

WATER ORTON PARISH CHURCH: Contact Information

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METHODIST CHURCH: Contact Information see page 2

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HS2 Complaints:	Tel: 08081 434 434
British Gas:	Tel: 0800 111 999
National Grid (Electricity problem):	Tel: 105
Severn Trent Water (Report water leak):	Tel: 0800 783 4444
Potholes (Warwickshire):	Tel: 01926 412 515
Report Fly-tipping to NWBC	Tel: 01827 715 341

Water Orton Parish Council Parish Clerk: clerk@wopc.org.uk

MP for North Warwickshire - Rachel Taylor Email: rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk .
County Councillor for Water Orton and Coleshill North - Robert Aitkenhead
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APRIL 2026

THE BRIDGE

Happy Easter



**LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE
IN WATER ORTON**

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Worship at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Water Orton

Sunday	9.00a.m.	* Holy Communion
Sunday	11.00a.m.	* All Age Worship
Tuesday	10.00a.m.	* Morning Prayer, Common Worship
Wednesday	10.00a.m.	* Said Holy Communion
Wednesday	evening 9.00p.m.	Service of Compline - on Zoom only
Thursday	9.00a.m.-10.00a.m.	Contemporary Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage - NOT on Zoom.

The above services (*) will continue to be available via Zoom, for the foreseeable future. Zoom ID: 508 367 3910

Thursday 2nd April	Maundy Thursday	7.00p.m.	Communion Service
Friday 3rd April	Good Friday	10.00a.m.	Service + Walk of Witness
Sunday 5th April	Easter Sunday	Early Rise Service	7.30a.m.+ 9.00a.m. & 11.00a.m
Sunday 5th April	Service of Holy Communion (Said Communion)	3.00p.m	
Sunday 12th April	Quest Family	- 3.30p.m.	
Sunday 26th April	Spring Concert with Coleshill Youth Band	3.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.	

Please remember that our Café in the Robert Lloyd Room is open every Tuesday morning at 9.00a.m. - 11.30a.m. Hot food and drinks are available, donations are appreciated.

The Food Bank is open from 9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. on Tuesday and 10.00a.m. - 11.00a.m. on Saturday.

Worship at Water Orton Methodist Church

Sunday	5th April	9.30a.m. Easter Sunday: Breakfast followed at 10.30a.m. Communion service with Rev. Helen Cameron
Sunday	12th April	10.30a.m. with Roger Boulton All Age Service with the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association and families
Sunday	19th April	10.30a.m. with Lay Pastor Ermine Mitchell
Sunday	26th April	10.30a.m. with Mrs Gill Day 7.00p.m. Faith Journey Service at the White City Community Centre

Friday 3rd April 10.00a.m. Joint Good Friday service at the Parish Church followed by the Walk of Worship to the White City Community Centre and short meditation
6.30p.m. Meditation at the Methodist Church led by Deacon Josie Flute

Contacts:

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Mrs Gill Day	Senior Steward	07818 060 900
Mr Roger Boulton	Bookings	07554 637 330

WHAT'S ON AT THE LINK

MONDAY

9.00am - 9.45am
10.00am - 10.45am
3.00pm - 4.15pm
6.15pm - 7.00pm

Body Conditioning - Kathryn 07786 669688
Pilates with Lauren - 07733 262796
Qi Gong - Denise 07454 708646
Body Conditioning - Kathryn 07786 669688

TUESDAY

9.30am - 12 noon
9.30am - 12 noon
6.00pm - 6.45pm
7.00pm - 8.00pm

Art Class watercolours - Carl 07852 531188
Art Class - All ages & abilities welcome
Circuits with Lee: to book contact Kathryn 07786 669688
Yoga - Emma 07861 747448

WEDNESDAY

9.30am - 11.00pm
5.30pm
7.15pm

Kiddoodles - Parent & Toddler Group
Slimming World - Shirley 07305 947214
Slot available

THURSDAY

9.30am - 11.30am
5.00pm - 6.00pm
6.30pm - 7.15pm
7.30pm - 8.30 pm

WOMBATS - Parent & Toddler Group Contact Ann 07724 634211
Karate Class Age 5+ - Jason 07515 360586
Bounce and Burn - Emma 07861 747448
Yoga - Emma 07861 747448

FRIDAY

12 noon - 1.30pm

Meet & Eat - Lunch & chat for the retired

SATURDAY

9.30am - 12 noon

Shining Star Stage School
(Shining Tots 4 - 7 years, Shining Stars 7+)
Email: info@shiningstarstageschool.co.uk

For more information contact The Link on 0121 748 6360
Email: bookingsatthelink@gmail.com

