd and 3rd October: A Creative writing workshop; prose, poetry, drama. If you have an inclination to use words, please join me in the Upper Room, Bethesda, on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 10-12 noon. We will be creating work for an exhibition for the festival, and if there is some material you have you wish to share with us then please bring it along. I look forward to seeing you. Rowena Hulton.

## Bethesda festival of Arts and Crafts

On 2nd and 3rd October. (Please also see the separate leaflet on this 'Impressions of Bethesda' weekend.)

As part of Bethesda's Harvest Festival we are hoping to collect some reminiscences of times past, spoken and pictures. If you can help with the content or with compiling the material, please contact Helen Lammiman.

Do you remember tales of when the schoolroom was really a school? What did Bethesdans do during the war? Who has been a member for the longest time? Your ideas will be better than these, just get thinking!

**Calling all singers!** Come and join the choir in a performance of Roger Jones' "Saints Alive" on Sunday, October 3rd at 6pm (part of the bumper Harvest Festival weekend).

Rehearsals are at 8pm on the following Fridays: August 6, 13, 20, September 10, 17, 24, October 1.

Details from Chris Lammiman.

## Hope in God's Future - Bethesda's response

In making their 3rd EcoAward to Bethesda, the assessors encouraged us, as a "beacon" eco-church, to send our own carefully considered responses to this important report which will be presented to Conference in 2011.

For those with web access the report and the response form can be downloaded from [Bethesda's website](#). It is not proving practical to produce a unified response so you are requested to make your own response to the national consultation, which you can hand in to Mark or Hilary for sending off. Thank you to those who have already responded, but we would like much more feedback, please.

Those without web access can find printed copies of the report and the reply form in the vestibule and on the Traidgreen Stall. Ask Mark if you can't find one. Please let Mark or Hilary know if/when you have responded - even if you do not feel able to

complete some of the questions. There will be further details in the August issue of Outlook but the deadline is the end of September.

Items for Notices -

Items for the notices should be sent to **David Terry** by 7 pm on the preceding Thursday. (2<sup>nd</sup> September, as these notices cover the rest of August.)