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METHODIST CHURCH: Contact Information see page 2

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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 .

May 2025

THE BRIDGE



**LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE
IN WATER ORTON**

MAY 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 - 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

Thursday May 8th	VE Day Service at 10.00a.m.
Thursday May 29th	Ascension Day Service at 7.30p.m.

“The Ascension completes our faith in Him, who was God as well as man.”
~ St. Leo the Great

Worship at Water Orton Methodist Church

Sunday 4th	May	10.30a.m.	with Mrs Gill Day
Sunday 11th	May	10.30a.m.	All age service with Mr Roger Boulton
Sunday 18th	May	10.30a.m.	with Lay Minister Mrs Ermine Mitchell
Sunday 25th	May	10.30a.m.	Communion Service with Rev. Cleopas Sibanda
Sunday 25th	May	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 LINK

MONDAY

10.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.	KIDDOODLES - Parent & Toddler Group
12.30p.m. - 1.15p.m.	PILATES with Lauren 07733 262 796
1.45p.m. - 2.30p.m.	CHAIR YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448
3.00p.m. - 4.15p.m.	QI GONG with Denise 07454 708 646
5.00p.m. - 5.45p.m.	BOUNCE AND BURN with Emma 07861 747 448
6.15p.m. - 7.00p.m.	BODY CONDITIONING with Kathryn 07786 669 688

TUESDAY

9.30a.m. - 12noon	ART CLASS Watercolours with Carl 07852 531 188
10.00a.m. - 12noon	ART CLASS - All ages and abilities welcome.
6.00p.m. - 7.00p.m.	YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448

WEDNESDAY

10.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.	KIDDOODLES - Parent & Toddler Group
3.30p.m.	SLIMMING WORLD
5.30p.m.	SLIMMING WORLD with Jayne Reece 07453 348 184
7.00p.m.	SLIMMING WORLD

THURSDAY

9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	WOMBATS - Parent & Toddler Group with Ann: annllewe@yahoo.co.uk 07724 634 211
5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.	KARATE class age 5+ with Jason 07515 360 586
6.15p.m. - 7.00p.m.	BOUNCE AND BURN with Emma 07861 747 448
7.15p.m. - 8.00p.m.	YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448

FRIDAY

12noon - 1.30p.m.	MEET AND EAT - Lunch and chat for the retired
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SATURDAY

9.30a.m. - 12noon	SHINING STAR STAGE SCHOOL Shining Tots ages 4 -7 Shining Stars ages 7+ email info@shiningstarstageschool.co.uk
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For more information contact The Link on 0121 748 6360 or Email: bookingsatthelink@gmail.com
Updated February 2025

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
Tuesday	8.00p.m. - 10.00p.m.	Local Vocals	Helen Hyde	07746 243 456
	9.30a.m. - 2.00p.m.	Dance Classes	Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070
Wednesday	6.00p.m. - 8.30p.m.	Dance Class	Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070
	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Dance Classes	Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070
Thursday	7.00p.m. - 9.00p.m.	Dance Class	Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070
	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Child Minders	Debbie Morley	07961 241 662
Friday	5.45p.m. - 7.00p.m.	Youth Club	Kayla Norman	07766 477 187
		for School Years 4 - 8	kayla@easycool.co.uk	
Saturday	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
Sunday	10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.	Coffee Morning	Margaret Smith	07738 703 376
		Table Top Sale		
Sunday		last Saturday of the month		
	5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.	Gong Bath- monthly	Julie McLean	07581 721 565
Sunday	10.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Worship Service		

SPRING CONCERT in WATER ORTON PARISH CHURCH

This year's Spring Concert will be held in Church as usual on Sunday 18th of May at 3.00p.m.. We will be entertained by The Coleshill Youth Brass Band and our own Church Choir.

If you would like tickets, (£8) please contact Sheila Record on 0121 748 3547, or Joy Newman, on 0121 747 3534.

MEET AND EAT - THE LINK, WATER ORTON

A lunch club is held every Friday at The Link, for anyone retired, looking for a home cooked meal, and a chat. £7 for a main meal, a pudding and a hot drink. Call The Link to book a place. Jane - 0121 748 6360

WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the guests who came to our Afternoon Tea. From the feedback on the day, to remarks on Facebook, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with requests for another event at a later date. We will try to oblige!!

We have since had the Easter Tombola (11th/12th April). Just wanted to say what a great turnout we had over the 2 days at the library. It was fantastic to see so many people supporting us. We raised a fantastic amount of money, £300.00. So a Huge Thank You to you all.

