



Welcome to Chepstow Methodist Church

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

www.chepstowmethodist.org.uk

Charity No. 1130776



CHURCH NOTICES - 6TH 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, 6th September - our **10.30am Sunday Worship & Holy Communion (in Church/on Zoom/recorded)** will be led by Rev Keith Town

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

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 6th September	Margaret Bishop and Sandy Dickson
Sunday 13th September	Russell Collins and Pauline Davies

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

Rev Ian and Tabitha; Joan Tonkinson's Family as they come together to organise her funeral (Friday 25th September – more details next week); 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*).

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.



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

Our next Holy Communion is THIS Sunday
ALL ARE WELCOME AT OUR LORD'S TABLE

As part of ensuring that, as a church, we are as welcome, inclusive and accessible as we can be, please note that the **bread** we use is **gluten-free** and the **wine** is always **non-alcoholic**.



Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine during holy communion. For those who would prefer to just receive a blessing, then simply keep your hands down when you come forward to the rail.

If you would rather not receive the elements, nor have a blessing, that is fine; simply remain seated.

If you find it difficult to come to the front of the church, the bread and wine can be brought to you.

Children are encouraged to receive the bread and wine as part of the church family, if the parents/carers are happy that they do so.

Every now and again, communion is served in a different way and the elements are brought around to everyone where they are sitting and we all eat and drink together.

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 find 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



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.

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

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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 2022 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

Diary Dates for Week Beginning 6th September



	Church Cleaning Week Beginning 7th September	Pauline Davies & Sandy Dickson
	Coffee Rota Sunday 13th September	Cynthia & John Giles

Day	Event	Time	Other Info
Sunday 6th	Morning Worship & Holy Communion	10.30am	Led by Rev Keith Town
Monday 7th	Beacon Café	9.30am - 3.00pm	Beacon Reopens Today
	Babies & Toddlers	10.00 - 11.30am	Toddlers Restarts Today
Tuesday 8th	Beacon Café	9.30am - 3.00pm	
	Babies & Toddlers	10.00 - 11.30am	
	Housegroup	10.30am	Contact Pam Horne
Wednesday 9th	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 10th	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 1 Contact Keith Town
	Warm&Cosy@CMC	10.00 - 12.00noon	
Friday 11th	Warm&Cosy@CMC	10.00 - 12.00noon	
Saturday 12th	Men's Breakfast	9.30am	See Opposite