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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

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**DECEMBER 2025**

# THE BRIDGE



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR.**

**LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE  
IN WATER ORTON**

## DECEMBER 2025

### 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 - <b>on Zoom only</b>
Thursday	9.00a.m.-10.00a.m.	Contemporary Prayer Meeting - <b>on Zoom only</b>

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

Sunday	7th December	4.00p.m.	Service of Holy Communion (Said Communion)
Sunday	14th December	3.30p.m.	Quest Family
Sunday	21st December	6.30p.m.	Candlelight Carol Service
Wednesday	24th December	3.00p.m. and 5.00p.m.	Christingle
		11.30p.m.	Midnight Communion
Thursday	25th December	10.00a.m.	Christmas Day Communion

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	7th December	10.30a.m.	With Mrs Gill Day
Sunday	14th December	10.50a.m.	Toy Service with Mr Roger Boulton
	21st December	6.30p.m.	Candlelit Service with Mrs Ermine Mitchell
			followed by refreshments, Christmas Cheer and fellowship
Sunday	28th December	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion Service

Contacts:

Ermine Mitchell	Lay Minister	07526 204 536
Mrs Gill Day	Senior Steward	07818 060 900
Mr Roger Boulton	Bookings	07554 637 330

## WHAT'S ON AT THE LINK

### MONDAY

10.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.  
12.30p.m. - 1.15p.m.  
1.45p.m. - 2.30p.m.  
3.00p.m. - 4.15p.m.  
5.00p.m. - 5.45p.m.  
6.15p.m. - 7.00p.m.

KIDDOODLES - Parent & Toddler Group  
PILATES with Lauren 07733 262 796  
CHAIR YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448  
QI GONG with Denise 07454 708 646  
BOUNCE AND BURN with Emma 07861 747 448  
BODY CONDITIONING with Kathryn 07786 669 688

### TUESDAY

9.30a.m. - 12noon  
10.00a.m. - 12noon  
6.00p.m. - 7.00p.m.

ART CLASS Watercolours with Carl 07852 531 188  
ART CLASS - All ages and abilities welcome.  
YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448

### WEDNESDAY

9.30a.m. - 11.00a.m.  
5.30p.m.  
7.00p.m.

KIDDOODLES - Parent & Toddler Group  
SLIMMING WORLD with Jayne Reece 07453 348 184  
SLIMMING WORLD

### THURSDAY

9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.  
  
5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.  
6.15p.m. - 7.00p.m.  
7.15p.m. - 8.15p.m.

WOMBATS - Parent & Toddler Group  
with Ann: annlewe@yahoo.co.uk 07724 634 211  
KARATE class age 5+ with Jason 07515 360 586  
BOUNCE AND BURN with Emma 07861 747 448  
YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448

### FRIDAY

12noon - 1.30p.m.

MEET AND EAT - Lunch and chat for the retired

### SATURDAY

9.30a.m. - 12noon

SHINING STAR STAGE SCHOOL  
Shining Tots ages 4 -7 Shining Stars ages 7+  
Email: info@shiningstarstageschool.co.uk

For more information contact The Link on 0121 748 6360

Email: bookingsatthelink@gmail.com

Updated November 2025

## WHAT'S ON AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Monday	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. 12.00noon. - 5.30p.m. 6.30p.m. - 7.30p.m.	Child Minders SPUD CLUB Little Local Vocals	Debbie Morley Celia Banner Helen Hyde	07961 241 662 07899 983 890 07746 243 456
Tuesday	8.00p.m. - 10.00p.m. 9.30a.m. - 2.00p.m. 6.00p.m. - 8.30p.m.	Local Vocals Dance Classes Dance Class	Helen Hyde Dawn Bartlett Dawn Bartlett	07746 243 456 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. 5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.	Coffee Morning Table Top Sale, last Saturday of the month Gong Bath - monthly	Margaret Smith Julie McLean	07738 703 376 07581 721 565
Sunday	10.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Worship Service		

## WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Firstly, a massive thank you to all who attended our “Spooky Halloween” event. It was a great success and it was lovely to see so many children dressed up for the event.

Which brings us then on to the “Christmas Fayre”. You villagers certainly outdid yourselves and supported us so generously, whilst still having loads of fun. I am happy to announce Father Christmas was so pleased to see so many good boys and girls.

Finally, we still have our Christmas Raffle which will include a hamper and lots of other goodies. Tickets are only £1.00 each and will be drawn on Friday 19th December at 1.00p.m., in the library.

From all the Library Volunteers, have a WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS

## VILLAGE COMMUNITY CAROL SINGERS

Water Orton Churches

Three diary dates for seasoned and new community carol singers to join these joyful traditional village events.

Come and raise the roof/skies on -

Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30p.m. at the Dog Pub
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00p.m. – 8.00p.m. in the Parish Churchyard.
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30p.m. at the Digby Pub

## CASTLE BROMWICH SINGERS

Castle Bromwich Singers present their annual Christmas Show, “No. 1 Christmas Story” in aid of Push on Wellbeing, on Saturday 6th December 2.30pm (matinee) and Tuesday 9th December 7.30pm, at the Baptist Church, Timberley Lane, B34 7EH.

Tickets £6.00 (under 16s £4.00) from Greg 07951 562907 or: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/castle-bromwich-singers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/castle-bromwich-singers).

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

I would like to thank everyone that helps me with the production of The Bridge Magazine. I couldn't do it without you. Can I send my best wishes to you and then to all the Villagers of Water Orton for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully we will have more articles to share with you in 2026.

