

Kingswinford



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In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 1:4-6 NIV

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July 2025 – Farewell



Dear Friends

This will be my last letter to you. I know that we have a farewell service planned and there will be time and opportunity then to make a proper farewell. So today I wanted to focus on our churches and all that we have sought to do over these past years despite the huge upheaval of Covid and the financial challenges we have faced.

It seems to me, that at the heart of these past years, we have sought to do something that appears simple but requires deep and faithful thinking and effort – and that is to be a truly welcoming church.

This is not simple because it's about more than a welcome. It's about seeing God in people that are different from ourselves and going beyond that to value their Christian journey and the gifts skills that new folk might bring into our church fellowship. It's about accepting that not all worship will be as we would like it to be but recognising that we must support what feeds others as much as what feeds ourselves. It's about being a church that has its head above the parapet and our eyes focused on the horizon, seeing beyond our own needs and issues such that we are connected to our community and enabling us to pray fervently for the problems of the world. It's about taking risks and putting things in the hands of God and it's about being committed to discipleship and prayer.

We all know that church life can be fragile. That keeping moving forward requires everyone to engage, and above all to listen to others. It requires the stewards and church council to consider options carefully, prayerfully and wisely. We must be wary of dominant voices that can end up supressing others and we must seek to speak with grace and to find the good things in other people's ideas.

Above all I want to give thanks for how you have looked after me and Michele and our ministry as we have sought to serve you. I pray that you will do the same for Rev Jem and his family and of course for Rev Michael, Rev Chris and Martyn Filsak, our local lay pastor.

You will always be in my prayers as you live and serve in the name of Christ.
God bless you all. Rev Alan

From the Editor....



Where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday, that Stuart and I returned from the Running Show, ate some baked beans on toast, played a game of Bananagrams with Megan and her mom, which I didn't win before attending Alan's Welcoming and Megan's Accreditation.

Time and praying, I'm told God answers our prayers not only in God's way but also in God's time. On Monday one of my numerous selfish prayers was answered as I had prayed for it to be, albeit after months of praying and some anxiety. Put it into God's hands Richard and have faith – I do try but that niggle creeps in – is there more I could be doing? Having answered my prayer, events resulting from it, didn't go quite as smoothly as I'd hoped but God had listened and responded.

Alan and Michele would have prayed and prayed some more, that coming to Kingswinford was the right thing to do for God, their families, themselves and us, ultimately putting their move into God's hands (because they're good at being Christian – bit of banter there). So, I believe their prayers were answered, they moved home to join us and then we had COVID, this wouldn't have been in their prayers. I'm confident there will have been other unforeseen events during their precious time with us, but it's been a successful time and I trust God is pleased with them, just as I am.

So, what's the conclusion Richard? Answer: I will carry on praying and trust that the Lord is with me in the response to my prayers.

Finally, a customer in McDonald's said, that he wished he had my belief. Another, a follower of Jesus, also told me, that lots of twenty-year-olds were becoming Christians. If that's true, isn't that wonderful?

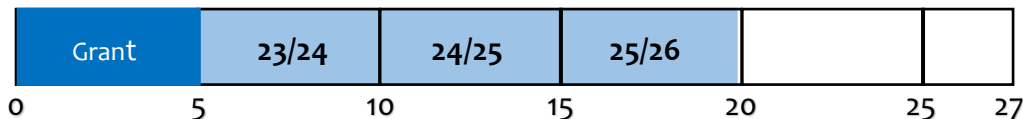
Finally, finally thank you Michele and Alan for steering, motivating, educating, progressing and nurturing us to do our best to always wear our Jesus clothes. **God bless you. Richard**

Deadline for the next magazine is 22nd August

Boiler Fund-Raising



£Thousands



Voices in Harmony Concert

On June 7th we were delighted to welcome Voices in Harmony for their concert in aid of the Boiler Fund. It was a super evening and has raised £800 to date for the Boiler Fund. Many thanks to all those involved in organising and making the evening run so smoothly.



You will see from the ‘totaliser’ above that we have already successfully raised almost (short just over £200) enough for our loan payment to the circuit for ‘next’ year. This is brilliant news – so well done everyone! However, there are currently no other dates in the diary for fund-raising events – so get thinking and planning!



In the meantime, Brian Fletcher (RBSA) is making some of his own original artwork available for sale – with the proceeds being donated to the Boiler Fund.