Updated March 2026

WHAT'S ON AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Monday	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. 12.00noon. - 5.30p.m. 8.00p.m. - 10.00p.m.	Child Minders SPUD CLUB Local Vocals	Debbie Morley Celia Banner Helen Hyde	07961 241 662 07899 983 890 07746 243 456
Tuesday	9.30a.m. - 2.00p.m. 6.00p.m. - 8.30p.m.	Dance Classes Dance Class	Dawn Bartlett Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070 07847 093 070
Wednesday	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. 7.00p.m. - 9.00p.m.	Dance Classes Dance Class	Dawn Bartlett Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070 07847 093 070
Thursday	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. 5.45p.m. - 7.00p.m.	Child Minders Youth Club for School Years 4 - 8	Debbie Morley Rev. Paul Tullett	07961 241 662 0121 730 2081
Friday	12.00noon - 1.00p.m. 6.00p.m. - 8.00p.m.	Calypsocise Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association	Jayde Carlin Mr Kim Smith	07799 907 542 07940 541 121
Saturday	10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.	Coffee Morning Table Top Sale, last Saturday of the month	Margaret Smith	07738 703 376
Sunday	5.00p.m. - 6.15p.m.	Gong Bath - monthly	Julie McLean	07581 721 565

WATER ORTON SUPPER CLUB

Hello everyone,
It's been a while since I did my little piece in the Bridge magazine. For the January meeting we had Becca Gee; she knew her audience, what they would like and is a very professional entertainer. Then in February we had Phil England with an electric guitar and his mandolin. He was so different to what we normally have and he was a very talented musician. On March 21st we had a very important AGM, where the committee stand down and a new committee is elected. Afterwards we played Bingo with prize money for different lines and full houses.

On April 25th we have "Nicky, the Songbird" coming to entertain us. From then on we have an amazing line up of entertainers still to come, plus a day trip still to be organised. Why not come along and spend an evening with us, especially if you are on your own, and become part of the Supper Club family. Please don't hesitate to ring me, Mike Sadler, on 0121 747 5980 or email mikebarbarasad@aol.com for any further information.

WATER ORTON LADIES

Well, we're well into the year, after enjoying our lovely New Year Ladies' Lunch at Grimscote Manor Hotel and it looks as if Spring has finally arrived – snowdrops and daffodils are out in bloom and dare we hope the rain has gone! So, if you've not already joined us on one of our Thursday afternoon get-togethers, why not do something different on the third Thursday of the month and come along to the Pavilion in Openfield Croft in Water Orton (B46 1RE). You could enjoy a couple of hours of good company, a cup of tea and some cake and entertainment from an interesting speaker. We meet from 2 – 4pm, on the third Thursday of the month and we always have an interesting speaker. Last month, we had a slide show by Martin Cross, a local man, who took us on a tour of Dorset and North Yorkshire, with wonderful pictures of the local wildlife and scenery, which was just what we needed to brighten up the bleakness of early February. Coming up, we'll be learning about the work of Warwickshire Search & Rescue and Save The children, as well as being introduced to basketry and being persuaded we can all make beautiful flower arrangements by Samantha from Water Orton's lovely local flower shop. We're looking forward to a trip in June to Stratford and its colourful Butterfly Farm and perhaps we'll even have time for a trip down the Avon. And later in the year, more entertaining speakers, a craft afternoon and a shopping trip! Why not come and join us one month – I know you won't regret it! If you have any queries, I'm here to answer them! Just give me (Liz) a call on 07811 147 728

MESSAGE FROM YOUR N W BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

I am pleased to report that the North Warwickshire Borough Council approved the council budget for 2026/27 setting a balanced financial plan amid continued uncertainty around Local Government reorganisation. The budget has been shaped around residents' priorities, maintaining a strong focus on enhancing the high-quality services valued by local communities.

Furthermore, a total of £350,000 over two years has been allocated to Councillors' grants, providing Steve and me with dedicated funding to support priorities within our community. This allocation strengthens our ability to respond to emerging village community needs and opportunities, ensuring resources are available to help address the unique circumstances in Water Orton. Finally, I am grateful to Warwickshire county councillor Robert Aitkenhead for his support in having the pot holes on Watton Lane repaired while the A446 was closed. Thence limiting disruption to residents and commuting traffic.

DAVID REILLY

A MESSAGE FROM PAUL,

VICAR AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH,

WATER ORTON

Welcome to the Easter Edition of the Bridge

As I said in my last article this year we celebrate Easter on Sunday 5th April. It is now nearly 2000 years since Mary Magdalene stood outside the tomb to meet the risen Lord Jesus. I find the words Jesus says to Mary encouraging on that first resurrection Sunday. He says to her, 'go to my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God'.

Thanks to the sacrifice of Jesus, we can know God as Father and Jesus as our brother. This is true for all who repent of their sins and put their faith in Jesus. All who turn to Jesus and accept him as Lord and Saviour will be received into the Kingdom of God.

