

WATER ORTON PARISH CHURCH: Contact Information

FEBRUARY 2026

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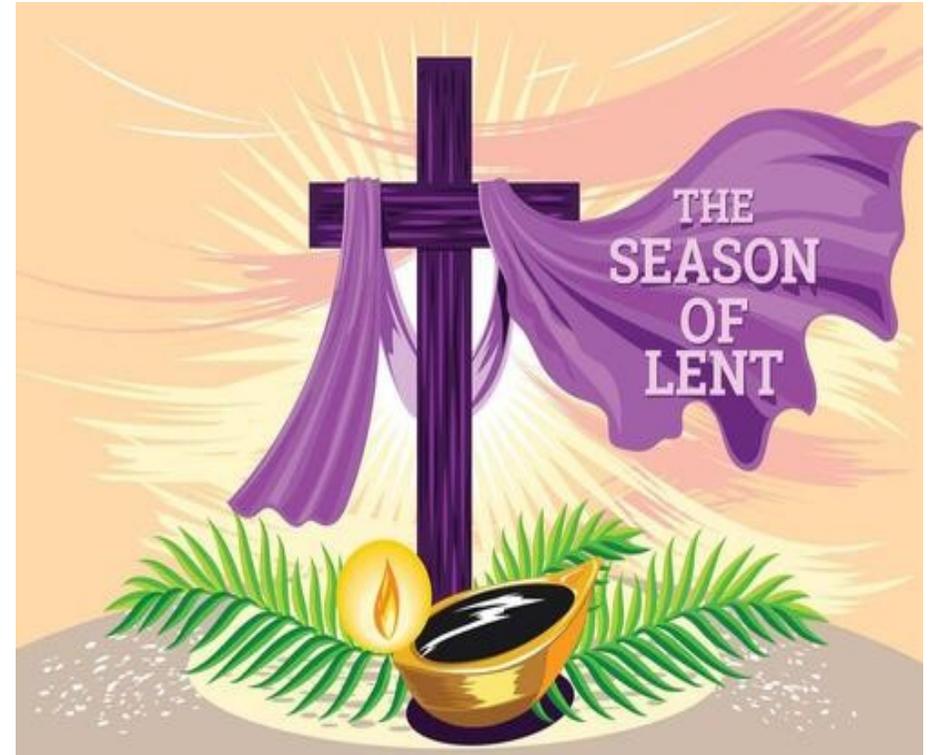
METHODIST CHURCH: Contact Information see page 2

Contact telephone numbers for Emergencies etc: (taken from individual website information)

Coleshill Hub:	Tel: 01675 462 517
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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Lent
February 18th - April 2nd
Ash Wednesday - Maundy Thursday

**LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE
IN WATER ORTON**

FEBRUARY 2026

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 - on Zoom only

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

Sunday	1st February	3.00p.m.	Service of Holy Communion (Said Communion)
Sunday	8th February	3.30p.m.	Quest Family
Wednesday	18th February		Ash Wednesday

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	1st February	10.30a.m. with Mrs Gill Day
Sunday	8th February	10.30a.m. with Mr Roger Boulton
		with All Age Service with the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association and families
Sunday	15th February	10.30a.m. with Lay Pastor Mrs Ermine Mitchell
Sunday	22nd February	10.30a.m. with Rev Farai Mapamula
		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

9.00am - 9.45am
11.00am - 11.45am
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
7.00pm

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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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 COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Back by popular demand, the Library would like to announce that they will be holding another "Mothers Day Afternoon Tea", on March 14th, 13.30p.m. - 16.00p.m. at the Library.

The cost will be £18.00 per person and will include a glass of Rosé wine. Seats for this event are now available and can be booked at the Library any Friday or Saturday morning. A £5.00 per person deposit is required at booking and the final balance by Saturday 7th March. We look forward to seeing you there.

The opening times for the library are Fridays from 10.00a.m. - 4.30p.m. (which includes Rhyme Time for the under 5's - songs and stories, at 2.00p.m - 2.30p.m.) and Saturdays 10.00a.m. - 12.00noon. On both days refreshments are available, £1.00 for tea/coffee etc and £1.00 for a piece of cake. Do come along, browse the books, borrow books, use the computers or photocopier or just drop in for a chat, we'd love to see you.

WATER ORTON LADIES

The members of Water Orton Ladies club would like to send New Year Greetings to you all and wish you a coming year of good health, good fortune and good times. We look forward to welcoming you to our club, if you haven't already popped by to look us over. We're just a small friendly group of ladies who meet on the third Thursday of the month in The Pavilion in Openfield Croft in Water Orton (B46 1RE).

We always have entertainment, be it a speaker or, as in November, a craft afternoon, when we made wonderful light up Angels for our Christmas trees and we always have tea and cake (most important). We have a club outing twice a year – this coming June we are off to Stratford and the wonderful Butterfly Farm and then, in October, we will be Christmas shopping at Trentham Gardens, but there's lots in between!