These will be available in the link on Sunday mornings and at coffee mornings:

Small ones - £10

Larger ones - £15

New Church Directory

We are planning to update the current Church Directory. The Church directory is intended to be used to help people attending Kingswinford Methodist Church to keep in touch with others who also attend. The Directory contains addresses, phone numbers, mobiles and email addresses. Permission is given by people in the Directory on the understanding that copies of it are intended only for home use by those who are in the Directory. The Directory is issued on paper.

If you are **IN** the church directory, please check your entry and let Michele know of any changes or additions.

If you are **NOT** in the church directory but would like to be, get your details to Michele. (michele.combes@outlook.com or 07960 032113)

Deadline for information is 11th July

Communication at Kingswinford

If something needs to be shared with the good folk of Kingswinford Methodist Church there are a number of options (which are not mutually exclusive!):

For the weekly email and/or verbal notices in church....

Contact Esme on kmcstewardteam@gmail.com

For the screen notices in church....

Contact Roger on shuttleworth67@btinternet.com

For the Magazine.....

Send contributions to Richard via richardwalters964@icloud.com by the deadline printed in the previous edition



BEAVERS

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SCOUTS

Gardening at New Bradley Hall



On Friday evenings during the summer term, the sound of 3rd Kingswinford (Methodist) Scouts having fun usually comes from the back of New Bradley Hall Care Home.

That's where they've been developing a garden for the last six years after the scout group won a £2,000 grant to buy a shed and a variety of garden tools.

The project was named the **Generation Bridge Garden** and some of the residents like visiting it for the wild flowers and vegetables that grow there.

Why do the scouts enjoy going there as well?

For Isaac, it's "the freedom you get of multiple choices of what to do."

On a typical evening, scouts can do watering, digging, carpentry and planting.

"I like to plant things," says Jack while for Moreton it's "good to socialise with other scouts while doing something."

Andrew finds watering plants fun.

Aurora says she likes gardening because she gets her hands dirty, while Leilah says: "I like throwing daisies in Aurora's hair!"



The bug Hotel has been made out of pallets and garden canes.

Second and Fourth Saturday Prayers

12th and 26th July @ 9.00 am in the Parlour or follow the link on the website to join via Zoom.

Come and join us as we pray for individuals, our church and circuit, the community we serve and situations across the world. You can also join by praying with the Prayer Chain by receiving requests via WhatsApp or email. If you or someone you know requires prayer, then please send requests to Melanie – contact details on the last page.

Prayers will then take a break during August and will begin again on September 13th

In the meantime, our prayers this summer centre on the theme of our June Super Sunday as we transition to the next part of our journey with God. Therefore, we pray for our church and our circuit; for the new district of the West Midlands, which commences in September; for Rev Alan and Michele as they return to London, and for Rev Jem, his wife Wendy, and son Sam as they settle into their new home. May we all be open and willing to follow as God guides our worship and service in new ways.



Rainbows Brownies

Another wonderful AAW on Sunday 8th June.



The Rainbows and Brownies thoroughly enjoyed parading in with their flags for another interactive inspiring service for Pentecost, based on the 3 Ps - **Promise, Power, Presence.**

We talked about Gods promises to all of us and the girls even renewed the Rainbow/Brownie promise they make - a special moment to say the least.

Lots of actions to songs saw even the youngest of Rainbows at just 4 and a half years old enthusiastically joining in. The look of wonder on her face was a sight to behold too, when helping Megan blow the candles out on the cake. They kept re-lighting 😊 (eventually) but reminded us nicely that Jesus' love for us, whatever we do, never goes away.



It was enjoyed by everyone, and we are looking forward to the next one - thank you all.



Family Fun Mornings



We will be running 2 Family Fun Mornings during the summer holidays. Both will run from 10am to 12pm – and involve crafts, games, food and songs. Both are free – but pre-booking is essential as numbers are limited (use the links/QR Codes below).

If you would be interested in helping at either or both of these, please contact Michele (michele.combes@outlook.com 07960032113)

Monday 21st July

Pirate Fun

This morning is now full but is operating a waiting list.

Please email

Kmc.communityevents@gmail.com

If you would like to be added to this

Monday 18th August

At the Beach

<https://forms.gle/3LoRNJspyLcTLy3M8>



New Church Mugs

The new church mugs have arrived! If you pre-ordered one or more for personal use, then you should have received those by now. If you didn't pre-order but you would like one or more for personal use, please speak to Michele asap and this can be arranged (rather than liberating any from the kitchen!!!). The mugs are priced at £5 each – money direct to Jackie please.

