

'To Know Christ and to make him Known.'



10.30 Mr Adrian German



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Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today; for those who have difficulty hearing we have a loop system in operation. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Next Sunday

10.30 Rev Shirlyn Toppin

Activities in Toothill Church

Sunday	17.00 – 18.00 Bible Study every 2 weeks	Next 15 th September
Monday	10.00 – 12.00 The Hub	Every week
Monday	14.00 - 16.00 U3A History Group 1 st & 3 rd Mondays	Next 16 th September
Monday	17.00 - 19.00 West Swindon Youth Club Mondays	Every week term time only
Tuesday	10.00 – 12.00 U3A Travel Group	Next 10 th September
Wednesday	10.30 – 12.00 Music Group 2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays	Next 11 th September
Thursday	10.00 – 11.30 Toothill Tinies	Every week
Thursday	12.00 – 2.30 Welcome Space (Now on Thursdays)	Every week
Friday	17.00 – 19.00 Friday Club	Every week term time only

Sunday 22nd September Upper Thames Circuit Welcome Service

Circuit Service 22nd September at 4 pm at Toothill Church, the Rev Dr Marcus Torchon the new Bristol District Chairman to welcome Toothill into the Circuit as a Methodist Church.

Rev Dr Marcus Torchon - new Chair of the Bristol District Marcus is from the country of Haiti and is married to Sylva and together they have a son, Jean-De-Luc. He offers dynamic, visionary, and empathetic leadership that welcomes the competencies and richness of other mission partners and leaders, both at church and social levels. His calling has often been fulfilled in the proclamation and demonstration of the gospel. This has so far resulted in: (1) assisting the creation of new church plants with renewed passion for nurturing and equipping the church for God's mission through discipleship. (2) being in solidarity with justice-seeking and social transformation initiative towards improving the lives of the impoverished. He is currently committed to strategizing a practice of giving through the lens of the Methodist theological ideals of not 'hurting the neighbour' and of 'lifting up a standard against the inequity.'

Music Group

Dear Friends

After a summer break the Toothill Church Music Group will start meeting again on Wednesday 11th September in Toothill Church at 10.30am – 12 Noon.

All are welcome to join us as we prepare hymns and songs to support Sunday worship and share together as we sing, ending the practice with a short prayer.

We are always happy to welcome new people to this group; no musical expertise is required. If you would like to learn to sing with us, we will be happy to see you. However, if you can play an instrument that would be great as well. If you have young children at home with you, they are welcome as well. I look forward to seeing you all soon,
Nicola Hoar

Prayers for today

Do please let us know if you would like to add someone to the list for prayer, remembering that we must have the permission of the person for whom we are praying. Updates about those being prayed for are welcome.

Please pray for:

Jan and Gordon, Norma, Sarah and all those you know in need of God's special love, care and healing.

Our minister: Shirlyn

West Swindon Ministers: Clive, Trevor, Mark and Som

Our children's and worship leaders and their families, for Toothill Church and across West Swindon

Our work with the children of Hazelwood Academy,

Welcome Space and its leaders.

For Members who are unable to get to church.

For those unable to get to church here is the link for you to worship online with words and hymns included <https://devotions.urc.org.uk/> By using the same link you may also receive daily devotions which are sent out 6.00 am each day

Strawberry Teas – Summer 2024 at St Mary's between 1.30pm – 4.00pm

Strawberry Teas at St Mary's Church, Lydiard Tregoze - in Lydiard Park, West Swindon. Available every Sunday through August and the first three Sundays in September. This includes the two Heritage weekends in September (Sundays 08 & 15 September) plus on the Saturday, 14 September - the day of the sponsored 'Ride & Stride'. Do come and visit our church and enjoy a Strawberry Tea (weather permitting). See you there, Lyn & Ian

Friday Morning Prayers at 9.30 - Please note new Zoom details below

Zoom Details for Spotlight, DG4J and Friday Morning Prayers:

Click on link below to join meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7613457970?pwd=rgnv9nacamvUclWf4QYh9DEhE6VtuF.1&omn=86530499491>

Meeting ID: 761 345 7970

Passcode: 031989 Dial-in Number: 0330 088 5830

Prayer from the URC - God's Chosen

Dear God, I hate being asked about my favourite.
An ice breaker or assessment, a way of getting to know me,
It's beyond annoying now.
How daft to have a favourite colour,
as though one could be right for everything,
to have one meal I eat just because I like it best,
or to choose among children
or friends as though love can be measured like that.

Thank you for the wisdom that you have no favourites
 that we have in common that you made us all,
 Rich or poor, whoever, wherever, and whatever.
 Thank you for Jesus, your beloved Son,
 who learned and lived out your will
 that he should reach beyond a chosen people,
 To bring your love to all your children, everywhere.
 Thank you for those in the early church
 who challenge me about my act of favouritism today.

Now I rejoice that your far-reaching love
 is not bland or abstract just because it is universal,
 but deeper and more tangible than my best love.
 I feel your love for me and understand its depth
 and I need not be jealous that you love us all just as much.
 May I learn, from you, how to love like that.

Susan Durber URC Prayer handbook

September

Sunday 22nd 10.30 Mr David Hoar URC Morning service
Sunday 22nd 16.00 Rev Dr Marcus Torchon Upper Thames Circuit Welcome Service
Sunday 29th 10.30 Mr Mark Dowling All Age Worship

October

Sunday 6th 10.30 Rev Shirlyn Toppin Holy Communion
Sunday 13th 10.30 Ms Jenny Corkett
Sunday 20th 10.30 Mr Adam Longhurst
Sunday 27th 10.30 Mr Joseph Musungo

Peace begins with a smile from Jess - Autumn



British: We call it autumn which comes from the French word "autumpne" and later, the latin "autumnus"

American: We call it fall because of leaf fall.

Did you know that when leaves fall off trees in the Autumn, it's because of nostalgia? They're trying to get back to their roots.



[Toothill Church Website](#)

The **Methodist Church** 

Toothill Church is a Methodist Church in the Upper Thames methodist Circuit.

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DG4J (Day-group for Jesus) Autumn Programme Sep 24 to Dec 24

Meeting on Zoom – 10:00am to 12:00pm

Monday, 23rd September 24 – Gladness & Generosity (2) – Edward

Monday, 7th October 24 – Gladness & Generosity (3) – Pete

Monday, 21st October 24 – Gladness & Generosity (4) – Pete

Monday, 4th November 24 – Gladness & Generosity (5) – Edward

Monday, 18th November 24 – Gladness & Generosity (6) – Angela

Monday, 2nd December 24 – Gladness & Generosity (7) – Pete

Monday, 16th December 24 – Gladness & Generosity (8) – Edward

Ethos – ‘All’ are warmly welcome to join our meetings.

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Notes:

The dates for meetings can also be found on Holy Trinity Shaw’s website: <http://htschurch.org.uk/>

All meetings are on Zoom starting 10am, unless otherwise specified.