Welcome to
Highworth Methodist Church

Bulletin for November 2026

Our Church Motto

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love
But the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13.13)

Our Services for November

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

1st Nov - Morning Worship led by Robin Phoenix Stone
8th Nov - **10am** Remembrance Sunday. Worship led by Adrian German
10th Nov - Tuesday afternoon Communion 2pm led by Rev Ian
15th Nov - Our Communion Service will be led by Rev Ian
22nd Nov - Church Anniversary. Worship led by Rev John Wiltshire
29th Nov - Gift Service. Morning worship led by Rachael Dowling

Afternoon Communion Service

Our next afternoon Communion service will be on Tuesday 10th November 2pm led by Rev Ian

The Church Diary

Zoom Prayer meetings These take place every 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.

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

Tuesday 3rd & 17th November Craft Group, 10am to 1pm.

Wednesday 3Cs **11th November**

Every **Friday** morning in term time 9.30am **JaM Club** for parents/carers and toddlers. Next meeting September 11th

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.

Remembrance Sunday
Our service will be led by Adrian German. It will start at 10am to enable everyone to join with the community at the War Memorial at 11am
Please note that Sheep Street will be closed, so those coming by car will need to enter Vicarage Lane from Lechlade Road.

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 October

3rd October - Forget Me Not £270
10th October - HMC
17th October - Uplands Enterprise Trust
24th October - HMC
31st October - Uplands Enterprise Trust

Coffee Mornings in November

7th November - Adventure Plus. Joan & Andy
14th November - HMC - Church Bazaar
21st November - HMC - Kelly
28th November - Uplands Enterprise Trust

Harvest Service
Thank you all for our Harvest gifts. They went to the Swindon Food Cooperative (The Food Bank) who came and collected them on the Monday morning.

Link Sorting
This will be on Thursday 26th November at 11am at the Community Centre. If you can come and help for 30 minutes, it would be greatly appreciated.

Highworth Christmas Event and Lights switch on
This is on Saturday 28th November from 10am to 5.30pm. The High St and Market Square will be closed and vehicle access to the church will be via the main road. More details to follow

Church Christmas Bazaar
Our Church Christmas Bazaar is planned for Saturday 14th November and will follow the same pattern as last year.
Last years' stalls were: Refreshments, Welsh Cakes, Jams, Cakes, Gifts, Nearly New, Tuesday Craft, Books and Games, Jewellery, Treasure Hunt.
If you ran a stall last year or in previous years, would you consider doing it again? If so, please tell one of the Leadership Team.

Christmas
The first Sunday in Advent is traditionally a Gift Service. This will be on 29th November. For the last several years the gifts have been donated for the CAP Christmas hampers. The Leadership will decide at their meeting on 3rd November. If you have a suggestion, please let the leadership know.
Our **Carol Service** will be on Sunday 20th December at 4pm
Our **Christmas Day** celebration will be at 9.30am. Ian will be at Shrivenham for their 10.30am service

CAP Prayers
Dear wonderful CAP supporters and pray-ers
The next CAP prayer meetings are as follows:
Mon 23rd Nov 1.30-2.30pm; Mon 4th Jan 2-3pm
I look forward to seeing you there as we keep bringing our precious clients, town and churches before God. We need to pray together and for 12years we have seen our prayers are powerful and effective! Kathryn Ford

Church Anniversary Sunday 22nd November
Rev John Wiltshire has agreed to come and lead our Anniversary Service. It will be really good to see John and Judy again.
We will be having a church lunch. It will be at Wrag Barn Golf Club. It will be a carvery lunch. Two courses (Carvery& Sweet, plus coffee) will cost £30.
Our friends from Shrivenham have been invited to join us. If you would like to come, please let Val know. She is collecting names and money.

Recycling
We have Recycling containers in the back foyer. One for paper and card, one for glass and a blue bag for hard plastic & cans. Please use correctly
At present we do not recycle coffee grounds etc. If anyone can take responsibility for this, please discuss with a member of the Leadership

Christmas Carols on the Podium
Calling all singers! Come and be part of our Christmas Choir this year.
We will be singing Christmas praises to God in the market square on Sat 19th Dec, 5pm with our community.
Rehearsals: You can come to one or both of midweek practices then the Saturday afternoon prior to the event is compulsory.
Tues 15th Dec 7-8pm; Thurs 17th Dec 7-8pm;
Sat 19th Dec 3.30pm (compulsory prior to event)
Please can you click on the link below to sign up or contact Katherine Ford
https://highworthcommunitychurch.churchsuite.com/events/8xhwob6f

Finance and Fundraising

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.

Easy Fund Raising

We have a number of people who have joined up to the HMC Easy Fundraising You can also support HMC every time you shop online! Shop through “Easyfunding” with over **8,000** retailers and raise **free donations** for us - at no extra cost to you. Sign up and you could help us win £5,000 in their latest giveaway when you do:
https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/highworth-methodist-church

Future Dates

Fireworks at the Rec. Fri 6th November
Church Bazaar: Saturday 14th November
Church Anniversary. Sunday 22nd November
1st Sunday of Advent Gift Service: Sunday 29th November
Carols on the Podium; Saturday 19th December 5pm
Christmas Carol Service: Sunday 20th December 4pm
Christmas Day Celebration : 9.30 am.
Covenant Service: 3rd January

TheBulletin. The December bulletin will be published on the weekend 28th November. Please send items for inclusion to dianabores96@gmail.com by the 25th November. Thank you.

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