

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, 18th November

10.30 am Morning Service

Simon Monkton

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 4-20; Canticle: 1 Samuel 2: 1-10;
Hebrews 10: 11-14, (15-18).19-25; Mark 13: 1-8

The Steward today is Keith Norman

Sally Williams & Christine Wisdom welcome us to church.

Sunday, 25th November

9.00 am Pick and Mix

Rev'd Naomi Cooke

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 23: 1-7; Psalm 132:1-12, (13 -18); Revelation 1: 4b-8;
John 18 33-37

BETHESDA AT SIX 6.00PM, TONIGHT (18th)

This promises to be a wonderful evening of music - a 50-strong choir conducted by James Gilchrist, supported by brass, timpani, flute and organ, will perform Faurés Requiem and music by Clive Rogers. Free admission. Donations to Mindsong.



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

Large Print: If you would prefer to use a large print hymn 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.

<u>Monday, 19th November</u> 10:00 am Toddlers Group 9.30 am Backpackers walk	<u>Thursday, 22nd November</u> 9:30 am Toddlers Group 2:00 pm V.I.P.s group 7:30 pm Bethesda Singers
<u>Tuesday, 20th November</u> 12.30 pm Luncheon Club 2.30 pm Welcome Club	<u>Friday, 23rd November</u>
<u>Wednesday, 21st November</u> 10.15 am All Saints Housegroup 2.00 pm Country Dancing	<u>Saturday, 24th November</u> 10:30 – 12 .00 Coffee Shop (Dawn Guest and Bernard Stradling)

Next Sunday Rota: 25th November

Welcome: Helen Davies and Sue Harvey

Music: Wendy **Steward:** Catherine Gibb

PA: Graham Nye **Screen:** Brian Robertson

Vestry: Celia Kidd

Coffee: Peter and Margaret Allsopp with Anna Young

Flower dist: Lindsay Williams

COMMUNION

The next Mid-Week Communion will be on Wednesday the 28th November at 12.15 pm in The Ark. All are welcome.

ALL SAINTS HOUSEGROUP – CHANGE OF VENUE

Please note that there is a change of venue for the next meeting of the All Saints Housegroup arranged for Wednesday 21st November. This will now be held in Beechurst Avenue, Cheltenham.

BACKPACKERS,

Turkdean Tuesday 20th November.

5 miles with short steep initial decline, followed by steady incline; thereafter easy walking through field, track and woods. Two step through stiles. Meet at 9:30 am by the Church in Turkdean, where parking should be available on the

street. Lunch at The Royal Oak, Andoversford. Please let Brian and Anne know if you plan to join us.

THANKS, FROM CHRISTIAN AID

A big thank you to everyone at Bethesda who baked, donated, helped on the day and supported the cake stall at the Autumn Fair held on Saturday 10th at St Andrew's. The Bethesda stall raised over £200. The grand total for the Fair will be over **£2,000** and **every £1 raised is matched by £3 from the EU** and so will be worth over **£8,000** for training projects for young people in Ghana. Thank you from Christian Aid!

WHO CARES?

To mark the UN Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women there will be a Forum on Support Services for Women and families in crisis in the county. It is being hosted by the local Soroptimists on Wednesday Nov 28th at 7.30pm at the Harwood Hall Christchurch, Malvern Road. There will be speakers from relevant organisations and stands and information displays. Free Admission and tea/coffee will be served. If you would like a lift, speak to Doddy Marlow or Anna Young.

CHURCH AND SCOUT CHRISTMAS FAIR.

Will be held next Saturday (24th) 10.30am – 2.00pm.

Stalls will include Christmas gifts, novelties, cards, etc. Toys and games, Books, D.V.Ds Cakes and good quality Bric a Brac.

Donations of any of these items can be brought to the hall on Friday evening after 6.30pm or collected by arrangement. Hot lunches will be available from 12.00noon. For further information please contact Noel.

The success of the event will depend on your support. Please support us.

JESUS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Does anyone have a copy of the children's book "Jesus' Christmas Party" by Nicholas Allan? If so, Bernard Stradling would like to borrow it for a few days please.

WELCOME ROTA

The Welcome Rota for 2019 will soon be in preparation so could you please advise Graham Locke before 25th November if you currently help but no longer feel able to continue on the rota. We have already lost several helpers over the last year or so new volunteers would be very welcome - this is not an onerous

task as it only involves a short period before the morning service for 3 or 4 Sundays a year. Please let Graham know if you can.

“FRESH FROM THE WORD”

These International Bible Reading Association daily notes have been found very helpful by so many. You can order a copy for 2019 from Karin Cox or sign the form in the foyer.

These notes are intended for all readers of the Bible, from new Christians to those seeking to deepen their faith and relationship with God. Bringing together over 50 international writers to give you new insights every day, *Fresh from the Word* contains Bible verses, notes, prayers and action points.

Items for Notices

Items for Sunday notices should be sent to Brian Cassin by 7pm, 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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