

## Welcome to Chepstow Methodist Church



A Worshipping Church  
at the Heart of the  
Community



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Charity No. 1130776

### CHURCH NOTICES - 12TH APRIL 2026

#### OUR MINISTER IS REV IAN GRIFFITHS

For the time being, if you have any concerns, personal or church related, please contact Rev. Bethany Willers

07785 714647 or [revbwillers@gmail.com](mailto:revbwillers@gmail.com)



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



### 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, 12th April** - our **10.30am Sunday Worship (in Church/on Zoom/recorded)** will be led by Alison Smith.

**Next Sunday, 19th April** - our **10.30am Sunday Worship (in Church/on Zoom/recorded)** will be led by Rev Preben Andersen

**Also, at 5.00pm**, Rev Keith Town and Beryl Quinlan will lead our **Wholeness & Healing Service (ONLY in Church)**

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=O8apr7xq1Jfb9q8yy4dolmHapB31k6.1>

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)

0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240 / 0203 901 7895

#### Stewards & Assistant Stewards

Sunday 12th April	Enid Kee and Cynthia Giles
Sunday 19th April 10.30am	John Giles and Hilary Collins
5.00pm	Stuart Nuttall

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

Charlotte Bailey

We pray for the needs of our family and friends today. We all come with individual and very personal needs. Maybe nobody on earth knows about the struggles and burdens we are facing, but you know and you invite us to bring everything to you in prayer. So, we each reach out to you and we know that you are already reaching out to us. We ask you to meet our needs this day and give us the assurance that you are answering our prayers. We pray for many different kinds of physical needs, financial needs and emotional needs. Whatever they are, Lord, we bring them to you, because you can do something about them. Amen

**This Week's Flowers  
are in memory of:**

**Phyllis Hemming**



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*

## THANK YOU

**£953.82** has been raised for **Action for Children** from the Collection Boxes.

Many thanks to everyone

*Allyson Barnes*



## MANY, MANY CONGRATULATIONS to...

**Michael & Bronnie Bale** as they celebrate their **70th Wedding Anniversary** on **Tuesday, 14th April**.

Bronnie and Michael were married in the Ilfracombe Wilder Methodist Church (a 600 seat church at one time!) on 14th April 1956. The service was conducted by the Rev Howell Emerson who kindly refunded the Marriage licence fee of 7s 6d due to the young couple being regular attendees at the church!

A reception for 65 guests was held at the Grosvenor Hotel (not the London one!) at a cost of 10s 6d per head, for a total of £34 2s 6d.

Bronnie and Michael then departed for London on the (only!) 2pm train en route for a 14 day coach tour of Europe - just in case they could never afford to do it again!!

According to Google(!) Marriages that last 70 years (Platinum Anniversary) are exceptionally rare, estimated at only about one-tenth of 1% (0.1%) of all marriages. In the UK, it is estimated that only around 30 couples reach this milestone annually, making it a "one-in-a-million" occurrence.



Michael & Bronnie, your Church Family send love to you both and wish you a very joyful celebration.

## CHURCH OUTING .....

An outing is being organised to **St Fagans** on **Wednesday 13th May**. This is a **FREE** trip. If you are interested in going, please sign up on the list on the noticeboard in the Beacon hall.

If you have any questions,  
please ask *Stuart Nuttall*





## Live more lightly on the land

What do a slice of bread, a potato, and a bunch of vegetables have in common?

They are among the most wasted foods in homes today.

In the UK every day, we throw away 24 million slices of bread and 4.4 million potatoes. Weighing in the heaviest are fresh vegetables, with 1.3 million tonnes thrown in the bin every year. The biggest driver of food waste is from us at home!

Beyond our own kitchens, globally, we throw away one-third of all food produced every year. Yet 800 million people go to bed hungry each night.

Food waste is both a hunger and a climate issue. It contributes more to climate change than flying! 6% of global emissions come from food that is never eaten – three times higher than the aviation industry.

