



Welcome to  
**Bethesda Methodist  
Church**

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Rev'd Naomi Cooke

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We welcome all friends and visitors to our Services and invite you to join us for coffee after the Morning Service.



**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> August**

10:30 am Morning Worship

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12;  
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> August**

10:30 am Holy Communion

Rev'd Naomi Cooke

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> August**

10:30 am Morning Worship

Rev'd Naomi Cooke

6:00 pm Holy Communion

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Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111;  
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August**

10:30 am All Age Worship

Karen Burridge

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84;  
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

**Large Print:** If you would prefer to use a large print hymn book or service book we have some available. Also, if you cannot read the screen and would like to have a printed copy of the service please speak to a steward.

## August Duty Rotas

### 5th August

Stewards: Moira & Alasdair Anderson  
Welcome: Dawn & Mike Guest

### 12th August

Stewards: Moira & Alasdair Anderson  
Vestry: Celia Kidd  
Welcome: Sally Williams & Christine Wisdom  
Music: Alasdair Anderson  
Coffee: Alexis & Brian Cassin and Anna Young  
Flower Dist: Ros Terry  
PA: Graham Nye  
Screen: Keith Norman

### 19th August

Stewards: Catherine Gibb & Bridget Nye  
Vestry: Elaine Bailey  
Welcome: Helen Davies & Sue Harvey  
Music: Alasdair Anderson  
Coffee: Val Gage, Connie & Geoffrey Bourton  
Fairtrade: Bernard Stradling & Elaine Bailey  
Flower Dist: Doody Marlow  
PA: Stephen Marlow  
Screen: Adrian Pawley

### 26th August

Stewards: Moira Anderson & Andy Sparkes  
Vestry: Anne Rawlinson  
Welcome:  
Music: Wendy Berry  
Coffee: Marian & David Henderson and Noel Hopes  
Fairtrade: Anne Rawlinson & Anna Young  
Flower Dist: Anna Young  
PA: Graham Nye  
Screen: Brian Robertson

### Saturday Morning Coffee

11<sup>th</sup>: Val & Ray Gage

18<sup>th</sup>: Margaret & Peter Allsopp

25<sup>th</sup>: Catherine & Brian Gibb

1<sup>st</sup> Sept: Andy Sparkes & Celia Kidd

### Bethesda Backpackers

The Backpackers walks continue weekly as usual through the summer. We walk on a different day each week to enable everyone to keep up their regular commitments. We welcome anyone to join us.

**Friday 10th:** a 6 mile walk around Lechlade - led by John Morrell

**Saturday 18th:** a 4½ mile walk led by Bob Parkin from Edge

**Wednesday 22nd:** a shorter walk of just under 4 miles from Down Ampney led by John

**Tuesday 28th:** Brian Robertson is leading a walk of 5 miles between Shipton and Foxcote.

### Outlook

The August issue of 'Outlook' should be available on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Please look out for a copy of the magazine in the vestibule when you arrive at Church.

### Action For Children Cream Teas

English Summer Cream Teas are being served on the lawn at Tewkesbury Methodist Church on Saturday 25th August from 2.30-4.30pm. No need to book and all profits will go to Action for Children. Please come along and support this worthy cause.

### Music Notes at Bethesda

The next Bethesda at Six (Classical and Jazz series) is on 23rd September at 6pm. Hannah Davy sings Jazz.

Saturday Music Club will meet at 10.30 August 18th and Saturday Sept.15th. New singers welcome.

Anyone interested in a vocal group for non-singers? Contact John Cox or Christine Wisdom.

### Katelyn's Sponsored Bike Ride

Katelyn's best friend Archie died of cancer. During the last few months of his life, Katelyn spent a lot of time at Acorns Hospice with Archie. She would like to give something back to Acorns and is doing a bike ride from Bristol to Bath at the end of August to raise money. She wondered if anyone could please sponsor her? Sponsor forms will be in church on various Sundays in August - thank you Wendy.

### Craft and Play

We are planning to hold a 'craft and play' session for children one afternoon during the autumn half-term holiday. The idea is for children (accompanied by their parents) to choose from a variety of activities,

such as making things to take home, learning a new craft, doing a jigsaw, playing games, etc. There may even be some junk modelling. These are the kind of things you will already do with your own children or grandchildren. If you think you could help out with these activities, please speak to Katie or any of the other stewards. Although this is still some way off, it would help to gauge people's interest and availability in readiness for further planning. Thank you.

### Taking a break for the summer...

**Toddlers:** The Toddlers groups are now on their summer break and will restart on Monday 3rd September and Thursday 13th September.

**Luncheon Club and Welcome Club:** Luncheon Club and Welcome Club have now closed for the summer holidays. Both will restart on Tuesday 4th September.

**Bible Study:** Wednesday morning Bible Study is taking a break for the summer.

**Bethesda Singers:** A well-earned break for our singers before the planned Autumn schedule ... we will resume rehearsals on 6th September. All welcome to come along then at 7.30pm in the Sanctuary.

### Items for Notices

The next edition of the notices is due on 2nd September. Items for these notices should be sent to Adrian Pawley by 7pm on the preceding Thursday (30th August).

Telephone numbers are Cheltenham area (01242-) unless otherwise indicated.

These notices are also available from the church website at [bethesda-church.org.uk](http://bethesda-church.org.uk), via the congregation email list or via the church twitter account:



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