

# Welcome to Highworth Methodist Church

## Bulletin for May 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 May

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

4th May - Morning worship led by the music group

Tuesday 6th May - 2pm - Afternoon Communion led by Rev Shirlyn

11th May - Morning worship led by Rachel Dowling

18th May - Morning worship led by Rev Shirlyn. The service will include  
the General Church Meeting

25th May - Communion service led by Rev Mark Barrett

### Afternoon Communion Service

Our next afternoon communion service will be on Tuesday 6th May 2pm led by Rev Shirlyn

### 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 6th & 20th May Craft Group, 10am to 1pm.

Wednesday 14th May 3Cs 2.30pm

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 April

29th March - Uplands Enterprise Trust £131.20

5th April - HMC - £133.34

12th April - HMC - £110

19th April - HMC - £122.30

26th April - Westrop School - Alison Walker

### Coffee Mornings in May

3rd May - To be arranged (May be cancelled)

10th May - Uplands Enterprise Trust

17th May - Samaritans - Highworth Co-op Funeral Home

24th May - Wiltshire & Bath Air Ambulance

31st May - Uplands Enterprise Trust

## Coffee Mornings, April to June

Val McAuley is organising the Coffee Mornings for May and June. There are still a number of vacant slots, both for outside organisations and for church people to organise. Would you like to volunteer?. Please speak to Val if you are able to do so.

**Uplands Enterprise Trust** would like clean take away boxes (please return any they have given you) and also jam jars please.

## Leadership Meeting

The Leadership team normally meets once a month. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20th May.

**Christian Aid week May 11th - 17th** This year is the 80th anniversary of Christian Aid so it would be good to have an extra special collection this year. We have a number of streets designated for envelope delivery. Again these will not be collected afterwards but donations to be returned to Visit Highworth. We do need more volunteers to deliver envelopes. If you are able to help please speak to Malcolm or Val Swift or ring 0750192523

## Stamp Collection

Please continue to collect stamps and pass them to Gwen.

## **General Church Meeting**

The General Church Meeting will be on Sunday 18th May. It will be part of our Sunday service.

If you have a report that you would like to be included in the Annual Report, could you please give it to Peter by 9th May, so that it can be issued on Sunday 11th May.

## **Myanmar Earthquake Appeal**

On Sundays 6th & 13th April there was a retiring collection on behalf of the DEC Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. I'm pleased to inform you that the total raised was £210 and a cheque has been sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee. Many thanks to everyone that contributed.

Lynne Culling

## **Property Matters**

### **Carpets**

The carpets in the church and each room will be cleaned during May. Could you please ensure that any items can be stored away, to help with the cleaning.

### **Spring Cleaning**

Thank you to all who were able to come and help on the two Saturday afternoons. A lot was achieved, but more remains to be done. A date in early Autumn will be selected to do areas not done this time.

### **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.

## **Link Sorting**

It is our turn to do the Link sorting on Friday 29th May at the Community Centre. We need 4 volunteers for 30 minutes. Please let Peter know if you are able to help.

## **Town Events**

**Saturday 3rd May** . Medieval May Day event in the Market square and High Street, from 10am - 4 pm

High Street and Sheep Street will be closed to road traffic.

### **Thursday 8th May**

VE Day celebrations in the Market Square.

## **Future Dates**

4th May - Medieval May day event organised by Highworth Town Council

8th May. VE day celebrations, organised by Highworth Town Council

11th - 17th May Christian Aid week

Sunday 18th May. Annual Church Meeting, after the service

Thursday 12th June 7.30 Circuit Meeting

Saturday 30th August. Induction of Rev. Ian Milne at HMC, starting at 4pm

**The Bulletin.** The June bulletin will be published on the weekend 24th May

Please send items for inclusion to [dianabores96@gmail.com](mailto:dianabores96@gmail.com) by 21st May

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