### Why does this matter for us?

If the average UK household throws away £620 worth of food every year that's money wasted and carbon in the atmosphere. When food rots in landfill, it releases methane, a greenhouse gas over 80 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub> in the short term.

*(taken from the Climate Stewards Carbon Fast for Lent)*

**The good news – if we pay attention to our food habits we can live more lightly on the land.**

### REFLECTION

**After the generous miracle of feeding over 5,000 people, Christ instructed his disciples to gather the fragments leftover. He was both generous and frugal. There is enough food on the planet for none of us to go hungry if we share and are not wasteful.**

*“Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, ‘Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.’ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.”*

### Top tips for a lighter ‘foodprint’

**Avoid over buying: Plan your meals before you go shopping. This is the single biggest thing you can do to cut food waste.**

**Shop your kitchen: Use a recipe finder like ‘Love Food Hate Waste’ to use up what you already have.**

**Check dates: Know your use-by from your best-before, and use your freezer.**

**Get creative: Repurpose leftovers into smoothies, soups and stocks.**

**Meat as a treat! According to your budget: local, seasonal and organic.**

**Use and support the Community Fridge in Moor Street  
more details on the Church Noticeboard**

## COME AND SING!

Come and learn a new song, called "Come, Holy Spirit", to perform in the Whitsun Service on Sunday 24th May.



Rehearsals start in church **THIS Monday, 13th April, 7.00pm** and then every week from 27th April.

For more information, speak to *Janet Ellard*

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP...

....next meets this coming **Wednesday, 15th April, at 2.30pm**, when **Rev Keith Town** will talk about his hobby of **Wood Turning**.



Please do join us for a time of Fellowship followed by refreshments.

## CHURCH WALKING GROUP



As the bluebells are now out, the walk this month (**Friday 17th April**) is a 3.6 mile walk in Fedw Wood. The walk is on mainly on forest tracks with two sections which can be muddy and one steady climb. Stout shoes/ wellies advisable.

As usual, we will meet at Chepstow Leisure Centre at 9.30am to car share or you can join us at the start of the walk at Fedw Wood car park:



Grid Reference ST 505 984

What3words:///bedroom.digestion.alarmed

If you would like to find out more about this walk, or generally about the Church Walking Group, speak to *Stuart Nuttall*

## Diary Dates for Week Beginning 12th April

Day	Event	Time	Other Info
Sunday 12th	Morning Worship	10.30am	Led by Alison Smith
Monday 13th	Beacon Café	9.30am - 3.00pm	
	Babies & Toddlers	10.00 - 11.30am	
	Come and Sing Rehearsal	7.00pm	See Opposite
Tuesday 14th	Beacon Café	9.30am - 3.00pm	
	Babies & Toddlers	10.00 - 11.30am	
	Housegroup	10.30am	Contact Joy Wilson
Wednesday 15th	Beacon Café	9.30am - 3.00pm	
	Babies & Toddlers	10.00 - 11.30am	
	Wednesday Fellowship	2.30 - 4.00pm	See Opposite
	BB - Anchors	5.30 - 6.45pm	
	BB - Juniors	6.30 - 8.00pm	
	BB - Company Section will meet again later in the term Places available in all sections. Contact Mark Lloyd		
	Housegroup	7.30pm	Contact Cynthia Giles
Thursday 16th	Bible Study (on Zoom) 9.30 - 10.30am  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86905180276">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86905180276</a>  Meeting ID = 869 0518 0276  (Note - these are now the correct, updated contact details)		Continuing studying the book of Isaiah from Ch 20 v 1 Contact Keith Town
	Warm&Cosy@CMC	10.00 - 12.00noon	
Friday 17th	Church Walking Group	Meet at 9.30am	See Opposite
	Warm&Cosy@CMC	10.00 - 12.00noon	

 Church Cleaning - Week Beginning 13th April	Margaret & Keith Harvey
 Coffee Rota Sunday 19th April	Margaret Harvey & Eileen Westlake