Kay Hailstone  
Editor

## A MESSAGE FROM PAUL,

### VICAR AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH,

## WATER ORTON

On the 9<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Sunday, we gathered as a community to pay our respects to those who have served our country in ages past, and more recently. It was great to see members of our uniform groups, members of both churches, the primary school, Council, public and, by no means least, several people who have served in the forces. Thank you for all who contributed to this event.

Advent started on the 30<sup>th</sup> November this year as we now look forward to Christmas. The word advent means coming or arrival. During Advent Christians reflect on both the first appearance of Jesus, and we look forward to his second coming. Both appearances are prophesied in scripture. One of the best known prophecies can be found in the book of Isaiah, written about seven hundred years before Jesus Christ. Isaiah 7 verse 14. The prophet wrote, *‘There the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel’*. Immanuel meaning God with us. We will celebrate the virgin birth on Christmas eve and Christmas day. Please come and help us celebrate this significant event in the life of Jesus. Without Christmas there would be no Easter and no hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

On Christmas Eve, we will have our usual two Christingle Services, where we give out the oranges. Two thank you's here. Firstly, to Tesco's in the village who have been supplying the oranges for many years and the people who make up the Christingles on Christmas Eve. Some have been preparing these oranges for well over twenty years.

Christmas can be a challenging and costly time for many families. Some years ago, a small fund was set up for people who reside in Water Orton. The charity is able to give out grants to people struggling with hardship, so for instance in the past we bought one resident a new bed, another a washing machine. Please contact myself or Councillor Steve Stuart if you know someone we might be able to support.

God Bless

Paul



## MEMORY CAFÉ

Our next meeting is Friday December 5th. There will **not** be a meeting in January due to the first Friday being close to Christmas and New Year (Friday 3rd January). The first meeting of the Memory Café in 2026 will be on **Friday 6th February**.

However, 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. so that we could explain how the cafe works, ie it is only for people with onset dementia or memory problems, plus their partners/carers. Peter Hyde.

## WATER ORTON SUPPER CLUB

Hello All,

Welcome back everybody. Last month's Supper Club meeting with Keith was a complete "Knock Out Performance". I received a lot of emails praising his such professional style of entertainment, non stop for eighty five minutes, playing on a collection of 3 guitars, one violin and a ukulele and also singing all the old favourites.

The Christmas festive season is coming up on us very fast now. If you are on your own why not pop along and join us at The Supper Club on Saturday evening 22nd November at The Link, New Road and meet new and old friends, you will be made very welcome. Our entertainment this night will be Toni, again a highly talented vocalist, with guitar. Our supper will be jacket potato with various fillings. This will be the last meeting of 2025, so I ask you to put on your Santa hats and start getting into the Christmas mood.

For those members who didn't attend the last meeting, we are holding our Christmas Gala with a three course meal and a complementary drink on arrival, at the Grimscote Manor Hotel on December 13th, with, by popular request, Fran, who is a full on entertainer. All this for £36.99 per person. This will be, as always, such a big success. Please do not hesitate to book because we are limited to the amount of people attending. Please contact me (Mike) for any future information you require: Mike Sadler on mobile 07984395 586 or email: [mikebarbarasad@aol.com](mailto:mikebarbarasad@aol.com)

## MESSAGE FROM RACHEL TAYLOR MP

As 2025 draws to a close, I want to thank everyone across Water Orton who has been in touch throughout the year or come to one of my local events or surgeries. Hearing first hand from residents is the best way to understand the issues impacting our community – whether that's tackling the chaos caused by HS2, getting a better deal for commuters, or addressing the poor state of our roads.

This year has been a busy one, and I know next year will be no different. As always, please get in touch at [rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk) if there's something I can do to help, or you have a question you want to ask me.

In the meantime, I want to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## 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. For further information please contact The Hub - Coleshill, on 01675 462517

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

## WATER ORTON LADIES

Well, suddenly Christmas is nearly here – doesn't it always seem to creep up on us, no matter how prepared, we think we are!!!

We've had a wonderful 2025 – some great speakers – I can't name them all, but some deserve a special mention. We began the year with our customary New Year Lunch at Grimscote Manor Hotel, then welcomed Martin Cross again with another lovely slide show, had a visit, complete with a motor bike, from Solihull & Warwickshire Blood Bikes, discovered the secrets of a Northamptonshire farmhouse, learned about beekeeping and organ donation and were warned about scams and frauds, always out there, via email and mobile phones. We visited Port Sunlight, the home of Lever Brothers and the original sunlight soap and enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea at the Gardener's Rest Café at Orchard Nurseries. Yes, another great year! And not ended yet – there's a craft session, on November 20th, to make a light up angel for our Christmas trees and our Xmas Party afternoon to come.

If you haven't yet paid us a visit, do come along and see what you're missing! We meet from 2p.m to 4p.m in The Pavilion in Openfield Croft in Water Orton (B46 1RE) on the third Thursday of the month, apart from January each year, when we're out to lunch. There's always good company, tea and cake and an interesting speaker. We extend a warm welcome to you and look forward to seeing you.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2026.

Liz Tranter 07811 147728

## WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is undertaking a consultation as part of its increasing commitment to engaging with the community it serves. This takes the form of an online survey which opened on 18th November and runs until 12th December. It will be used to help inform policies, strategy and budget setting in this and future years. Residents of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to take part and have their say in informing the future of our community and environment:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WOPCConsultation25/>

The next meeting of the Parish Council takes place on Thursday 27th November at the Pavilion on Openfield Croft at 7.00p.m This is preceded by a Surgery from 6.30p.m. where residents may raise any matter they wish.

Steve Stuart