



Welcome to
**Bethesda Methodist
Church**

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(day off Wednesday)

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Sunday, 1st August 2010

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Hilary Ewing
10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Hilary Ewing
6.00 pm	Evening Service	Dr Michael Fryers

We welcome all friends and visitors to our Services.

The Stewards on duty are Adrian Pawley & Celia Kidd.

Margaret & Peter Allsopp welcome us to Church.

The flowers today are given by Anne Rawlinson for Michael and Emma.

Sunday, 8th August

10.30 am	Morning Service	Rev Canon John Mead
6.00 pm	Evening Service	Brian Gibb

Stewards	Catherine & Brian Gibb
Vestry Steward	Brian Berry
Welcome	Brian & Helen Gibb
Coffee	Louise & Keith Norman, Bridget & Helen Nye
Traidcraft	Margaret Heaven, Kay Morrell

Calendar

Friday, 6th August

7.30 pm Choir practice

Saturday, 7th August

10.30 am Coffee Shop, Fairtrade goods available.
(Mildred & Alan Burrell)

NOTICES

There will be a Notice sheet next week for Sunday 8th to 31st August.

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. References and 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.

Hall & Creche decoration

The Hall and Creche are being decorated from 2nd August for 3 to 4 weeks. Coffee after Church Services may be held in the Church.

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 Wenchford - Forest of Dean 5 miles (Elaine Bailey)

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

Coffee Rotas

Saturday morning Coffee Shop Rotas are in the pigeon holes.
Thank you. Celia

Church picnic

A date for your diary - Saturday 14th August. 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

A date for your diary: Bethesda will be hosting the Gloucestershire Circuit Welcome Service for new staff on Thursday, 2nd 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 18th 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 18th 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.