Welcome to Chepstow Methodist Church

A Worshipping Church at the Heart of the Community



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Charity No. 1130776

CHURCH NOTICES – 29TH NOVEMBER 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

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01291 424278 or *paulinefarr710@gmail.com*

Wintery questions circle the earth,
in the struggles for survival,
tinged grey with fearfulness and anxiety.

Discarded leaves have lost their colour,
lying dead upon the frosted coldness of the earth.
And the hearts of the people wait, and wait, and wait
for the Spring.
In faith and hope we wait.



After the suffering in these days
the Child of God will be seen
deep in the heart of winter,
gentle in the centre of bitterness,
vulnerable in the midst of our vulnerability

The fig tree puts forth its leaves;
a frail but sure sign
that the Promise of God is near.
In faith and hope we wait.



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, 29th November – our **10.30am Morning Worship** for **Advent 1 (in Church/on Zoom/recorded)** will be led by Tabitha Griffiths



Next Sunday, 6th December – our **10.30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion** for **Advent 2 (in Church/on Zoom/recorded)** will be led by Rev Anne Ellis

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 29th November	Gordon Casson and Hilary Collins
Sunday 6th December	Lisa Waite and Enid Kee

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

Janet Ellard

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

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE RNIB

For quite a number of years, our dear friend Joy Wilson organised the collection of postage stamps for the RNIB. **Michael Bale** has now offered to take on this responsibility….

The **RNIB** (Royal National Institute for the Blind) collect used or new postage stamps to help with their fund raising (they turn them into funds to help people living with sight loss).

What type of stamps can be sent?
The RNIB accept all stamps: new or used, first or second class, foreign, first day covers, presentation packs or albums.

When saving your stamps, trim carefully around them, leaving approximately one centimetre of paper around the edge.

There is a box in the Church foyer for for the stamps.



A REMINDER ABOUT 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 are collected from the pubs and taken to a plastic reprocessing centre where they are shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics.

All money raised from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics will be given directly to **Macmillan Cancer Support** (in early 2026 **over 295,000 tubs** were collected raising **£10,122** for the charity).

Greene King pubs, hotels and restaurants will be accepting clean and empty Confectionery, Biscuit and Cracker Tubs during January and February 2027.

Russell & Hilary are willing to be a 'depository' for your tubs so just bring them along to church over the coming weeks. (We already have 57 Tubs!)

TUB2PUB

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



183 Boxes, 18 Knee Blankets, a bag of Knitted Dolls from Churches & other supporters in Chepstow, Newnham & Abergavenny awaiting collection

Thank You

Link to Hope

Link to Hope

20th November - we were the first pick up of the day



Thank you Nigel & Catherine for driving all the way from Link to Hope HQ in Worthing to collect our boxes

A VERY BIG THANK YOU

to everyone who has contributed to our Shoebox Appeal in any way – filling a box, contributing items to go in boxes or donating financially. **27 Filled Boxes** were given and **61 Boxes** were put together, making a wonderful **total of 88 Boxes.** They are now on their journey to families and elderly folk in Eastern Europe.

Thank You

Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th December

Babies/Toddlers Christmas Celebration

Thursday 17th December
11.30am/12.30pm

Short Carol Service, followed by Christmas Dinner

Sunday 20th December
10.30am

Morning Worship

6.00pm

Candlelight Carol Service

Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th December
3.00pm

Christingle (especially for children)

9.00pm

Communion *(ready to celebrate Christmas Day, Bethlehem time at 10pm - 2 hours ahead!)*

Christmas Day, Friday 25th December
10.00am

Short and informal All-Age Service

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TAKING ACTION FOR THE WORLD

Reduce:
Can you buy less presents?
Does the recipient actually want a physical present?
Maybe give an experience or do something together instead?

Reuse:
Will the gift be used?
Is it re-useable?
Would something pre-used still be a good gift?

Thinking about
Christmas presents?
Are you thinking how to:

Reduce
Reuse
Recycle
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Recycle:
Is the gift made from recycled /recyclable materials?

If buying cards or wrapping paper: can it be recycled? (*Glitter or foil may mean it is not recyclable.)*

Can you re-use gift wrap or gift bags / boxes? Or be creative about wrapping presents using other paper / material / … ?

Little Changes help make a Big Change

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP….

….next meets on **Wednesday, 2nd December,** at **2.30pm.**

Bridges is a Monmouthshire based independent charity offering a range of support services and volunteering opportunities throughout the county, enabling people to stay well and independent for as long as possible. **Laura Grey & two of her colleagues** are looking forward to further explaining about the important work they do in the Chepstow area, focusing on the Volunteering for Wellbeing service and the Bridges Car Scheme.
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Please do join us for a time of
Fellowship followed by refreshments.

Bridges Centre
Monmouth

CRIB SERVICE & AWARDS EVENING

Wednesday 2nd December, 6.30pm, in Church followed by refreshments in the Beacon Hall

All are Welcome to Join Us



MEN'S BREAKFAST – SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER



This month the Men's Breakfast will take place in **The Bell Hange**r, the Wetherspoon pub, at the bottom of St Mary Street - a small Breakfast with tea/coffee is about £4.50.

Please **let Stuart Nuttall know** if you intend to meet for breakfast and chat on the 5th
(stuart.nuttall0347@gmail.com

Diary Dates
for Week Beginning 29th November

Day	Event	Time	Other Info
Sunday 29th	Morning Worship	10.30am	Led by Tabitha Griffiths
Monday 30th	Beacon Café	9.30am - 3.00pm	
	Babies & Toddlers	10.00 – 11.30am	
Tuesday 1st	Beacon Café	9.30am - 3.00pm	
	Babies & Toddlers	10.00 – 11.30am	
	Housegroup	10.30am	Contact Pam Horne
Wednesday 2nd	Beacon Café	9.30am - 3.00pm	
	Babies & Toddlers	10.00 – 11.30am	
	Wednesday Fellowship	2.30 – 4.00pm	See Opposite
	BB Crib Service	6.30pm	See Opposite
	Housegroup	7.30pm	Contact Cynthia Giles
Thursday 3rd	Bible Study (on Zoom) 9.30 – 10.30am https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86905180276 Meeting ID = 869 0518 0276		Continuing the study of the book of Romans from Ch 12 v 9 Contact Keith Town
	Warm&Cosy@CMC	10.00 – 12.00noon	
Friday 4th	Warm&Cosy@CMC	10.00 – 12.00noon	
Saturday 5th	Men's Breakfast	9.30am	See Opposite

	Church Cleaning Week Beginning 30th November	Mavis & Graham Williamson
	Coffee Rota Sunday 6th December	Margaret Harvey & Noelle Abbott