

Welcome to Highworth Methodist Church

Bulletin for May 2026

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 May

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

3rd May - Cafe Church led by Val. The theme is “Are you listening?”
10th May - Morning worship led by Jenny Corkett
17th May - Morning worship. Own arrangement led by Sue
24th May - Pentecost Sunday. Communion Service led by Rev Ian
31st May - Morning Worship led by Pam Mullin

Afternoon Communion Service

Our next afternoon Communion service will be on Tuesday 5th May 2pm led by Rev Shirlyn.

The Church Diary

Zoom Prayer meetings Please note the new time. These are each **Monday** at **9.30am** 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 May Craft Group, 10am to 1pm.

Wednesday 3Cs will be on **May 13th**

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.

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 in April

25th April - Uplands Enterprise Trust

Coffee Mornings in May

2nd May - Prospect - Sarah Nicholls

9th May - Christian Aid - Malcolm & Val

16th May - HMC - Val

23rd May - TBC

30th May - Uplands Enterprise Trust

May Day Weekend

On Saturday 2nd May, it is the May Day event in the High Street and Market Square. There is no vehicle access to the church that day via Sheep Street, so please enter "the wrong way"

CAP Stall

There will be a CAP stall outside the Bridge on May Day. If anyone can help in any way helping at the stall, please contact Kathryn. Tel 07885579876.

Slots are available from 8am to 2pm

Spring Clean

This was on Saturday 18th April, from 2pm to 4pm. Thank you to those able to join in and help. It is important for the church to look good.

There will be another opportunity later in the summer to do the rooms not done this time

Christian Aid Week May 10th - 16th

As in recent years we will be delivering envelopes to houses in the town and again, Visit Highworth have agreed that these can be returned there. There will be NO house to house collection. We will be contacting those who have helped in past years, but we could do with more volunteers. If you would like to help please speak to Malcolm or Val or ring 07501925236

Finance and Fundraising

Gift Day

Our Gift Day was on Saturday 28th March. A total of £1806 plus several donations via Direct Debit was raised. A number of Monthly Standing Orders were also increased. A very sincere thank you to everyone who was able to donate.

Treasurer.

Lynne has been serving as treasurer for a number of years. She stood down with effect from the Church Council meeting on 12th February. Legally we cannot operate as a church without a treasurer.

Can you help? The role can be split to make it less onerous. One person could bank the offerings and lettings money each week or fortnight. A second person could then do the bookkeeping and a third person be the actual treasurer. Lynne has prepared a job description for the role. If anyone is interested, then this can be shared with you. Please speak to one of the Leadership team if you can help in any way.

Ways of Donating to the church

Obviously, you can pay cash or cheque and put it in the Offering Box. If you wish to pay by Bank Transfer or Direct Debit, the church account is:- Highworth Methodist Church. Lloyds Bank. Sort code 30-13-35
A/c 01445066

Gift Aid

Many people pay tax and for every £1 you donate to the church, we can claim 25p from the Tax man. If you do not already do so, please ask one of the Leadership Team for a Gift Aid form.

Fund Raising

One idea is “**Easy Fund Raising**”, this costs you nothing, but if you shop online, you can use this site to buy your items. For example, you just;- log in to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/highworth-methodist-church/> then you can continue to your website of choice through their portal and carry on shopping as normal - that's it !

Visit to Mucknell Abbey

This will be on Saturday 6th June. There is a sign up list for those wishing to go and for those able to offer a lift. Numbers are limited, so please sign up quickly.

It is intended to arrive at the Abbey by 2.45pm, so leaving about 1.15pm. There will be a chance for a tour, refreshments, and Vespers (Evening Prayer). Leaving the Abbey around 6pm.

Link Sorting

It is our turn to do Link Sorting on Thursday 28th May at the Community Centre at 11am.

Peter will not be able to be there, and we need 3 or 4 folk to do the job which takes less than 30 minutes. Please tell Peter if you are able to help.

General Church Meeting

This will be held on Tuesday 19th May at 7.30pm. Could reports please be sent to Peter by 10th May.

Future Dates

General Church Meeting Tuesday 19th May 7.30pm
Church Council. Thursday 18th June 7.30pm

The Bulletin. The April bulletin will be published on the weekend 25th April. Please send items for inclusion to dianabores96@gmail.com by the 22nd April

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