



Welcome to
**Bethesda Methodist
Church**

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Minister:

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, 27th May

10:30 am Morning Worship

David Bennett

6:00 pm Bethesda at 6 Piano Recital (see inside for details)

Lectionary Readings: Trinity Sunday
Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

The stewards today are Bridget Nye & Andy Sparkes.
Stephen & Doddy Marlow welcome us to church.

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

Sunday, 3rd June

10:30 am Holy Communion followed by AGCM Rev'd Naomi Cooke

Lectionary Readings: Ordinary 9 - I Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20);
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; II Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

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

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.



This church has an induction loop system. Please set your hearing aid to the T, telephone or loop setting.

Regular Events

<u>Monday, 28th May</u> Toddlers are on holiday	<u>Thursday, 31st May</u> Toddlers are on holiday 2:00 pm V.I.P.s group 7:30 pm Bethesda Singers
<u>Tuesday, 29th May</u> 12:30 pm Luncheon Club 2:30 pm Welcome Club	<u>Friday, 1st June</u>
<u>Wednesday, 30th May</u> 10:30 am Bible Study	<u>Saturday, 2nd June</u> 10:30 am - 12 noon Coffee Shop (Dawn Guest & Bernard Stradling)

Next Sunday's Duty Rota: 3rd June

Stewards: Catherine Gibb & Alasdair Anderson
Vestry: Celia Kidd
Welcome: Anne Rawlinson & Brenda Cox
Music: Alasdair Anderson
Coffee: Ann & Stuart Smith, Sally Williams
Flower dist: Ros Terry
PA: Graham Nye
Screen: Keith Norman

Bethesda at Six, Tonight - Sunday, 27th May

A Piano Recital by the pianists James and Pippa Willshire. Free admission. Donations to Bethesda's Bread@Bethesda initiative with St Philip and St James: creating community through the making, baking and breaking of bread. Hannah Davey has unfortunately had to postpone her Jazz evening until the autumn.

Big Brekkie - Tomorrow

Please support Bethesda's Christian Aid themed "Big Brekkie" as part of the Suffolks Fair on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th May. Come for breakfast! Offers of help for any period of time from 10 am till 3 pm that day will be very welcome; please speak to Bridget or Moira.

Outlook

The June issue of 'Outlook' should be available next Sunday. Please look out for a copy when you arrive at church.

Cobalt Unit Cards

A big thank you from Pam Brookes to everyone who has supported the Cobalt Unit by purchasing or donating cards. I paid in £28.16 on 21st April and a further £26.60 on 16th May.

Anthony Nolan Coffee Morning

Geoffrey and Connie Bourton would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their support surrounding the Anthony Nolan Coffee Morning. £1,276.25 was donated through the Coffee Morning and JustGiving page. Thank you to everyone who donated, as well as those who were involved in running the event.

Bethesda Backpackers

On Tuesday, May 29th there will be a fairly flat 4½ mile walk from the Anchor Inn at Epney, leaving at 9:30 am. Please let John Morrell know if you will be joining us.

Please note that the walk that was planned for Thursday, 7th June has had to be cancelled. Bob's Shipton Oliffe walk will now be on Friday, 15th June.

Annual General Church Meeting - Sunday 3rd June

Our AGCM will be held following a short service of Holy Communion on Sunday, 3rd June. This is an opportunity to engage with activities and future plans at Bethesda. Please look out for reports and updates over the coming weeks. Refreshments will be served. Please do plan to stay and participate. Thank you.

Michael Perham University Cathedral Lecture

Church of England Reader, theologian and writer Dr Paula Gooder will present the annual Michael Perham University Cathedral Lecture at Gloucester Cathedral on 5th June. Currently the Director for Mission and Development in the Birmingham Diocese, Dr Gooder is passionate about igniting enthusiasm for reading the Bible today, and making scholarship accessible. The event starts with refreshments in the Chapter House from 6:15 pm, and the lecture starts at 7 pm in the Quire. The lecture is named after the former Bishop of Gloucester, who introduced an annual lecture organised between the University of Gloucestershire and Gloucester Cathedral. To book your free place, please visit

<https://cathedral-lecture-2018.eventbrite.co.uk> or telephone 714527.

Soup Lunch

Our next soup lunch will be the first Wednesday next month, 6th June. We will be in need of more help behind the scenes as several of the core team are unable to be here on the day. As usual we would be grateful for the offer of soups, but especially to set up from around 11 am, serve and clear up afterwards. If you can help with any of these please can you let Elaine Bailey (Sunday only) or Anne Rawlinson know ASAP so that they can arrange things well in advance.

Old Circuit Tea

Tewkesbury Methodist Church are hosting a shared service for our "old" Tewkesbury & Cheltenham circuit on Sunday, 24th June. There will be a

tea at 4 pm followed by a service at 6 pm. A small photographic history will also be on display together with banners illustrating the theme of The Servant King. Please let Bridget Nye know if you are planning to attend the tea - Tewkesbury stewards would like to know for catering purposes.

Colour Printing and Copying

You may have observed that the outside of these notices are partly in colour. The new network colour A3 printer/copier/scanner approved by church council has now been installed and is available for church use, replacing our worn-out Utax printer. There is a built-in help guide on the control panel or you may wish to ask Bernard Stradling, David Terry, Graham Nye or Stephen Marlow who, having seen it demonstrated, will be happy to assist, if only to point you at the help guide icon.

Computer-specific queries on printing or scanning can be directed to Graham Nye.

The notices will be back to monochrome next week. The email copies are in colour every week so if you prefer that you may wish to join the congregational email list. See the instructions below to join.

Items for Notices

Items for the notices should be sent to Graham Nye by 7 pm on the preceding Thursday.

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

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

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