PLUS - if you would like to make a direct contribution towards the cost of the new mugs, please speak to Jackie about this.

thank you!

...FROM Transform Trade

We have had a thank you from Transform Trade – our coffee morning charity for April. They say, “Amongst those your generous support will help are tea growers like Rosina Begum from northern Bangladesh who with support from Transform Trade, she grows tea which has transformed her family’s future.”

...FROM New Bradley Hall

We have had a lovely card from New Bradley Hall thanking us for the gifts we gave them at Easter

...FOR the Easter Offering

Thanks to all who contributed to the Easter Offering. We raised £253 locally in Kingswinford. This was added to the circuit and the amount of £1,018 was sent to the World Mission Fund for work overseas.

All-Age Service

Sunday 13th July



Encounter 11:



How hard can it be?

Worship group leading songs from 10am



Formal start at 10.30am



Rainbows & Brownies Parade Service

Circuit Concert – John Mearman

Saturday 14th June was when the circuit concert organised by Rev Alan was held at Stourbridge Methodist Church New Road.

Several weeks ago Rev Alan was very active recruiting singers to form a choir to perform Solomon the Peaceful King by John Pantry. The music was very demanding and the time short. Unfortunately I couldn't join in because other commitments prevented me attending rehearsals but I did tell Rev Alan that he should have started rehearsals earlier and he agreed but he wanted to carry on. (See later)



So several of us from Kingswinford and other circuit churches went to New Road to support the event. The concert was in two parts.

The first included individual contributions from around the circuit. Michele played a very demanding and difficult brass piece. There were amusing poetry readings and sketches, and songs from Alan Warden and Malcy Jeffrey who you may remember

entertained us at Kingswinford some time ago. Alan joined them on drums and he really enjoyed himself. The second half was Solomon for which Alan had personally trained the choir and then conducted them in the performance. I was delighted to be proved wrong and despite my fears the choir performed wonderfully so well done one and all! Thanks are due to all who took part for a great evening but particularly Alan who was the driving force behind it.



All proceeds (approx. £470) were donated to Ukraine

Bug Hotel



Iain Robertson is kindly making a cross shaped bug hotel to be placed in the church garden. Church groups have been invited to furnish part of the hotel and we would like individual members of the congregation to be a part of the project too.

We would love it if you could contribute any of the following:



Pine cones **Bark**
Dry leaves **Sticks** **Twigs**
Bamboo canes **Hollow stems**
Straw **Moss** **Dried grasses**
Small stones **Tiles**
Deadwood
Corrugated cardboard



I will put a box in the link for such items.

Many thanks

Feed My Sheep

The next Feed My Sheep meals will be on **Sundays 6th July and 3rd August**. The Feed My Sheep meals are for those who would otherwise normally eat alone on a Sunday. They are completely free.



If you would like to attend the next meal or any meals in the future (they happen once a month, normally on the first Sunday) please contact Megan (details on the back page).



Donations received towards the maintenance of the memory garden.

From Jane & Geoff Stokes and family
in memory of Jean and Bill Stringer,
& Rosalind and Roy Raybould



Core Bible Exploration – July 2025

We meet at 7.30 pm on Monday evenings in the worship space (lifts are always available). We are always glad to welcome new faces. This group is for everyone—whether you read the Bible daily and can quote multiple verses, or if you pick the Bible up rarely and are not sure what the names of all the books are!

This year, we are using Love, Death, and Resurrection, the New Testament in a new format that begins with Luke-Acts to tell the story of Jesus, his church, and the world he came to save. From the beginning of June through mid-July, we will turn our attention to the letters written to the churches in and around Thessalonica.

Week	Theme	Principal Reading
July 7 th	Unruly Idleness v Untiring Good Work	2 Thessalonians 3:6-12 and 13-15
July 14 th	Lessons on Prayer	1 Thessalonians 5:24-28 and 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 2:16-17 3:1-5;16-18

After the 14th July Core Bible will take a break for the summer and will return on September 1st. This session will take the form of a Bible Praise – so over the summer, collect up the verses or passages which particularly speak to you and come and share them – it will be interesting to explore any overlaps!



Sunday 31st August – 10.30am

Guest Service

On Sunday 31st August we will be hosting Tom Elliot, who is a Christian comedian and magician who uses his work to share his faith. The morning will start with a short time of praise and worship and then we hand over to Tom, who will do his 'set'. His material is suitable for all ages. The morning will finish with an interview about Tom's faith.

