

Welcome to Chepstow Methodist Church

Whether you are a visitor, newly moved to the area or already living here, you will receive a warm welcome at any of our activities and services.

If we can be of help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the

Minister:

The Rev. Andrew Webster

Phone: 01291 622100

Church Web site: www.chepstowmethodist.org.uk

At Chepstow Methodist Church we seek to be a worshipping community dedicated to serving God and sharing His love with the community. We have a range of services and activities to suit all ages and tastes from more formal services to Messy Church, men's breakfast to lunches for people living on their own..

Our worship and service is based on and surrounded by Prayer and there are several opportunities to meet together in large and small groups to pray. We also have confidential prayer chains to pray about personal, urgent matters and several 'home groups' where we support and pray for individual members.

As well as caring for each other we believe it is important to share our faith with others in practical ways through Street Pastors, the food bank, debt counselling, supporting local events and personal hospitality. We support local and national charities and projects in Zambia and Kenya.

You could sum up our aims as: Chepstow Methodist Church exists to Celebrate the love of God by Worship, Caring for each other, Cultivating personal growth by prayer and reading the Bible and Communicating the Good News of Jesus in words and actions.

May God bless you.

Rev. Andrew Webster

A sample of Weekly Activities Organised by the Church

Sunday

- 9.00am** Early Worship including Holy Communion on 1st Sunday of the month
- 10.00am** Morning Worship and Junior Church
All Age Worship 3rd Sunday
Holy Communion 2nd Sunday
- 6.00pm** Wholeness and Healing Worship Service with Communion
(4.00pm Nov – Mar)
- 5.00pm** Pizza and Pop once a month

Monday

Prayer - 'Start the Week'
Beacon Coffee shop
Parents and Toddlers
'Praying Together'

Tuesday

Beacon Coffee shop
Parents and Toddlers
Morning Home Group
Wesley Guild

Wednesday

Beacon Coffee shop
Parents and Toddlers
'Singing for fun' (For people with memory problems and carers)
Women's Fellowship
Home Groups
BB for boys and girls (various times according to ages)

Thursday

Bible Study
Mid-week Worship
Luncheon Club
Encounter (1st Thursday)

Friday

Beacon Coffee shop
Parents and Toddlers
Food Co-op

Saturday

Messy Church (1st Saturday)
Men's Breakfast (2nd Saturday)
Saturday/Singles Lunch (3rd Saturday)

The Church rooms are used by many different organisations, for example:

U3A, Chepstow Knitters, Children's activities
Details of these and other organisations can be found on the Notice
Boards in the Hall foyer

What's on for Young People?

Children's Church
Messy Church
Mums and Toddlers
Boys' & Girls' Brigade

See enclosed leaflet for more details

Pizza and Pop

P and P is a monthly get together at church from 5.0pm - 6.30 Sunday evening. It's for young people in years 7, 8 and 9. We eat pizza, drink pop, make friends, discuss life, the universe and everything in-between with some daft games and bible study thrown in.

For more information please contact Angela (angelaffw@btinternet.com)
or
Andrew (websterandrew100@gmail.com)

Pastoral Care

Each Church Member and regular Church attendees are allocated a Pastoral Visitor through whom contact is established and concerns are passed on to the Pastoral Team.

Rev. Andrew Webster 01291 622100

Elena Johnson 01291 62754

Kathy Griffin 01291 620870

Visits to Care Homes

Prayer Chain

Are you worried?
Weighed down with a problem?
Just need Prayer?

Then Welcome to the Prayer Chain.
Strict Confidentiality Observed

Contact Phone Numbers

01291 409354
01291 624201
01291 623196

Prayer Groups etc.

‘Start the Week’
Every Monday 9-30am
‘Praying Together’
Monday Evening 7.00pm - 8.00pm

‘Encounter’
Christian contemplative prayer
1st Thursday in the month at 7.30pm in one of the Church Rooms.

After the services - speak to a Steward

There is also a box in the Beacon Centre where you can leave your Prayer requests.

Alpha

Alpha has been run in this Church since 1996; it provides an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed non-threatening way, with a chance to look into some of the big questions of life; like, what is life all about? Who is Jesus?

What is the Church?

Contact Vera & Brian Lloyd for more details; 01291 620643 or verabrian@btinternet.com or take a look at www.alpha.org

Home Groups

Tuesday 10-00 until 12noon meeting in Bulwark

Wednesday 7-30pm meeting in Bulwark

Wednesday 7-30pm meeting in Chepstow every two weeks

For further information contact our Home Group Co-ordinator
Pam Horne 01291 409743

Bible Study

Thursday 9-30 for approximately 1 hour

Men's Breakfast

On the Second Saturday each month at 9-0am, up to 25 men and their friends meet to have fellowship and share their faith over breakfast. A charge of £5 is made for a full English breakfast.

