

PARISH CHURCH: Contact Information

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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
Seven Trent Water (Report water leak):	Tel: 0800 783 4444
Potholes (Warwickshire):	Tel: 01926 412 515
Report Fly-tipping to NWBC	Tel: 01827 715 341

MP for North Warwickshire - Rachel Taylor Email: rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk .

JUNE 2025

THE BRIDGE



PENTECOST

The coming of the Holy Spirit on the Disciples

LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE
IN WATER ORTON

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 June Thanksgiving and Memorial Service 3.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.
Sunday 8th June Pentecost - Commemorating the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles

Sunday 8th June Quest Family at The Link 3.30p.m. - 5.30p.m.
Sunday 15th June Father's Day
Sunday 21st June Water Orton Carnival

Worship at Water Orton Methodist Church

Sunday 1st June 10.30a.m. With Mrs Gill Day
Sunday 8th June 10.30a.m. With Mr Roger Boulton
All Age Service with Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association
Sunday 15th June 10.30a.m. With Rev. O. Ayeni
Sunday 22nd June 10.30a.m. With Mrs Ermine Mitchell
Sunday 29th June 10.30a.m. With Rev. Karen Webber Communion Service
7.00p.m. Songs of Praise at The White City Community Centre

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 METHODIST CHURCH

Monday	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Child Minders	Debbie Morley	07961 241 662
	12.30a.m. - 6.00p.m.	SPUD CLUB	Cllr Steve Stuart	07999 777 345
	6.30p.m. - 7.30p.m.	Little Local Vocals	Helen Hyde	07746 243 456
	8.00p.m. - 10.00p.m.	Local Vocals	Helen Hyde	07746 243 456
Tuesday	9.30a.m. - 2.00p.m.	Dance Classes	Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070
	6.00p.m. - 8.30p.m.	Dance Class	Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070
Wednesday	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Dance Classes	Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070
	7.00p.m. - 9.00p.m.	Dance Class	Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070
Thursday	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Child Minders	Debbie Morley	07961 241 662
	5.45p.m. - 7.00p.m.	Youth Club for School Years 4 - 8	Kayla Norman kayla@easycocool.co.uk	07766 477 187
Friday	12.00noon - 1.00p.m.	Calypsoise	Jayde Carlin	07799 907 542
	6.00p.m. - 8.00p.m.	Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association	Mr Kim Smith	07940 541 121
Saturday	10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.	Coffee Morning Table Top Sale	Margaret Smith	07738 703 376
		last Saturday of the month		
Sunday	5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.	Gong Bath - monthly	Julie McLean	07581 721 565
	10.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Worship Service		

(and possible Work Experience – just ask!)

HOST	OPPORTUNITIES	CONTACTS
Water Orton in Bloom	Planting up and watering Planters.	Stella Hunt Please message on 07813 481 809
Water Orton Bowls Club	Assistance with ground and clubhouse maintenance.	Keith Hanley 07944 441 843
Water Orton Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association	Leadership Support.	Mr Kim Smith 07940 541 121 kimberleypfs@googlemail.com
Water Orton Carnival Committee	Planning, Carnival Day duties and fund raising.	Toni Harrison toni.harrison@gmx.co.uk
Water Orton Company of the Curtain	Props, costumes, scenery, lighting and sound, front of house and back stage.	COTC 07942 336 882
Water Orton Library	Library duty, Rhyme Time, gardening, cake making.	Lynda Davies 0121 747 7757
Water Orton Methodist Church	Coffee morning, Table Top Sale, gardening teams.	Gill Day 0121 747 9897 gillday@live.co.uk
Orton Manor Nursing Home	Join "Bright Hour" activity session, alternate Tuesdays.	Margaret Smith 07738 703 376 Gill Day 0121 747 9897
Water Orton Parish Church	Tuesday morning café, Food Bank.	Mr Kim Smith 07940 541 121 kimberleypfs@googlemail.com
Water Orton Parish Council	Community and environmental activities.	Rachel Skully 07444 582 592 clerk@wopc.org.uk
Water Orton Primary School	Pre-loved school uniform Project.	Steve Stuart stevestuart74@gmail.com
Water Orton Scouts and Cubs	Leaders wanted to train with a fun team. Squirrels 4 - 6 year olds Explorers 14 - 18 year olds	Stuart Mann 03333 441 495 volunteer@waterortonscouts.org.uk
Water Orton Speed Watch	Join speed gun team to log and report vehicles speeding through the village.	Judith Cleaver 07973 620 056
Spud Club, Water Orton Methodist Church	Set up and clear up, welcoming and table service. Food service. Enjoy a spud.	Steve Stuart stevestuart74@gmail.com
Water Orton Tennis Club	Various support roles.	Paul Messenger 07538 601 246