Tom describes his work like this,

I tour because Christians need to be bolder in their evangelism style — not just in terms of how they speak the gospel, but in how they invite others to hear it. Many non-Christians are unfamiliar with — perhaps uncomfortable, or simply culturally disconnected from ever stepping into — a church building. The tour is an easy-invite event, which takes the gospel into mainstream theatres in partnership with local churches.

We have received a Circuit Grant to fund this as it is an outreach event – a service to which you are encouraged to invite people that you know who don't normally come to church.

If you would like to know more about Tom, his website is:

<https://tomelliottuk.scoreapp.com/p/tom-elliott-comedy-magician-event-host>

Or you could read the article in the Church Times here:

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2017/20-october/features/interviews/tom-elliott-comedian-magician>



The Summer Quiz – Esme Ashmore

1.	When did Walls release the Viennetta?	
2.	The summer solstice can fall between which 2 dates?	
3.	When was July 4 th made an official holiday in the USA?	
4.	What seaside bird can live up to 15 years?	
5.	What fruit is popular at Wimbledon?	
6.	Which British seaside attraction is 158m tall?	
7.	When does summer “officially” start?	
8.	How many types of watermelon are there?	
9.	In which month are most UK babies born?	
10.	How many beaches are in the UK?	
11.	Singer Donna Summer was known as the Queen of <i>what</i> ?	
12.	In what year did Seoul host the Summer Olympics?	
13.	What chocolate bar cannot be melted?	
14.	What has been the highest UK summer temperature?	
15.	What holds a summer pudding together?	
16.	Which butterfly spends summer in North America before going south for winter?	
17.	What is the longest pleasure pier in the UK?	
18.	What percentage of watermelon is water?	
19.	Where is the UK’s longest beach?	
20.	What feast falls on July 15 th each year?	

Catchphrase Quiz – Answers

1.	Nice to see you, to see you...nice	Bruce Forsyth
2.	That's another fine mess you've gotten me into	Oliver Hardy
3.	Hello my darlings	Charlie Drake
4.	You'll like this, not a lot, but you'll like it	Paul Daniels
5.	Shut that door	Larry Grayson
6.	I wanna tell you a story	Max Bygraves
7.	It's goodnight from me, and it's goodnight from him	The 2 Ronnies
8.	Just like that	Tommy Cooper
9.	Before your very eyes	Arthur Askey
10.	Rock on Tommy!	Bobby Ball
11.	It's all done in the best possible taste	Kenny Everett
12.	Not a lot of people know that	Michael Caine
13.	How tickled I am	Ken Dodd
14.	Hello, good evening and welcome	David Frost
15.	Goodnight, thank you, and may your God go with you	Dave Allen
16.	You are the weakest link! Goodbye!	Anne Robinson
17.	Cheap as chips	David Dickinson
18.	Is that your final answer?	Chris Tarrant
19.	Bernie, the bolt	Bob Monkhouse
20.	Can you hear me mother?	Sandy Powell

Bags for Refugees...

I was alone as a stranger, and you welcomed Me into your homes and your lives...(Matthew 25:35 The Voice)

Following on from the success of our 'Bags for New Mums' project, and the support we have been giving to Saltbrook Place, the Outreach group would like to do something similar for the local asylum seekers/refugee population, many of whom are children or teenagers.

World events in the past few years mean that many families have resorted to leaving their homes in search of safety within the UK. Government policy ensures that the number of those seeking asylum never exceeds 0.5% of the population of a particular council area. Those classed as refugees, however, are those who have had their asylum application thoroughly investigated and *have proven that they have 'a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion' in their homeland and are afraid to return to that country. Under international law and conventions, they are entitled to protection in another country.* Once granted refugee status the individual or family can begin to build a life here. The current population of refugees in the Dudley Borough come from Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Congo, Zimbabwe, Somalia, China and Syria. Most come as family units with less than 40% being single people. ¹

For teenagers in this situation, the issues created are, of course too numerous to mention each one here, but imagine being a boy who has always been taught in single sex classes, suddenly thrown into mixed teaching groups or a girl who never having been allowed to learn science, is excited to try, but daunted as they attempt to "catch up" on 5 years of chemistry using a language they barely know.

