

*'To Know Christ and to make him Known.'*



## 10.30 Rev Shirlyn Toppin Holy Communion



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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 Ms Jenny Corkett

### Activities in Toothill Church

<b>Monday</b>	10.00 – 12.00	The Hub	Every week
<b>Monday</b>	17.00 - 19.00	West Swindon Youth Club Mondays	Every week term time only
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00 – 12.00	U3A Travel Group	Next 8 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.30 – 12.00	Music Group 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays	Next 9 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00 – 11.30	Toothill Tinies	Every week
<b>Thursday</b>	12.00 – 2.30	Welcome Space	Every week
<b>Friday</b>	17.00 – 19.00	Friday Club	Every week term time only

### Dear Friends,

It is with sadness that Nicola and I have made the decision that this is the right time for us to move from Toothill Church at the end of October. The members of Toothill Church will always be our valued friends and we will be taking 47 years of happy and momentous memories with us.

I will be stepping down as editor of this Newsletter after 16 years on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October after almost 890 editions plus the extra daily Newsletters during the COVID lockdown period. (Approx 1,545,000 words)

Regarding the Weekly Ramble which is part of my personal 'Outreach', this will continue for those who would still like to receive it. Because of Data Protection the names and addresses I hold (apart from personal friends) will be deleted therefore you will need to let me know if you wish to continue to receive the Weekly Ramble.

May God continue to bless you as you go forward in His name.

Your Friends

David and Nicola

### 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 and Mark.

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.

### **Prayer – Made in your image**

Creator God,  
Maker of the infinity of the heavens - And the splendours of the earth,  
Blessing with fruitfulness your endless variety of fish, birds and animals.  
You make humankind in your own image  
Setting us in relationship with one another and with the earth.

As we celebrate the richness and diversity of nature,  
Help us also to celebrate our human diversity.  
May we welcome the little children, - the people on the margins, - the ones overlooked  
The ones we perceive as different.  
May we deal graciously with those who disagree with us.  
And if relationships break down, may we be generous, even if we are wounded.

Creator God, keep making and remaking us  
Until we see your image in every person, and in ourselves. Amen  
Sue McCoan URC Prayer Handbook

### **Eye Can Bristol 2024 Exhibition**

Wednesday 9 October, BAWA Health & Leisure Club, Bristol  
The free exhibition is a showcase of all things blind and partially sighted and is for anyone and everyone blind or partially sighted, friends, family, carers and professionals. You will be able to meet a range of organisations who specialise in supporting blind and partially sighted people.  
The event will also feature a series of talks held throughout the day covering a range of interesting topics related to living with sight loss.

### **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

### **Iona Community lecture**

Join the Iona Community on 25 October from 7.30–9pm for its annual lecture, this year themed 'Turning the tables'. The theme will explore how we can all play a part in building an economy that enables the flourishing of all life. The event will be both in person in Edinburgh and livestreamed, with a donation of £10 for those attending on site and a suggested donation of £5 for those viewing the lecture online.  
[Learn more about the lecture and register.](#)

### **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

### **October**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** 10.30 Mr Adam Longhurst

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** 10.30 Mr Joseph Musungu.

## **November**

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.30 Rev Shirlyn Toppin	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 Mr Mark Dowling	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 Rev Shirlyn Toppin	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 Mrs Rachel Dowling	

### **Peace begins with a smile from Jess - Johnny's Dust**



After church, Johnny tells his parents he has to go and talk to the minister right away. They agree, and the vicar greets the family.  
“Vicar,” Johnny says, “I heard you say today that our bodies came from the dust.”

“That’s right, Johnny, I did,” he says.

“And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust.”

“Yes, I’m glad you were listening,” the Vicar replies. “Why do you ask?”

“Well, you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed, because there’s someone either coming or going!”



### **[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, 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.