After our lovely New Year lunch at Grimscote Manor Hotel in January, our first entertainment in February (Thursday 19th) will be a lovely wildlife film show by Martin Cross, whom we are so pleased to welcome back each year to start off our new programme. Hopefully you'll join us. Any queries, just give me a call. Liz 07811 147728

A MESSAGE FROM PAUL,

VICAR AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH,

WATER ORTON

Dear Villagers,

And so, February is upon us and Valentine's Day beckons, a day in which we express love, romantic love. In the English language there are about 170,000 words in current use (estimates vary). There is but one word for love. The Greek New Testament contains less than 6,000 words and yet four different words for love. Perhaps we have something to learn.

The four Greek words: -

Storge (στοργή): Natural, familial affection, such as the love between parents and children, or a deep bond of empathy.

Philia (φιλία): Deep friendship, loyalty, and affection between equals, like a bond between brothers or close friends.

Eros (ἔρως): Passionate, romantic and often sexual love, from which we get the word "erotic".

Agape (ἀγάπη): Unconditional, selfless, charitable love, often described as divine love or love for humanity.

Reading the above list, it is obvious which one is connected to Valentine's Day.

We, though, have a Father in heaven who loves us unconditionally. His son, Jesus Christ, loves us unconditionally. His love for us is Agape. John 3 : 16 is perhaps the best known verse in scripture. This is from the amplified version, "For God so [greatly, unconditionally] loved and dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes and trusts in Him [as Saviour] shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Whether you believe in Jesus or not, God the Father loves you and Jesus died for you. Those who believe in him know eternal life.

God Bless

Paul

WATER ORTON SUPPER CLUB

Hello everyone. At our meeting on 31st January we will have Becky Gosling to entertain us, a very professional lady who is new to us. For the rest of 2026 we have an amazing line up of entertainers again, some of whom are new to us, with a couple of old favourites that members have requested to have back. All this takes place at The Link, New Road, Water Orton on the last Saturday evening in the month, the next one being 28th February. Doors are open at 7.00p.m. and we finish at 10.30p.m.

With all these dark and wintry nights upon us, if you are on your own or want to come with a friend, why not dip your toe in the water and come along, instead of watching television, and meet new and old friends. We have a supper of jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings or fish and chips, with the live entertainment. All I ask is that you bring along your own drinks because we can't sell any alcohol. You will be made very welcome and you will become part of one big happy 70+ family. I am sure you will want to return. Please don't hesitate to contact me for any information regarding the Supper Club, either by email: mikebarbasad@aol.com or by phone on either 07984 395 868 or 0121 747 5980.

MESSAGE FROM RACHEL TAYLOR MP

Whether it is the smell, dust, noise, potholes or traffic chaos, Water Orton residents are getting all the disruption from HS2 but none of the benefits.

HS2 has funding to support local community organisations, some of which can already be seen in Water Orton at the Bowls Club, Tennis Club and Rugby Club, but I am determined to ensure Water Orton continues to see its fair share of funding so there can be a positive legacy. If you are involved with, or know of, a community group who may benefit, please go to rachel-taylor.co.uk/get-involved and fill in the form to let me know.

I am always keen to hear from constituents. I have a surgery in Water Orton on 13th March from 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. To make an appointment, or to contact me for any other reason, please contact my office by emailing: rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk or by calling 02476 309 901.

HOORAY, THE BRIDGE IS OPEN AGAIN

What a blessing to cross from Water Orton to Minworth after 6 months of driving either up to Dunton Island or through Curdworth to reach Minworth, Asda or Sutton Coldfield. My taxi driver this morning was very pleased to find it back in use and wondered why it had been closed for so long. I told him that I had found out that it was very old and that it had existed in this location since 1459. Records show that Bishop Reynold Bowlers issued an "indulgence" (a spiritual reward to anyone who helped with its repair) as the earlier structure was in a poor state.

The current stone bridge was commissioned, in 1520, by another Bishop, a John Vesey. Legend tells that the stone was recycled from a demolished manor house in Sutton Coldfield. It is a narrow pack horse bridge, it has 6 semi circular arches roughly 5 metres wide. It features massive V shaped cutwaters on both side, which extend up to the road way level, to create pedestrian refuges, a necessary safety feature because the roadway is only 8ft 8ins wide. This bridge is a wonderful part of the village's history so let's give thanks as we cross its ancient stones and celebrate its restoration. Gill Day

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.m.

MEMORY CAFÉ

The next meeting will be on Friday 6th February 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.
We no longer have a waiting list for the cafe.

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, it is for people with onset dementia or memory problems, plus their partners, only.

Peter Hyde.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR N.W. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Dear Fellow Villagers,

I am pleased to be able to inform that after significant and extended liaison with the West Midlands Rail Executive we are able to detail some improvements to the train services from the station within the village.

Despite these efforts to increase services there was the set back last year when Cross County trains removed services due to staffing constraints. These services have now been returned in their entirety, together with new evening services into Birmingham at 18.12p.m. with a service back from New Street at 20.52p.m. Railway timetabling is considered and planned a long time in advance, which can be frustrating and disheartening, as work can take a long time to come to fruition and suffer many setbacks. The next updated set of timetables is due in May.

It is hoped that this will see increased Saturday services and a late train (post 20.00p.m.) from Birmingham, both on Saturday and during the week. Cross your fingers that our representations will be well received.

Rest assured I will keep on advocating for enhancements for our village. As always, feel free to contact me with any ideas or concerns that you may have.

See you around the village.

Steve Stuart—Borough Councillor, North Warwickshire Borough Council.
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