¹ <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/register-office/asylum-seekers>

Jesus, of course, was thrown into the life of a refugee shortly after his birth when, seeking to escape the murderous Herod, Joseph took the family to the safety of Egypt. In Matthew 25:35, Jesus teaches that whatever we do for a brother or sister in need (which includes strangers), we do for him. So, the plan is simple: to follow the Bags for New Mums pattern and create some bags for teenagers who, through no fault of their own, find themselves as strangers in the foreign land of Dudley Borough schools! To do this, we need your help with donations. There will be a list of items to buy and then donate on the link table from 6th July; this will include items for use in school, such as stationery, but also treats like chocolate and sweets. If you prefer to make a cash donation, these can be given to Melanie or Debbie.

Once created the bags will be gifted through local schools – beginning with one where we know of a significant refugee population and then, if the project proves successful, extending to other schools.

Coffee and Craft



Come with your craft project (or not!) and
enjoy a coffee (or tea!) and natter.

Saturdays 5th July, 2nd Aug & 6th Sept

10:30 – 12:00

Opportunities to serve.....



Some ideas of opportunities to serve if you are good at speaking in front of other people...

Maybe you would like to offer to **lead a Ladies Friendship Group** meeting on a topic of your choice – talk to Joyce Fellows about that.

Or you have a burning desire to **take part in Sunday services** – either as a reader or taking part in drama? Get your name to Derek Siviter or the All-Age Team if this is you! If you want to do more – talk to the Minister about training to be a **Worship Leader** or **Local Preacher**.

And for those who like spending time in the kitchen...

We have a small team of **cake bakers** who supply cakes for special events, café worship and Tuesday coffee mornings. If you would like to join this please speak to Melanie.

Much of what we serve at Feed My Sheep is home-made – particularly the puddings! If **making puddings** is your thing – speak to Melanie to join the team.

And Diane Jones would always like to hear from people who would be willing to take a turn at **serving tea/coffee after church** on a Sunday morning.....

If you are keen to engage with any of these opportunities and you don't know the person named, just speak to any of the Meeters and Greeters at the door or any of the Stewards and they will point you in the right direction.

Ladies Friendship Group

2nd Thursdays 2.15pm in the <i>Church Parlour</i>	4th Thursdays <i>lunch out somewhere</i>
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Contact *Joyce* on 01384 295122 for more details

10th July

AGM

(No meeting in August)

11th September

Speaker from Midlands Air Ambulance

All welcome – no minimum (or maximum) age limit!



Thursday 11th September - 2.15pm

**The Ladies Friendship Group will be hosting Kay Starkey
from the Midlands Air Ambulance charity**

**This should be a super afternoon – and is open to ALL – so
please come along to support.**

[MAA will also be our Coffee Morning Charity in September]

Birthday Celebrations



Last month we celebrated the church's 59th birthday, which means that we have entered our 60th year! To acknowledge this wonderful event and as a build up to next year's anniversary we have a challenge for you (of course we do!!)

We have prepared a list of 60 things to do this year – simple activities which celebrate creativity, fellowship, faith and fun!

Bake a cake **Have a picnic** **Write a prayer** **Complete a puzzle**

The lists will be on the link table. Please do take one and join in. You don't need to do them all, though I'm sure if we work together, we will achieve them all between us! There are some "seasonal specific" activities so you may like to read through the whole list and plan your year of celebration. We would welcome photographs and articles for the magazine.



Please contact Megan if you would like a copy of the list but are unable to pick one up.

Thank you. Have fun, and

Happy 60th



Kingswinford Methodist Church Men's Group...



*John being
introduced to the joys
of McDonald's in June*

Wednesday 2nd July – 7 pm

A meal at John and Gill Nash's house.
Please let John know if you are
coming

(No meeting in August)

Wednesday 3rd Sept – 7pm

Group outing to Rev Jen and
Wendy's Welcome Service at
Kinver Methodist Church.
Refreshments from 5.30pm.



10am until 12 noon

1st and 15th July

5th and 19th August



**Birmingham &
Black Country**
Wildlife Trust

The Silver Line
helpline for older people



In May we collected and donated 43.1 kg of food and 2kg of non-food – enough to provide 86 meals and 2 toiletry packs.

We know that through food insecurity, people are often forced to eat low quality food or not enough food, leading to malnutrition. Malnutrition and hunger don't just affect people's physical health, but also their life-chances, self-confidence, and mental well-being. Access to free fresh food can play a role in helping to reduce some of the health inequalities faced by vulnerable people accessing our foodbanks and local community projects. BCFB has offered the 26 foodbanks and local community groups the opportunity to apply for up to £500 worth of funding to purchase fresh food items.