For more details contact Tony Williams 01291 627014

Women's Fellowship. Wednesday 2.45 p.m.

Women's Fellowship is open to any ladies who will be made very welcome. The meeting begins with a short act of devotion, followed by a short talk lasting about 25 minutes. The talk is given by invited speakers from all walks of life. The meeting concludes with that very important cup of tea and a biscuit which gives time for the making of friends and fellowship. Women's Fellowship meets between September and June usually finishing with an outing to a venue chosen by the members.

For more details contact Wendy White on 01291620864
wendywhite138@sky.com

Saturday/Singles. Third Saturday in the month.

Saturday singles, as its name implies is open to anyone who lives on their own, likes to eat in a restaurant and enjoys fellowship with other similarly placed people. Non-drivers are picked up from their own homes at midday taken to the chosen venue, which is always within six miles of Chepstow; they are then returned home some three hours later. The venues are chosen by the members, those who wish to attend that month submit their choice of menu by the previous Wednesday.

For more details contact Wendy White on 01291620864
wendywhite138@sky.com

Wesley Guild

The Wesley Guild meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm from late September to mid-May with breaks for Christmas and Easter. We endeavor to have fun, friendship, fellowship as well as furthering our Christian lives. With this in mind we have talks both religious and secular on topics which our members will find both interesting and useful, music evenings, visits to local places of interest, meals together, quizzes and talks from representatives of the Charities we will be supporting during the year.

For more information about the Guild please contact Stuart Nuttall on 01291409406 or email stuart.nuttall0347@gmail.com

The Beacon

The Beacon is the church community cafe staffed mainly by volunteers. We aim to offer a warm welcome to all. We serve light lunches, a variety of refreshments and a selection of homemade cakes. Our opening times are from 10am until 1.30pm

Contact Debbie Cairns 01291 627014

Food co-op

Friday mornings 10.30 – 11.30am, £3 for 5 items or more of good quality vegetables, fruit, salad or stir-fry, all sourced where possible within 50 miles.

For more information contact Pauline 01291 625896 or Paul 07976926591

Other Activities

Members of the Church are involved in:

Street Pastors

Besom

And many other local things.

Christians Against Poverty

CAP Debt counselling

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) are a debt counselling charity who offer their services free of charge to anyone in unmanageable debt. The Chepstow & District Debt Centre is supported by Churches Together in Chepstow & District and takes clients from postcodes NP16 (Chepstow), NP26 (Caldicot, Rogiet, Magor) and NP15 1 (Usk).

When financial trouble hits, it's easy to feel alone and like no one can help, however CAP have been helping people out of debt for 21 years and there is always a solution. The service is confidential and the local Debt Centre manager can see you in your own home or wherever you choose.

All you need to do is phone 0800 328 0006 to talk to CAP and book an appointment.

www.capuk.org

CAP Money Course

Are you in control of your money or does it control you? Would you like to have more to spend? Whether we like it or not, money affects almost every aspect of our lives. Regardless of how much or how little money we have, all of us can struggle to manage it.

The CAP Money Course has three sessions and runs over three weeks. You will learn how to build and live on a budget which is the cornerstone of managing your money well plus the CAP Money System, which will help to simplify handling your money.

Contact Isobel Mead on 07539 477286 or email isobelmead@capuk.org for further information

Chepstow and District Churches Together

There is only one church in our area of which Chepstow Methodist is just one expression. We delight in being part of Chepstow and District Churches Together. This group has representation from 12 different congregations and meets on regular basis for support and encouragement. We also oversee a variety of projects including; Street Pastors, Lunch Club, Foodbank, CAP, Alpha, The Rainbow and Christian Aid. We also share in an act of witness at Easter. Our sense of unity, mutual respect and desire to serve together is a joy.

www.chepstowchurchestogether.org.uk



Chepstow Foodbank

One would not think that there would be people living in Chepstow who needed help from a food bank, but there are.

People can face financial difficulties for so many different reasons and, when it's a struggle to pay bills and other outgoings, it can cause extra distress to then provide nourishing meals on a daily basis.

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why the Chepstow Foodbank provides three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis

Foodbanks partner with a wide range of care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers and police to identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher. There is a box in the entrance hall of the Church where donations of food can be left. This box is emptied regularly and the contents taken to a Food Bank centre for distribution.

If you would like to find out more, please contact: Hilary Collins, the churches representative, or the Food Bank co-Ordinator on 07931 911869 or email chepstowfoodbank@gmail.com

<https://chepstow.foodbank.org.uk/>