To update or correct your details, or add your organization, please contact Margaret Smith 07738 703 376 or bandm7@talktalk.net

WATER ORTON SCOUTS GROUP

Join Water Orton Scouts and discover Skills for Life! The Scout Group offers young people aged 6 to 18 the chance to develop essential skills, build confidence, and make friends. From Beavers to Scouts, our fun programme includes adventurous activities like camping, hiking, and badge challenges tailored to different age groups. Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts enjoy exciting trips and activities such as rock climbing, ice skating, camps, cooking on open fires, and indoor and outdoor adventures. These inspire teamwork and personal growth while having fun.

Led by dedicated volunteers, we ensure all activities are safe and engaging. Every session empowers young minds, whether a night under the stars or a new skill learned.
Email us: info@waterortonscouts.org.uk WhatsApp: +44333-344-1495
Visit us: www.waterortonscouts.org.uk

WATER ORTON IN BLOOM

Hello All. We are Water Orton in Bloom, a group of Volunteers who plant up the planters through out the Village. The planters are sponsored by local businesses. We have recently managed to recruit some more Volunteers, but we would be happy to have more.

Volunteering involves planting twice a year, plants and compost are provided, and we have a group on Facebook. We are a friendly group and we all enjoy making our Village look good. If anyone else is interested in keeping the plants blooming, we need folks who are happy to water the planters when needed. If you are interested, please send DM via Facebook. Next planting is end of May so hopefully we will get some "watering" Volunteers too, as well as those interested in the next planting. Thank you
Stella Hunt - please direct message via the Water Orton in Bloom Facebook, or contact on 07813 481 809.

WATER ORTON CRICKET CLUB

We are happy to announce that on 8th June 2025 we are holding an Open Day at the Cricket Club, to enable us to show how a grant of £33,270 from HS2, via their Community and Environmental Fund, has helped us to refurbish and redecorate the pavilion. We are very grateful for their input and hope that this facility will now be a perfect place for anyone to hold their parties (birthdays, christenings, funeral memorials, etc), meetings of any kind, Charity events, or just to enjoy time with friends. There will be an opportunity to book the room for your future event, if you feel able to, on the day. There will be information available regarding the hire charges and a booking form to complete if necessary. If this is handed back to the Club before the end of August, there will be a 10% discount on the hire charge. A non-refundable deposit will be required.

Everyone is welcome to come and take a look, on Sunday 8th June, between 2.00pm and 5.00pm. Some entertainment and light refreshments will be available.

On behalf of The General Committee, Water Orton Cricket Club

A MESSAGE FROM PAUL, VICAR

AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH,

WATER ORTON

I was walking through the village, just a few days ago when a Gentleman asked about my sabbatical. He had read about it in The Bridge magazine.

My sabbatical was principally spent in Cockermouth, in the Lake District. There I was able to rest, climb a few mountains and reflect on my calling. I have returned refreshed and ready to serve the church and community of Water Orton for the foreseeable future.

It was whilst in the Lake District that I also completed my first ultra-marathon. This was surprisingly enjoyable, perhaps because I paced myself and spent a lot of time talking to different people with fascinating backgrounds. One person had recovered from cancer four times and another an alcoholic who had gone nine months without a drink. Alcoholics anonymous continues to meet at the parish church on a Monday evening at 8pm.

As you might expect, I read a few good books on my sabbatical. The one which I found to be the most helpful was The Spiritual Man, by Watchman Nee. This book had a profound impact on how I see God, how he relates to me and how I should live.

On Sunday, the 1st June, we have our annual memorial service, where we remember loved ones who have gone on before us. If you would like a person remembered at this service, please let me know their name. And of course, you are all welcome to join us for our service, which starts at 3pm.