There are normally the following shortages:

Long Life Milk (1l Cartons)	Squash/cordial
Long Life Fruit Juice (1l Cartons)	Bars of soap
Tinned spaghetti	Nappies
Tinned tomatoes	Baby wipes
Tinned rice pudding	Shampoo
Bags of rice	Roll-on deodorant
Packets of savoury rice	Toilet rolls
Pasta sauce/cooking sauces	Shower gel
Breakfast cereal	Washing up liquid

******* BCFB are very short of strong carrier bags *******

They cannot accept out of date food or food items containing alcohol.

How to donate financially

Website - donate on the website www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk

Bank transfer - Sortcode: 40-11-55, Account No: 30116548

Mobile phone - You can text **BCFOODBANK** to **70085** to donate £5.

Jesus told a parable—the story of the lost (or prodigal) son. You can read about it in Luke Chapter 15. There are 12 differences to find between these two pictures of the lost son feeding the pigs.



Circuit News

Circuit Ramblers – 10am - Walks of approximately 1 hour



Saturday July 12th – Bumble Hole

Suggested £1 donation for the Paul Ackrill Fund charity

Contact: Margaret Stevens (07986 566134) for details

Accord Concert at Amblecote Wordsley Methodist Church

Friday 18th July 2025 at 7.15 p.m. Accord is a

vocal / instrumental quartet who perform a range of folk, jazz, easy listening and country music. They will be sharing their favourite songs



from their six years of making and sharing music together. Tickets are available via church members for £6 to include interval refreshments.

Thanks for the Memories – Music & Singing for Wellbeing



A monthly afternoon singing of favourite songs from the past and from the musicals. This will be at Amblecote Wordsley Methodist on Sunday 27th July with tea from 3.30 and singing from 4-5pm.

Eden Toddler Group – SMC Gig Mill

Moms, dads, grandparents, guardians, carers are all welcome to pop in with babies and toddlers to a new Toddler Group at Stourbridge Methodist Church Gig Mill every Friday morning 9.30am to 11.30am.



MHA Sunday



Thank you to those who came to the Coffee afternoon for MHA, we raised £95. Although 8th June was set for MHA Sunday, churches can choose to support the charity at a time to suit their local calendar.

Thank you for your support. Martin & Carol Rider

Pentecost Praise

On Sunday 8th there was a Circuit service held at Kinver. During this act of worship an interactive word cloud was created asking the congregation what Pentecost means to you in one word. 247 responses were received as people were able to give multiple options and share technology between themselves. Please see the picture below showing the final product created in this Circuit Service.



July Services

	10:30 am	6:00 pm
6 th	Steve Hudson	
13 th	All-age Team All-age worship ItL leading worship from 10am	
20 th	Rev Alan Combes Holy Communion	Café worship Rev Alan Combes Supported by ItL
27 th	Colin Russ Plus KYC activities in the Hall ItL leading worship from 10am	Rev Andrew Roberts Holy Communion

Alan & Michele's Leaving Service

Saturday 12th July

4pm – Tea / 6pm - Service

August Services

	10:30 am	6:00 pm
3 rd	Rev Peter Bradley Holy Communion	
10 th	All-age Team All-age worship ItL leading worship from 10am	
17 th	Summer Songs of Praise Jane Artist	
24 th	David Baker Plus KYC activities in the Hall ItL leading worship from 10am	
29 th	Outreach Service (see full page ad for details)	

September Services

	10:30 am	6:00 pm
7 th	Rev Jem Hawkins (TBC) Holy Communion	
14 th	All-age Team All-age worship ItL leading worship from 10am	

Rev Jem & Wendy's Welcome Service

Kinver Methodist Church

Wednesday 3rd September – 7pm

Refreshments from 5.30pm

Evening Services elsewhere in the Circuit

1st Sunday – SMC Gig Mill or New Road – 6pm

2nd Sunday – Kinver – 6pm

Rotas

Foodbank

6th July	Paula Durrant	10th Aug	Sue & Brian Bracher
13th July	Jackie Cliff	17th Aug	John Mearman
20th July	Colin Russ	24th Aug	Rod Worthington
27th July	Stuart Ashmore	31st Aug	Melanie Walters
3rd Aug	Jane Artist	7th Sept	Paula Durrant

