



Welcome to Chepstow Methodist Church

**A Worshipping Church
at the Heart of the
Community**

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Charity No. 1130776



CHURCH NOTICES - 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

OUR MINISTER IS REV IAN GRIFFITHS

For the time being, if you have any concerns, personal or church related, please contact Paula Farr, the Circuit Administrator, and she will pass the request on to the appropriate staff member

01291 424278 or paulinefarr710@gmail.com



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



WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

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



This Sunday, 13th September - our **10.30am Sunday Worship (in Church/on Zoom/recorded)** will be led by Alison Faithfull
Rev Keith Town

Next Sunday, 20th September - our **10.30am Sunday Worship (in Church/on Zoom/recorded)** will be led by Rev Anne Ellis
Also, at 5.00pm, Rev Keith Town and Beryl Quinlan will lead our **Evening Communion 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 posted later on 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=O8apr7xq1Jfb9q8yy4doImHapB31k6.1>

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 and Assistant Stewards

Sunday 13th September	Russell Collins and Pauline Davies
Sunday 20th September 10.30am	John Giles and Angla Horder
5.00pm	Stuart Nuttall

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

Rev Ian & Tabitha; Sarah Foster; Joan Tonkinson's Family as they come together to organise her funeral (Friday 25th September – see opposite); Grace Chapman, in Royal Gwent Hospital; Alison & Eifion Jones (in Australia – Eifion is starting a 3-month course of treatment for cancer of the oesophagus); Heather Knight, as she settles into Castle Court as a permanent resident (she would be delighted to receive visitors); Joy Wilson – in Crick Nursing Home (if you would like to visit, preferably in the mornings, please contact *Elena* – 01291 627754).

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.



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

David Dickson



Do you know anyone who is sick,
bereaved, in a need of a
visit or flowers?
Or has moved to this area/Church?

If so, please contact
Kathy Griffin

**CHURCH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE OF JOAN TONKINSON**

Joan's Funeral will be held at the Crematorium in the morning and then the family invite all to join them at CMC at **1.30pm on Friday 25th September** to celebrate her life. This will be followed by light refreshments in Beacon/upstairs afterwards. **Are you able to provide either homemade (with ingredients listed) or shop bought cakes as donations for these refreshments?** Donations can either be left in the office or given directly to *Debbie Cairns*. Thank you



**ACTION FOR CHILDREN FILM NIGHT
FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 6.00PM**

The Action for Children Committee is organising a **FILM NIGHT.....**
A Light Supper of Soup with Bread Roll and Cheese, followed by the film '**Amazing Grace**' – this is about Willia Wilberforce and John Newton in their quest to abolish the slave trade. If you are interested in attending, please add your name to the list in the Beacon.

The evening is free to attend....Donations to the work of Action for Children would be welcome.



Help Needed in our Beacon Café

Are you able to help in our Beacon Café once or twice a month – Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday (*particularly Wednesday*) mornings, approx. 10.00am – 1.00pm.

This would involve 'waitering' ie. taking and serving orders, clearing & cleaning tables and making our customers feel welcome.

If you would like to found out more/have any questions, please speak to *Debbie Cairns*:





CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF ECO CHURCH

Psalm 104:24 (NIV)

*How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.*

A Rocha UK 10 Years of Eco Church



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Over 9,000 registered Eco Churches, spanning 25 denominations.

Over 3,000 churches (88%) manage their land to encourage native wildlife.*

Eco Church has grown from 413 registered churches in 2016 to 9,261 in 2026; 4,778 churches have achieved Eco Church awards, including 3,137 churches which have received Bronze awards, 1,521 which have achieved Silver, and 120 which have achieved Gold.



FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL

Ukraine • Moldova • Romania • Bulgaria

- There are many ways to get involved with our Shoebox Appeal:
- Buy/make items and put together a whole Shoebox of gifts
 - Buy/make items and put them in the container in the rear foyer and they will be added to donations from other people to make up some boxes
 - Donate money meaning we can then buy items 'in bulk'
 - Be willing to go shopping with the financial donations

As it is becoming increasingly difficult to get Shoeboxes, we have bought a quantity of 'flat-packed' boxes direct from Link to Hope. If you would like to use one of these rather than provide your own (donation cost of 75p per box) please ask Hilary/Russell and they will provide you with one, or more.



All items/filled boxes need to be returned to church
BY Sunday 25th October



If you would like to find out where the shoeboxes go/the work of Link to Hope, see:
<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2026/>

Also, watch this video:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vim9PvhOgWE
or read the diary of the small team who went out to Bulgaria last winter to help deliver the shoeboxes:
www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-delivery-diary-2025/

REQUEST – Do you have any spare wool (preferably Double Knit?)

Julie Catlin's daughter, Jan, is knitting/crocheting knee blankets for our shoeboxes and would be grateful for more wool to keep her busy!

If you can help, please contact Julie Catlin
07561 111601/juherbert@gmail.com

If you have any questions about donations, physical or financial, please contact Hilary
admin@chepstowmethodist.wales



Do you have any:

- Small glass containers to put tealights in e.g. Gü ramekins
- Mugs you no longer need
- Spare cutlery
- Old/not needed anymore Reading Glasses

If so, please pass on to Hilary/put in the container in the foyer

Shoeboxes are delivered to families and elderly people in the war-torn and poorest parts of Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania.