Secondly, we would like to announce the start of our BORED-GAMES CLUB, which will be held every Wednesday evening from 6.30p.m. to 8.30p.m., commencing on Wednesday May 21st. It is completely free and open to anyone who would like to play games ie: Dominoes, Chess, Cards etc. Come and meet new friends over a game and cup of tea. We look forward to seeing you at the library.

A MESSAGE FROM PETER, CURATE

AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH,

WATER ORTON

With the recent sunny days and budding spring it has been wonderful to witness the rebirth of so much beauty and life. It has set my gaze upon the resurrection of Jesus and the new life that that offers all of us.

On Palm Sunday we remembered when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem heralded as King, then we celebrated Maundy Thursday where Jesus had His last supper with His friends and washed their feet to show that his leadership was actually one of self sacrifice and service. On Good Friday we had a short morning service at the Parish Church at 10am followed by our walk of witness. The week closed with the resurrection on Easter Sunday, a day of jubilant celebration when Jesus shows that he defeated death and that we can rely on His promise of an everlasting life as well.

Looking beyond Easter we have a special service on May 8th at 10.00a.m. to celebrate VE Day. We will remember the sacrifice of those who fought and those who died. Many of you hear the chimes of the clock in our bell tower regularly. It is actually a memorial for the soldiers of the First World War so it will be fitting to include both wars in our thoughts and prayers.

It would be lovely to see you at any of these services. I pray that whether or not you were able to join us your Eastertide was blessed and joyful.

God Bless

Peter





CHRISTIAN AID WEEK WATER ORTON May 11th – 17th 2025

Water Orton responds amazingly each year to this appeal by Christian Aid, an organization that believes in equality and justice and is active in war, natural disaster and climate change high risk areas.

Each year, in various ways, the village does slightly better, smashing new targets – a particular satisfaction for the youth groups and leaders who do a large part of the door to door collection.

Last year, in different ways - envelope collection, Just Giving and a table top sale, we raised just over £2,500.00. We do our best every year and the generous people of Water Orton give.

2025 Focus – Helping those most impacted by climate change to adapt and continue producing food in their own countries. When people flee from war zones, we understand that they have little or no choice. The same is true when heat dries up water supplies. Aurelia is an inspirational farmer in Guatemala and recalls how quickly things have changed. ‘There was an abundance of trees, plants and wild animals, such as monkeys. There was lots of water near our community. This has been drained dry by heat waves. When the crops die,’ she says, ‘We die’. Aurelia attended specialist agricultural training by Congcoo, Christian Aid partners, and learned how to grow climate resilient crops. Rather than moving, Aurelia is learning and teaching others to manage change effectively in her community and country. Result!

How can you help?

Christian Aid Envelopes:

These distinctive envelopes are coming out again with The Bridge. Please be generous and also complete the Gift Aid slip that adds 25% to your donation. Our young people, Cubs and Scouts, Boys’ Brigade and Girls’ Association and Youth Club will be out with their leaders: They have been taking part for several years, enjoy being in the community and learn from the experience. In addition there is a strong team of dedicated individual collectors who need your encouragement. If we miss you, envelopes can be returned to either church. Please use the letter box in the grey door of the Methodist Church. Quite a few found their way there last year.

Just Giving

www.justgiving.com/page/waterortoncommunity.

Just log on to Just Giving U.K. and enter ‘Water Orton Christian Aid’ to find us.

Christian Aid Table Top Sale Saturday 24th May 10.30a.m. – 12.30p.m. At the Methodist Church.

Items that will help us increase the money we raise for Christian Aid this year can be brought to the Church on the 24th or before and please join us for coffee, a chat and a few bargains.

If you would like to help in any way, contact Margaret Smith, bandm7@talktalk.net.

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. There is now a waiting list. 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 2nd May. Unfortunately the current Memory Café cannot take any more new members but there is a waiting list so please contact the Coleshill Hub on 01675 462517 if you are interested.

COLESHILL FIRE SERVICE

Did you know that you are 4 times as likely to die in a fire if you don’t have a smoke alarm; 21 people die each year because the battery in their smoke alarm was flat or missing at the time of the fire; Around half of home fires are caused by cooking accidents; 3 fires a day are started by candles; Every 5 days someone dies from a fire caused by a cigarette; Faulty electrics (appliances, wiring and overloaded sockets) cause around 6,000 fires in the home, across the country, every year.

Coleshill Fire Service offer a “Safe and Well” visit, to test your smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms (if you have them) and give advice on keeping your home safe.. To see if you are eligible for a free visit please telephone 01675 462 007, between 9.00a.m. and 4.00p.m for further information.