Key Dates in the week leading up to Easter.

Thursday 2nd April 7:00pm Maundy Thursday – we will remember the Passover.

Friday 3rd April 10:00am Good Friday – we will remember our Lord's sacrifice. Our friends from the Methodist Church will join us for this service followed by a walk of witness around the village.

Sunday 5th April Resurrection Sunday
7:30am Renewal of Baptism Vows
9:00am Service of Holy Communion
11:00am Service of Holy Communion

You will be welcome at any of these services. I know that this also holds true for the Methodist Service (their services are advertised elsewhere). The Parish Church has recently agreed the following values: - Word, Worship, Welcome and Wisdom (leadership). As a church we look to mirror the Kingdom of God which will receive anyone who accepts Jesus. I know that we don't live up to this but it is certainly one of our aspirations.

A short prayer to finish.

Father God,
I pray for all the residents of Water Orton and all who come to this place: that wherever we are on our journey of faith, we would know ourselves walking towards Jesus.
Thank you that you accept all who turn to you and repent of their sins into your Kingdom.
Amen

Have a good Easter.

Paul





HAPPY ST GEORGE'S DAY

23rd April



MESSAGE FROM RACHEL TAYLOR MP

I have been relentless in pressing for a fairer deal for residents in Coleshill and Water Orton enduring disruption and inconvenience as a result of HS2. Concerns about air quality have been raised with me time and again.

After I arranged for HS2's CEO to visit Water Orton's Spud Club, I was pleased when he agreed to commission an independent and impartial air quality assessment from Imperial College London's Centre for Low Emission Construction. Water Orton residents deserve to know the air they are breathing is safe, and I will be just as relentless in ensuring the review's recommendations are followed up.

For further information, please get in touch on rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk or sign up to my HS2 newsletter at www.rachel-taylor.co.uk/HS2. You can also book a place at my constituency surgery in Coleshill on Friday 8th May 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 10TH - 16TH

Christian Aid envelopes will be distributed with The Bridge magazine for May at the end of April. Please prepare (donation and gift aid slip) and leave near the door for collectors. Your response can be really encouraging. While your donation will help 'friends' you do not know in other countries, use Christian Aid Week to also help people in our community who may be struggling. Thank you.

SPRING CONCERT

Our Spring Concert, with the Coleshill Youth Brass Band, will take place on Sunday 26th April at 3.00p.m. Tickets (£8.00) are available from the Parish Church on Sunday mornings or contact Diane (0121 748 3915); Sheila (0121 748 3542); Steve (07432 139 849); Joy (0121 747 3534) or Avril (0121 748 2298). Booking is essential as seats are limited.

EVENTS FROM THE PARISH CHURCH CALENDAR

Open Café in the Robert Lloyd Room - open every Tuesday, 9.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.

Food Bank - Open for collection and distribution, Tuesday, 9.30a.m – 11.30a.m and Saturday, 10.00a.m. - 11.00a.m.

Memory Café - Robert Lloyd Room - Meetings will be held on 1st Friday in the Month, 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. We have a waiting list at the moment. For further information please contact The Hub - Coleshill, on 01675 462517.

AA Meeting - Robert Lloyd Room - Every Monday at 7.30p.m.

MEMORY CAFÉ

For current members, due to the 1st Friday in April being Good Friday, the next meeting will be on **Friday 10th April**, 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.

However, unfortunately, we have a waiting list again so it would be a great help if anyone interested in attending would contact either The Coleshill Hub on 01675 462517 or phone or message myself, Peter Hyde, on 07443 614 254. We can then explain how the cafe works, ie it is for people with onset dementia or memory problems, plus their partners, only.

Peter Hyde.

PLANT SALE

There will be a Plant Sale and Coffee Morning on Saturday 25th April, 10.a.m. - 12 noon in the Robert Lloyd Room. All proceeds will go towards "Josh's Big Adventure"

Josh is a student at Coleshill School who is going on an expedition to Vietnam in the Summer with World Challenge. While there he will learn about Vietnamese culture and participate in community development projects.

WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We have our next "Meet An Author" evening at the Library on **Friday 24th April**. Come and listen to and meet the Author, Matt Gantry. Doors open at 6.30p.m. for a 7.00p.m. start. Tickets are £6.00 per person, which includes refreshments, including cheese and biscuits. Tickets are available from the Library on Friday and Saturday mornings.

Rhyme Time: Just a reminder that we still host Rhyme Time in the Library every Friday afternoon from 2.00p.m. - 2.30p.m. Parents, grandparents, guardians, or carers, with children not yet school age, are really welcome and there is no charge.

Lastly, a massive thank you to all who attended our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea and also all those who donated gifts to our raffle Your support is always outstanding.