

Welcome to Chepstow Methodist Church



A Worshipping Church
at the Heart of the
Community

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CHURCH NOTICES - 25TH JANUARY 2026

OUR MINISTER IS REV IAN GRIFFITHS

If you have any concerns, personal or church related, please contact Ian by phone (01291 497874) or email (rev.ian.griffiths@gmail.com)

Please note that Friday is usually his day off, so he may not respond until he is back in the office.



If you have anything to share with the Church Family via these notices, please contact Hilary Collins by email: admin@chepstowmethodist.wales (by 6pm, Wednesday)



WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

We extend a warm welcome to ALL who join us in our Morning Worship and, if you are able to, to stay afterwards for a cup/mug of tea/coffee (sometimes even cake!!) - we would love to get to know you in a relaxed atmosphere.



This Sunday, 25th January - our 10.30am Morning Worship

(in Church/on Zoom/recorded) is a Local Arrangement and will be led by Kathy Griffin & Members of Wednesday Afternoon Housegroup

Next Sunday, 1st February - our 10.30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion

(in Church/on Zoom/recorded) will be led by Rev Ian Griffiths

For those who prefer to worship from home, most services will also be live on Zoom (see Zoom link below), with a recording later posted on YouTube and our Church website:
<https://chepstowmethodist.org.uk/keeping-in-touch/podcast-videos/>

ZOOM - you will be held in a 'Waiting Room' prior to being able to access the service. NOTE: For practical/technical reasons, we can only admit people BEFORE the Service starts.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96959863156?pwd=O8apr7xq1Jfb9q8yy4d0lmHapB31k6.1>

Meeting ID: 969 5986 3156
Passcode: 905885

For those without the Internet, you can join the service in audio through your **phone** by dialling any of the numbers below; entering the Meeting ID followed by the # key, followed by the Passcode and once again the # key as instructed by the verbal prompts Zoom's recorded message. (Meeting ID & Passcode above)

Stewards & Assistant Stewards

Sunday 25th January	Enid Kee and Sandy Dickson
Sunday 1st February	Margaret Bishop and Hilary Collins

**In the quietness of our hearts
we offer up prayers for those we care for:**

Hazel, Alun, Gareth, Rhys and their family following Tony's death and also as they prepare for Marjorie Hall's (Hazel's Mum's) funeral; Sheena Houghton.

Lord, you are always working even though we might not see it, in difficult times of suffering and pain, walking next to us. You are the light in the darkest of times; the hope when all is lost and the strength when we fall. Help us to trust in your plan and see your treasures in those around us.

Amen.



FLOWER CALENDAR

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you for all those who have contributed to the church flowers in 2025. We have a few spaces available throughout the year at the moment. If you would like to contribute towards the church flowers, for example, in memory of someone dear to you, please contact me and I will be only too willing to add your name to the flower calendar.

Margaret Harvey



Do you know anyone who is sick, bereaved or in need of a visit or flowers?
Or has moved to this area or Church?
If so, please contact *Kathy Griffin*

MARJORIE HALL'S FUNERAL

A Thanksgiving for Marjorie's life will take place in church on **Friday 6th February at 2.30pm** (following a private burial earlier in the day). Refreshments will be available in the Wesley Room after the service.



Methodist
relief and
development

Receipts from the Christmas Card Post Box and offerings from the Christmas services totalled **£686.50**.

This has been divided between All We Can and Action for Children so they have each received **£343.25**

Many thanks
Cynthia Giles



WALKING BOOTS NEEDED....

Does anyone have a pair of **Size 12 Walking Boots** they no longer need? They are needed for a homeless chap.

If you can help, please speak to
Debbie Cairns



LAST CALL FOR YOUR PLASTIC TUBS

We have **170** tubs sitting in our garage. If you *still* have plastic Confectionery, Biscuit and Cracker Tubs, please bring them into church/get them to Hilary/Russell Collins **THIS COMING WEEK**.

Any questions, please speak to

Hilary or Russell Collins
admin@chepstowmethodist.wales





TAKING ACTION FOR WILDLIFE - Birds

Could you take part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch 23-25 January 2026?

What is Big Garden Birdwatch?

Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

It only requires an hour of your time.

SIGN UP ONLINE ON THE RSPB WEBSITE <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

Choose an hour between 23 and 25 January

Only record the birds that land in your patch

Record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time



Every bird you do – or don't – count will give the RSPB a valuable insight into how garden birds are faring.

Diary Dates for Week Beginning 25th January

Day	Event	Time	Other Info
Sunday 25th	Morning Worship	10.30am	Led by Kathy Griffin
Monday 26th	Beacon Café	9.30am - 3.00pm	
	Babies & Toddlers	10.00 - 11.30am	
Tuesday 27th	Beacon Café	9.30am - 3.00pm	
	Babies & Toddlers	10.00 - 11.30am	
	Housegroup	10.30am	Contact Joy Wilson
Wednesday 28th	Beacon Café	9.30am - 3.00pm	
	Babies & Toddlers	10.00 - 11.30am	
	Housegroup	2.00 - 3.30pm	Contact Sue Larsen
	BB - Anchors	5.30 - 6.45pm	
	BB - Juniors	6.30 - 8.00pm	
	Places available in all sections. Contact Mark Lloyd mlloydabc@btinternet.com / 07768160564		
	Housegroup		Contact Cynthia Giles
Thursday 29th	Bible Study (on Zoom) 9.30 - 10.30am https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86227480080 Meeting ID = 862 2748 0080 or telephone		Continuing the study of the gospel of Matthew
	Warm&Cosy@CMC	10.00 - 12.00noon	
Friday 30th	Warm&Cosy@CMC	10.00 - 12.00noon	

It has been asked that this is shared...

The Government are looking at whether to adopt the Australia rules for no social media under the age of 16.

In a statement to the Commons on Tuesday (January 20th), Liz Kendall said: "We are determined to help parents, children and young people deal with these issues, with a lasting solution that gives children the childhood they deserve, enhances their wellbeing and prepares them for the future."

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-drive-action-to-improve-childrens-relationship-with-mobile-phones-and-social-media>

(Paper copies are available in the foyer)

An organisation, Smartphone Free Childhood, is encouraging people who feel strongly about the need to raise access to social media to the age of 16 to email their MP. They have created a pre-written email which takes less than a minute to fill in and you can personalise it, or just send it as it is. Here is the link:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.eaction.org.uk/raise-the-age>



	Church Cleaning - Week Beginning 26th January	Kathy & Dave Griffin
	Coffee Rota Sunday 1st February	Cynthia & John Giles