

Bethesda Methodist Church Cheltenham

A community of hope



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

Sunday, 17th February

10:30 am Morning Worship

Rev'd Martin Turner

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10;
Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

The steward this morning is Andy Sparkes.
Liz Symes & Anna Young welcome us to church.

The flowers today are in memory of Ann Smith's dear Mum Jennie with love from all the family.

Sunday, 24th February

10:30 am Pick and Mix Service

Local arrangement

6:00 pm 'Bethesda at Six' classical series

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 45:3-11, 15;
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

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

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 order 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, 18th Feb</u> 10:00 am Toddlers Group	<u>Thursday, 21st Feb</u> 9:30 am Toddlers Group 2:00 pm V.I.P.s group 7:30 pm Bethesda Singers
<u>Tuesday, 19th Feb</u> 12:30 pm Luncheon Club 2:00 pm Welcome Club	<u>Friday, 22nd February</u>
<u>Wednesday, 20th Feb</u> 10:30 am Bible Study 2.00 pm Country Dancing	<u>Saturday, 23rd February</u> FAIRTRADE BIG BREW COFFEE MORNING 10:30 am - 12.00 Coffee Shop (Val & Ray Gage)

Next Sunday's Duty Rota: 24th February

Steward: Bridget Nye
 Vestry: Robert Parkin
 Welcome: Celia Kidd & Tina Savage
 Music: Alasdair
 Coffee: Annette Turner, Wendy Berry, Anna Young
 Fairtrade: N/A
 PA: Graham Nye
 Screen: Brian Robertson

Lent Course:

We intend to run a Lent Course this year based on the six episodes of the TV drama 'Broken'. The programme deals with our brokenness in challenging ways. The course will allow people to discuss the questions raised in the series.

Starting on Wednesday, 6th March and continuing on each Weds evening from the 20th March through to the 17th April, the group will meet in The Well between 7 and 9pm. We will need to know numbers asap so **please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule**. Many thanks. Naomi

OUTLOOK

The February issue of 'Outlook', our church magazine, is now available and copies may be found in the vestibule and on the church website.

Worship space

We have been considering for some time now how to make our worship space more inclusive and child friendly. We will be experimenting within the sanctuary to find where we can create a safe space for the youngest of our children and their parents. We hope this will be a helpful development and look forward to your support and encouragement. Many thanks.

FAIRTRADE BIG BREW COFFEE MORNING SAT 23RD FEB. 10.30- 12noon.

You are invited to come along and help celebrate Traidcraft's 40th birthday with a cup of fairtrade tea/coffee and cake. There will also be a stall selling cakes and Fairtrade produce. Offers of help/cakes will be gratefully received. Thank you, Helen Davies.

Women's Day of Prayer Friday 1st March

The World Day of Prayer is being held at 10.30am Cheltenham Minster & also St. Mary's, Charlton Kings, 2pm St Barnabas & 2.30pm St Stephens. This service has been written by the women of Slovenia.

Church Lunch: Sunday, 3rd March

There will be lunch after the service on Sunday, 3rd March and everyone is invited to come along to share in food and fellowship together. Your friends and family are welcome to join us too. Just add your name/s to the sign-up sheet in either the Vestibule or the Hall - it's as easy as that! If you are able to help with either food preparation or setting tables then please speak to Bridget Nye after Service today. Thank you.

Bethesda Backpackers

This week's walk is tomorrow, Monday 18th from Evenlode to the National Trust house at Chastleton starting at 9.30. The walk is 4 1/2 miles mainly very gentle terrain with just one climb of 35metres. Please let Elaine know if you would like to join the walk.

Recycling

As we are all now much more aware of our responsibility to the planet we are doing more recycling from home. The circuit newsletter mentioned that the Butterfly Garden at Bamfurlong (thebutterflygarden.org) is asking for plastic milk bottle tops and old VHS tapes to recycle. They work with people of all ages who face challenges of many kinds and have established recycling activities based on these to raise money for Guide Dogs. If you would like to support this

please bring them along to leave in the big box on the cupboards at the back of the hall. See Elaine for more details.

'Bethesda at Six' - Classic series NEXT SUNDAY

The next 'Bethesda at Six' is at 6.00pm on Sunday 24th February. Famous Handel Sonatas for Flute, Violin, Harpsichord given by Gordon Busbridge and friends. Admission is free, donations for the LINC department of Cheltenham Hospital. Do come and bring friends.

Curry evening 5th March

The next curry evening will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 5 March at Balti Walla on Bath Road. All are welcome. If you would like to come, please let Katie know.

Flowers

With the New Year we hope you enjoy having flowers in Church for the services on a Sunday. If you would like to contribute to one of the Sundays this year, there is a calendar on the board in the vestibule. Thank you on behalf of the flower arranging team.

Change of Date for Pastoral Visitors Meeting - Tuesday, 9th April

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date of the next Pastoral Visitor's meeting has changed from the 25th March to the 9th April.

Some More Dates for Your Diary - 7th - 9th June

The Church Community Weekend will be on 7th - 9th June 2019 here at Bethesda! It will be Pentecost and we will celebrate Life together in the Spirit through workshops, teaching, worship, food and fun. More details will follow. For now, simply please save the dates.

Items for Notices - Note Change of Editor

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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