

Welcome to Highworth Methodist Church

Bulletin for August 2025

Our Church Motto

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love
But the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 1.13)

Our Services for August

Sunday services start at 10.30am and will be followed by refreshments.

3rd August - Own Arrangement led by Peter

10th August- Communion service led by Rev Mark Barrett

17th August - Own Arrangement led by Hazel

24th August - Morning Worship led by Adrian German

31st August - Morning worship led by Pam Mullin

Afternoon Communion Service

No afternoon communion service in August. Our next afternoon Communion service will be on Tuesday 2nd September 2pm led by Rev Ian

The Church Diary

Zoom Prayer meetings continue each Monday morning at 10am. They last for only 30 mins. We pray for our church, the fellowship and other needs.

Please join us either on zoom or at home, praying by yourself

Every **Friday** morning in term time 9.30am **JaM club** for parents/carers and toddlers.

Saturdays 10.30am to 12 noon, **Coffee Morning** and Table Tennis.

Tuesday 5th & 19th August **Craft Group**, 10am to 1pm.

Wednesday There will not be a **3Cs** in August this year. The next 3Cs will be on **September 10th**.

Friday Blessings are organised by Churches Together in Highworth. They are held at St.Michaels on a Friday morning at 9.15am for 30 minutes. Please do come and join others to pray for Highworth.

Rev Ian Mead, our new minister

Ian will be moving into the Highworth manse in the middle of August. Please pray for Ian as he prepares to move and take up his position in the Circuit as minister for Highworth and Shrivenham churches.

His welcome service will be on Saturday 30th August at 4pm. Our district chair, Rev Marcus Torchon, will lead the service along with Rev Shirlyn.

Refreshments will be served after the service. This will be an opportunity for everyone to meet Ian.

Also pray for Rev Joseph and Martha as they move to Birmingham

Coffee Mornings

Our Coffee mornings are held each Saturday from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Table tennis is also available in the Ball room.

Coffee Mornings held in July

5th July - Westrop School

12th July - Bumps to Babies

19th July - HMC £135

26th July - Uplands Enterprise Trust

Coffee Mornings in August

2nd August - HMC - Lynne

9th August - HMC - Val & Peter

16th August - HMC - Tricia

23rd August - HMC - Lynne

30th August - Uplands Enterprise Trust

Leadership Meeting

The Leadership Team normally meets once a month. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5th August.

Sponsoring for Alzheimers Society

Andy Davenport asked if you would like to sponsor him as he paddles the Thames from Lechlade to Windsor. It will take him 5 days and he will camp overnight on the side of the river!

His mum, Jean Morris, passed away in January with Alzheimers and he is doing it in her memory. He has a Just Giving page,

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/andy-davenprt-1> or put a donation in the offering box marked for the Alzheimers society.

Fundraising Group

The Church needs a small fundraising group of 3 or 4 people to organise fundraising events.

As our treasurer advised at the General Church meeting, our spending is greater than our income.

Can you be a member of this group to do this? If so, please contact one of the Leadership team.

Bible Society Stamp Collection

Please continue to collect stamps and pass them to Gwen.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 18th June at 7.30pm. The minutes have been circulated by e-mail and displayed on the notice board at the back of the church

There will be a display in the foyer outlining the proposals for the new heating system. If you have any questions, please discuss with a member of the leadership team.

Property Matters

Carpets

The carpets in the church and each room were cleaned in early June. They look significantly better. Can you please ensure that any spillages are dealt with immediately to prevent staining.

Autumn Cleaning

Thank you to all who were able to come and help in the spring. A lot was achieved, but more remains to be done. A date in early Autumn will be selected to do areas not previously cleaned.

Notices

If you put up a notice in church, please do NOT use sellotape. It is really a pain to clean off windows etc. If you put a notice up, you will be responsible for taking it down again.

The new **AV System** has been successfully installed and being used.

Future Dates

Saturday 30th August. Induction of Rev. Ian Mead at HMC, starting at 4pm, Rev Dr Marcus Torchon will preside.

Saturday 15th November. Church Bazaar. Details to be confirmed

Sunday 23rd November. Church Anniversary. Details to be confirmed.

The Bulletin. The September bulletin will be published on the weekend 23rd August. Please send items for inclusion to dianabores96@gmail.com by 20th August

Please note the **new contact Number** for Diana Bores from 2nd June is now 01793 312003. Email remains the same

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