

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 .
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MARCH 2026

THE BRIDGE



**LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE
IN WATER ORTON**

MARCH 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 - at the Vicarage

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

Sunday	1st March	3.00p.m.	Service of Holy Communion (Said Communion)
Sunday	8th March	3.30p.m.	Quest Family
Sunday	15th March		Mothering Sunday
Sunday	22nd March		Passion Sunday
Sunday	29th March		Palm Sunday

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 March	10.30a.m.	with Roger Boulton
Sunday	8th March	10.30a.m.	with Roger Boulton
			All Age Service with the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association and families
Sunday	15th March	10.30a.m.	with Lay Pastor Ermine Mitchell
Sunday	22nd March	10.30a.m.	with Rev Farai Mapamula
			Holy Communion service
Sunday	29th March	10.30a.m.	with Lay Pastor Ermine Mitchell
Friday	6th March	10.30a.m.	World Day of Prayer

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
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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

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

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.	Child Minders	Debbie Morley	07961 241 662
	12.00noon - 5.30p.m.	SPUD CLUB	Celia Banner	07899 983 890
	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	Rev. Paul Tullett	0121 730 2081
Friday	12.00noon - 1.00p.m.	Calypsocise	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	Margaret Smith	07738 703 376
		Table Top Sale, last Saturday of the month		
Sunday	5.00p.m. - 6.15p.m.	Gong Bath - monthly	Julie McLean	07581 721 565

WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Library has gone Quackers!

On Friday/Saturday 20th - 21st March the Library would love to invite you to come to our Easter Event. We will have many activities, including a wonderful Tombola, "Name the Duck", "Guess the amount of sweets in the Jar", plus other options for every age. Refreshments, including cake and hot cross buns will be available. Everyone is welcome and we so look forward to seeing you all there.



HAPPY EASTER



We would also like to remind all our guests booked on to our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea that the doors open on Saturday 14th March at 1.30p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

CURDWORTH W.I.

SKITTLES NIGHT - FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

Why not brighten up your March this year, by joining us for a Skittles Night at Curdworth Village Hall.

It's a lovely fun evening for all the family, with a fish and chips supper, but B.Y.O drinks and glasses. Opening time is 7.00p.m. for a prompt first roll of the ball at 7.30p.m! Tickets with supper are £12 and without supper just £6.

To book your tickets, please call Sandra on 07884 034410

MESSAGE FROM YOUR N.W. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Dear Fellow Villagers,

The closure of the A446 on the outskirts of the Village has the potential to cause significant disruption. The last few weeks have seen significant efforts to see that mitigating action from HS2/BBV and Warwickshire County Council takes place to minimise any impacts. At the time of going to press I haven't received the required assurances that these will be put into place. I would urge all residents to plan ahead, especially when considering urgent and time critical appointments.

I will continue to advocate for our village on these matters and post any updates I receive by way of an online video. Search for Water Orton Steve on YouTube.

Steve Stuart

29th March 2026



A MESSAGE FROM PAUL,

VICAR AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH,

WATER ORTON

Welcome to the March edition of the Bridge,

As a church we are now in the period of Lent, represented by the colour purple. The colour purple (or violet) represents a period of solemnity, self-examination and repentance. Lent started with Ash Wednesday on the 18th February. This year Good Friday will be marked on the 3rd April and Easter Sunday celebrated on the 5th April. By a strange co-incidence Sunday April 5th AD33 is recognised by many as the most likely date for the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As a church we will have an early service at 7:30am on Sunday 5th April in recognition that Jesus rose very early that morning whilst it was still dark. John, chapter 20 verse 1, makes this clear. *Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.* Please feel free to join us for this service which will start with a small bonfire outside the church.

Towards the end of last year, we started a monthly service of said Holy Communion in the afternoon of the 1st Sunday in the month. In March this will take place at 3.00pm on Sunday 1st March. Please join us for a service which will last about 35 minutes after which refreshments will be served.

On other matters, some of you will know that I have started to run ultra-marathons. On the 21st March I plan to run in the Heaton Ultra Loop. You have 8 hours to run as many loops as you can. My goal is to run 13 laps, 65 kilometres, 40 miles. Last year I managed just the 10 laps.

God Bless

Paul



MESSAGE FROM RACHEL TAYLOR MP

As a local MP, tackling the cost-of-living is my highest priority. I always encourage residents in Water Orton to get in touch if they think I can help them access things like pension credit that they could be entitled to. I still have appointments available for my surgery in Water Orton on 13th March from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. To make an appointment or to raise any other issue, please email rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk or call 02476 309 901.

Residents regularly raise energy bills as one of the issues most important to them, which is why I am so pleased that from this April the average household energy bill is being cut by £150. Combined with other measures, such as freezing rail fares and prescription charges, and increasing the minimum wage and state pension, this should help to ease cost-of-living pressures in Water Orton – although I know there is more work to be done.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 10TH - 16TH

7 Reasons to get ready for Christian Aid Week May 10th – 16th 2026

- Christian Aid Week is the longest running UK fund raising week in the UK and celebrates 70 years next year.
- There are records of door to door collections for Christian Aid in Water Orton in the 1970s.
- Water Orton is unique in that many envelopes are collected by youth group members (Boys Brigade and Girl's Association, Cubs and Scouts) with their leaders who have already signed up for this year.
- The young people are briefed and able to talk about how donations help others. Ask them.
- They enjoy and learn from the experience of knocking on doors and meeting the community.
- Generous Water Orton Residents never disappoint. Donations increase each year.
- The 2026 theme is 'Fighting Poverty and Injustice'.

Christian Aid envelopes will be distributed with The Bridge magazine 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.

CASTLE BROMWICH SINGERS

Castle Bromwich Singers present "Spring into Song" at The Baptist Church, Timberley Lane, B34 7HU on Saturday 28th March 2026 at 7.30pm.

Tickets from Greg 07951 562907 or www.ticketsource.co.uk/castle-bromwich-singers

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 March 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. Also, for advance information, the 1st Friday in April will be Good Friday so our April meeting will be on the 10th.

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.

THE CHURCH CLOCK

As most of you will be aware from a recent article written by Paul, according to the memorial tablet inside the church, the church clock was installed by "Parishioners of Water Orton in MCMXX".

Many of you will also be aware that the clock stopped a few days before Christmas. The specialist company who look after it established that some bush bearings had worn, to the point where the mechanism no longer functioned. They have renewed the bearings and dealt with a bit of corrosion in the exposed gears in the upper level. The clock is now ticking perfectly, although gaining slightly. They suggested that the worn bearings were the original ones. Let us hope that the replacements last for as many years!

The work cost over £2,000. As mentioned by Paul, the PCC has recently taken over responsibility for the clock from the Parish Council and has established a restricted fund to support this. If anyone would like to make a donation to the fund, specifically for the care and maintenance of the clock, it will be received with gratitude. Please speak to me or to the Vicar.

Whilst on the subject, my thanks to Ben Wilson, who bravely climbs up to the clock to make adjustments as required. Incidentally, I will give a small prize to the first young person who tells me (face to face) in what year the clock was installed.

Thank you
Kim Smith (Churchwarden)