At the parish church we currently have two curates working with us, Rev. Alan Walker, and Rev. Peter Norman. We look forward to Alan being priested on Saturday 5th July. On Sunday 6th July he will preside at Holy Communion for the first time.

Congratulations to Rebecca Curry who has also been accepted for ordination. We look forward to her ordination which will take place in 2027.

As a Church we continue to pray for the residents of the village. In May we have been praying for the residents of Mercer Avenue. In June we will be praying for the those who live on Mickle Meadow.

I hope this pleasant weather continues.

God Bless

Paul



MEMORY CAFÉ

The next meeting will be on Friday 6th June, 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 462 517 or phone or message myself, Peter Hyde, on 07443 614 254. so that we can explain how the cafe works, ie it is for people with early onset dementia or memory problems, plus their partners, only.
Peter Hyde.

WATER ORTON LADIES

How time flies - here we are almost half way through 2025, and Summer and good weather are hopefully with us for a good while!

Our Club's Programme for the year is marching on too, we've already had some wonderful speakers; local man Martin Cross with a superb wildlife film, a team from the Solihull and Warwickshire Blood Bikes, complete with a huge motor bike, and a lovely lady from Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry. Next a visit from a JP! Our end of March Fashion Show was a great success, our models, all Club ladies were so professional – just born for the job – and the Show raised much needed funds for the Club!

Now, we're looking forward to, on June 26th, our trip to Port Sunlight, the beautiful Arts & Crafts Village, built by Lord Lever-Hulme, the soap magnate, for his factory workers. We do have a few spare seats, if you'd like to join us – the cost is just £30. Departing Water Orton at 9am, we arrive at Port Sunlight about 11am, tour the village by coach and then we'll have the rest of the day free to visit the Museum, Art Gallery or beautiful gardens and perhaps a spot of lunch. We leave Port Sunlight at 4.30p.m. and should be home by 6.30p.m. Interested? – just call Liz on 07811 147 728. And why not join us on the third Thursday of the month at the Pavilion in Openfield Croft in Water Orton, for a lovely afternoon, with tea and cake, an entertaining speaker and of course great company!

WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Due to the success of our last Afternoon Tea and requests to repeat the event, we are pleased to announce our “**STRAWBERRIES AND PROSECCO AFTERNOON**”.

This will be held on Saturday the 19th July, at £15.00 per person, the doors will open at the library at 1.30p.m. Seats need to be booked, any Friday or Saturday morning, at the library, with a £5.00 non-refundable deposit.

We so look forward to raising a glass of fizz with you!!!

Sue.

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.

RACHEL TAYLOR MP

Residents across North Warwickshire and Bedworth have been telling me how concerned they are about crime and anti-social behaviour, particularly car crime in North Warwickshire. That is why I am pleased that the government is putting an extra 13,000 police and PCSOs back on the beat, so we can restore neighbourhood policing.

Soon, every community will have a named officer they can contact locally about crime and antisocial behaviour. I am keen to hear residents' views on these changes.

I have a coffee morning at Coleshill Community Centre on Saturday 28th June, from 10.00a.m to 12.00p.m. This will be a great opportunity to follow up on the well-attended community meeting I held in Coleshill to discuss the Post Office, High Street, HS2 as well as crime and anti-social behaviour.

I also have a surgery in Coleshill on Friday 6th June from 5.30p.m to 7.30p.m. You can contact my office to make an appointment by emailing: rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk or by calling 02476 309 901.

WATER ORTON SUPPER CLUB

Hello everyone. Water Orton Supper Club monthly news: We had an amazing night again judging by the feedback, with “Just Keith” at our April meeting. On the 24th May we have a newcomer to Supper Club to entertain us this time, Andrew Eastward, with our jacket potatoes with all the various fillings with coleslaw and salad supper. If you are on your own on a Saturday evening, (every 4th Saturday in a month) you would be welcome to come along to “The Link”.

We have our day trip to Burnham on Sea on 26th July, with a two course roast carvery and tea or coffee, there are only a few seats left. I guarantee you would know some of our members. You would be made to feel quite at home, to be part of the Supper Club family and we feel sure you will return. For further information please do not hesitate to contact me, Mike Sadler on 0121 747 5980 or mikebarbarasad@aol.com