Although Link to Hope is a Christian charity, shoeboxes are given to households according to their needs, rather than according to people's religion or beliefs.

Link to Hope CONTENTS LIST

We want everyone to receive a fun and useful box of new and unused gifts so every shoebox should contain all items in this blue box.

☐ Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or knitted)	☐ Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
☐ Sweets or Chocolates (BB June 2027 EU Origin)	☐ Candles & Holders* or Tealights
☐ Soap & Flannel	☐ Small Games (Travel Size Draughts/Dominos/Playing Cards)

*Holder is for safety and stability

Then please ADD 5 or more items (at least one of each item) from the Red Box for a Family Shoebox OR from the Purple Box to make a Unisex Elderly Shoebox.

☐ FAMILY (PLEASE TICK)	☐ ELDERLY (UNISEX)
☐ Colouring Pads (A5)	☐ Reading Glasses/Magnifier (Max + 2 strength)
☐ Crayons/Pencils (with rubber & sharpener)	☐ Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
☐ Small Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars)	☐ Sensory Item (eg Bean Bag, Lavender Bag, Stress Ball etc)
☐ Soft Toy Teddy (with CE labels)	☐ Hot Water Bottle
☐ Tape Measure/DIY Tool	☐ Work Gloves
☐ Sewing Kit	☐ Pen and Paper
☐ Shampoo (max 400ml)	☐ Socks/Tights (NEW)
☐ Solar-Powered Calculator	☐ Wind-Up Radio/Torch
☐ Safety Razors	☐ Shampoo (max 400ml)
☐ Hairbrush/Comb	☐ Scissors/Nail Clippers
☐ Other Gifts	☐ Safety Razors
	☐ Other Gifts

OR

For other gifts & sustainability ideas go to www.linktohope.co.uk

PLEASE REDUCE THE PACKAGING YOU PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX

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Billychips are available for £2 from Debbie in Beacon, along with the Palmer Centre, Ugly Mug Café, Colin's Chepstow and Coffee@Upcycle. They can also be redeemed by the recipients for a hot drink/food from these outlets.

SPEAK TO HILARY IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE

THE 'TUB2PUB' INITIATIVE

Tub2Pub is the initiative set up by Greene King pubs to ensure these plastic tubs don't go to waste; instead, they go to a plastic reprocessing centre where they are shredded, and then sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics.



All money raised from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics goes to **Macmillan Cancer Support** (the early 2026 campaign saw almost **295,000 tubs** being dropped off at Greene Kind Pubs, an increase of almost 20% on the number of tubs collected in 2025.) The sale of the 33.74 tonnes of recycled plastic meant a **£10,122 donation** for Macmillan.

Greene King pubs, hotels and restaurants will be accepting clean and empty Confectionery, Biscuit and Cracker Tubs during January and February 2027. I know that's a way off, but the tubs are already starting to appear in the shops (looking towards Christmas!!) so this is just an early reminder to folk to keep any tubs they receive. This year, from CMC, we were able to drop off **254 tubs** towards this initiative so we would like to be involved again for early 2027.

Russell & Hilary are willing to be a 'depository' for your tubs and we will send out reminders as the weeks/months go by.

Any questions, please speak to
Hilary or Russell Collins
admin@chepstowmethodist.wales

TUB2PUB



CHURCH WALKING GROUP

This month's walk (**Friday 18th September**) is from the Whitestone car park near Tintern. It is a 3.5 mile walk going past Cleddon Falls and then on to the Wye Valley to a look out point (refreshments) and then back to the car park via Cleddon Hall.

It will be rough under foot in places and, after this recent rain, there will be muddy places so stout shoes advised.

Meet as usual at 9.30am at the Leisure Centre carpark to car share.

Directions to Whitestone are:

Go through Tintern and turn left immediately before the Wye Valley hotel onto the Trellech Road (signposted Catbrook) and continue along this road for about 1.5 miles. At the T-junction, go straight ahead into the Whitestone car park and park about 100 yards on the right (What3words: ///best.playback.dwarves. For those going direct, please meet at Whitestone at 9.50am.

For any more information, speak to *Stuart Nuttall*

	Church Cleaning Week Beginning 14th September	Hilary & Russell Collins
	Coffee Rota Sunday 20th September	Elena Johnson & Margaret Bishop

Diary Dates for Week Beginning 13th September

Day	Event	Time	Other Info
Sunday 13th	Morning Worship	10.30am	Led by Alison Faithfull
Monday 14th	Beacon Café	9.30am - 3.00pm	
	Babies & Toddlers	10.00 - 11.30am	
Tuesday 15th	Beacon Café	9.30am - 3.00pm	
	Babies & Toddlers	10.00 - 11.30am	
	Housegroup	10.30am	Contact Pam Horne
Wednesday 16th	Beacon Café	9.30am - 3.00pm	
	Babies & Toddlers	10.00 - 11.30am	
	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 mlloydabc@btinternet.com /07768160564		
	Housegroup	7.30pm	Contact Cynthia Giles
Thursday 17th	Bible Study (on Zoom) 9.30 - 10.30am https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86905180276 Meeting ID = 869 0518 0276		Starting the study of the book of Romans from Ch 1 v 18 Contact Keith Town
	Warm&Cosy@CMC	10.00 - 12.00noon	
Friday 18th	Church Walk	Meet at 9.30am	See Opposite
	Warm&Cosy@CMC	10.00 - 12.00noon	