Jackie Cliff would always be happy to hear from anyone else who would like to join the Foodbank Rota

After service coffee/tea

6th July	David & Diane Jones, Celia Miskin
13th July	Jocelyn Arch, Jane Stokes, Esther Homer
20th July	Into the Light, Jean Whitehouse
27th July	Bob & Edna Drake, Paula Durrant
3rd Aug	Debbie Westwood, George & Judith Tyler
10th Aug	David & Diane Jones, Celia Miskin
17th Aug	Bob & Edna Drake, Paula Durrant
24th Aug	Jocelyn Arch, Jane Stokes, Esther Homer
31st Aug	Into the Light, Jean Whitehouse
7th Sept	TBC

Diane Jones would always be happy to hear from anyone else who would like to join the after service coffee/tea rota

Meet & Greet

6th July	Ann Mearman, Carol Pearson, Jocelyn Arch
13th July	Margaret Shuttleworth, Sue Wilson, Sylvia Allaway
20th July	Colin & Jennifer Russ, Paula Durrant
27th July	Bob & Edna Drake, Sue Wilson
3rd Aug	Ann Mearman, Carol Pearson, Betty Payne
10th Aug	Diane & Iain Robertson, Margaret Shuttleworth
17th Aug	Colin & Jennifer Russ, Ann Mearman
24th Aug	Bob & Edna Drake, Jocelyn Arch
31st Aug	Carol Pearson, Sue Wilson, Sylvia Allaway
7th Sept	Ann Mearman, Paula Durrant, Betty Payne

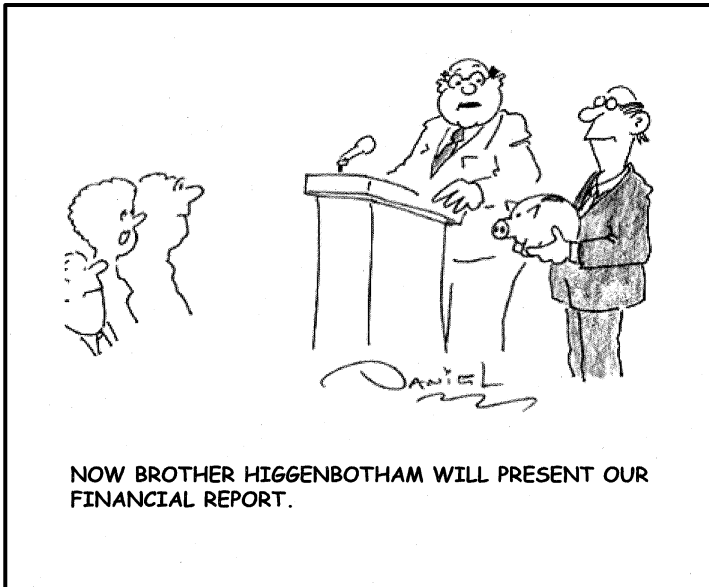
Jane Artist would always be happy to hear from anyone else who would like to join the Meet & Greet team

Tea Towel Washing

July	Debbie Westwood
August	Betty Payne
September	Sue Wilson

The Tea Towel washing rota for 2025 is currently complete and on the wall in the kitchen! Thank you to all those who have agreed to serve in this way.

Let's end with a Loff.....



In a small church, the pastor waited for the offering to be taken. When the plate came back with even less money than usual, he began his prayer, "Well, Lord, we thank you for the safe return of the plate."

What do you call a malnourished, travelling wise man who has no shoes or toothbrush?

A super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis

Church Activities & Contacts

Bible Study – Mondays @ 7.30pm – In the worship space

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Coffee & Conversation – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10am to 12 noon - Hall

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Coffee & Craft – 1st Saturdays 10.30am to 12 noon – Red Room

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or Jackie (jackie.cliff@btinternet.com)

Feed my Sheep – 1st Sundays 1pm – Hall

Contact: Megan - 07904 502365 or megan@ashfam.co.uk

Into the Light – Some Fridays @6.30pm – Church

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KYC (Young Church) – Sunday mornings – 10.30am – Church/Hall

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Ladies Friendship Group – 2nd Thursdays @2.15pm – Parlour

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Men's Group – Usually 1st Wednesdays in the evening

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Playgroup – Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays – 9.15am to 11.45am

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Prayers – 2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 9am – Parlour or on Zoom

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