

Welcome to Highworth Methodist Church

Bulletin for August 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 August

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

2nd August - Morning Worship led by Adam Longhurst

4th August - Tuesday afternoon Communion 2pm led by Rev Ian

9th August - Own Arrangement Service led by Hazel

16th August - Morning worship with Communion led by Rev Ian. Speaker from Mission Aviation Fellowship

23rd August - Morning worship led by Phil Bunce

30th August - MHA Sunday. Morning Worship led by Rev Mike Dilly

Afternoon Communion Service

Our next afternoon Communion service will be on Tuesday 4th August 2pm led by Rev Ian

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.

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

Tuesday 4th & 18th August **Craft Group**, 10am to 1pm.

Wednesday 3Cs No meeting in August

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.

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

4th July - Cancer Research £91

11th July - HMC £90

18th July - Gloucester House

25th July - Uplands Enterprise Trust

Coffee Mornings in August

1st August - HMC - David

8th August - Wilts & Bath Air Ambulance - Cynnie & family

15th August - Cancer Research - Val & Peter

22nd August - HMC - Sue

29th August - Uplands Enterprise Trust

Flower Rota

Lots of people have kindly brought flowers for the communion table - and this is great, so we can enjoy them each week. But, there are still some gaps on the Flower Rota. This rota is located on the notice board at the back of the church...If you wish to find out more - please do chat to me :-

Chris Latimer 763305

Harvest

There will be a Fund Raising Harvest Supper and Quiz on Saturday 26th September. It will be a "Fish & Chips" supper as last year; followed by a quiz and a hot drink. The cost will be £15 per person. Cynnie will be taking names and the money. Everyone is most welcome

Recycling

We have recycling containers in the back foyer. One for paper and card; one for glass, and the blue bag for hard plastic and cans. Please use correctly. At present, we do not recycle coffee grounds etc. If anyone would like to take responsibility for doing this and taking them away on a weekly basis, please discuss with a member of the Leadership.

CAP Prayers

Dear wonderful CAP supporters and pray-ers

Our next CAP prayer gathering for your diaries- It would be wonderful to have you there with us petitioning heaven for our precious clients.

These are all at the Bridge centre.

Tues 28th July Mon 24th Aug 2 -3 pm

We are planning a lovely client event “**Games & Pamper evening**” on

Thursday 30th July 6 - 8pm @ The Bridge Centre

If you are able to volunteer some time that evening to either play games with people and chat OR to help with the pampering, please let me know.

Kathryn Ford

Church Council Minutes

A copy of the minutes for the June meeting is on the notice board at the back of the church.

Church Anniversary

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 consider having a church lunch again, watch this space.

Christmas Day Celebration

No one so far has commented on the possible choices for this years' Christmas service.

Last Christmas Rev Ian led our service here at 10am, after leading Shrivenhams' service at 9am.

For this coming year, we have 3 choices. If we wish Rev Ian to lead our service, it would have to be at either 9am or 11am, as Ian will be at Shrivenham for 10am.

If we wish to have a service at 10am, it would have to be a local preacher (if one is available) or an Own Arrangement.

If there are no comments, we will have a 9am service led by Rev Ian.

Climate Emergency Film

There are two opportunities to see the “Peoples Emergency Briefing” film on the risks to British life from ongoing damage to nature and our climate. Stratton Methodist Church in Swindon is showing this on 30th July @ 7pm.

It is also being shown at Corn Exchange, Faringdon 10th September @ 7pm
Admission is by free ticket, booked in advance. Link:- <https://bit.ly/4w2jF5m>

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

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 ! And it costs you nothing!!

We have four supporters signed up for this and raised £38.90 in June.
It costs nothing!! So please join up.

Future Dates

Saturday August 29th. Tony Brookes Induction Service. Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church 4pm

Bristol District Synod Saturday 12th September at The Bible Society

Harvest Supper. Saturday 26th September

Harvest Celebration. Sunday 27th September

Church Council Meeting. Thursday 15th October 2.30pm

The Bulletin. The September bulletin will be published on the weekend 30th August. Please send items for inclusion to dianabores96@gmail.com by the 26th August. Thank you.

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