

# UOMC News



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We are part of the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Methodist Circuit.

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# WELCOME

## Our Mission

**Unity Oldland Methodist Church seeks to proclaim the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out our discipleship in worship and mission.**

### Relationship with God

- ♦ The worship of God in word and sacrament in the power of the Holy Spirit
- ♦ Celebrating the Good News and the love of Jesus Christ
- ♦ Encouraging growth in faith, discipleship and spirituality

### Relationship with each other

- Continuing developing a welcoming and open fellowship.
- Working towards supporting and including everyone.
- Continue developing working wioth people of all ages.

### Relationship with the community

- Serving as a focal point in the community
- Encouraging our relationship with other churches and community groups
- Reaching out to the local and wider community with God's love in Christ offering opportunities to express their spirituality.

## **UOMC NEWSLETTER**

We welcome you to the Newsletter of Unity Oldland Methodist Church.

The Newsletter is published on the first Sunday of each month. except August . If you have any ideas how the Newsletter can be improved please do talk to Margaret S, the compiler.

In order to get your item into the Newsletter please can you let me have it a week before the first Sunday of the following month. **The next edition will be published on 4th May . Please can all items be with me by Tuesday 29th April by 5pm at the latest please.**

Please don't be shy whether you can send your item by email or something that is handwritten or verbal—but make sure I write it down! Photographs etc all are welcome.

**My contact details are Margaret Slucutt (referred to as Margaret S) 07967102141 or email [mgt.s@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mgt.s@blueyonder.co.uk)**

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## **Our Ministers Message**

### **SO WELL NOURISHED**

As an African-American 'Soul Food' for us is that food that fills your belly and taste so good that it makes you want to slap somebody because it is just that good. And as we are finishing this six-week study of God's word when we get to Easter Sunday we should be so full to overflowing with the spirit of God that we can't sit still.

The women came to the tomb of Jesus and the angels asked a very profound question, "*Why do you look for the living among the dead?*" This is very much a question for us. We have been well fed for six weeks and now we need to get up and do something. Like a car with a full tank of fuel we should be able to go for miles proclaiming the good news of the risen Christ. The angels reminded the women of Jesus' words about his resurrection and when they remembered they ran to tell the disciples and others all that they had experienced. Our symbol for Easter Sunday is a book, the bible in which all the directions for our lives are written. This book is full of necessary life recipes of spiritual foods that feed, sustain, nourish, and strengthens us.

When we read and take in God's word we will be so well nourished that all of us should want to share it. You are blessed by the Lord moment by moment; for with every breath we have an opportunity to praise God, serve God, love God and feed others.

Every Blessing,  
P. J.

## YOU ARE ALL WONDERFUL

I just want to acknowledge how wonderful you all are. Myself and the worship committee come to you with various ways of worship, some are new, some are old that we have given a new twist to, but whatever it is you wonderful people take it in your stride and you allow us to give things a try.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiastic worship and welcome each Sunday. Each and everyone of you is a true blessing to me and I am peacock proud to be your minister. I pray for you and this magnificent church because you are a true beacon to this community.

All my heartfelt love,  
P. J.



# **SERVICES IN MARCH**

We continue to share our morning service 'live' on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

Code 893 0313 2856

Password Worship

## **Sunday 6th April**

10.30am Rev Teddy Kalongo

Stewards Joy and Kay

## **Sunday 13th April**

10.30am Mr Chris Sledge

Stewards Phil & Debbie

## **Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday**

8am Rev P J Jackson -Holy Communion

10.30am Rev P J Jackson

Stewards Catherine & Roger

## **Sunday 27th April**

10.30am Rev P J Jackson

Stewards—Jo & Alison Britton

## **EVENING FELLOWSHIP @ UOMC**

Evening Fellowship / Bible Study runs at 4pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month.

All are very welcome.

**DON'T MISS our activities on  
Good Friday. P11. We would love  
you to join us.**



## **LENT BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

Pat's online Lent Bible Study

Title: By His Wounds

- ♦ Signs of love Monday 10th March
- ♦ Wounds of love Monday 24th March
- ♦ Love is way Monday 31st March
- ♦ Now is the Kingdom Monday 7th April
- ♦ Healing wounds of love Monday 14th April

To join our group please contact Margaret 907 9523 for the Zoom link which will be 2pm—3pm

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Brenda is hosting a Lent Bible Study at her home,  
6 The Keep on Thursdays at 2.30pm for 5 weeks  
commencing on 6th March entitled 'At Home in Lent.  
Not 3rd April. Brenda can be contacted on 07484705597

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As P.J. has shared we are following the same Lent series  
at the Methodist Church has assigned

‘Soul Food’

This is recommended by the Methodist Church in Britan.  
Please let Alison have any reflections / comments.



## **PASTORAL REPORT**

The sun is shining and the days are getting longer, I do hope that you all can enjoy the sunshine and the lighter nights.

Yesterday was Gordon Burchill's cremation and the Wake was celebrated here at Unity. We pray that June and her Daughter Diane will be cared for in the Lord's hands as they move on working together. God Bless you both.

Connie's funeral will be on Tuesday 8th April and our prayers will be with her family and friends as we say our goodbyes. Connie had only been coming to church over the past years but she became a friend to us all with her very friendly character and enjoyment of life.

We pray for Pat who is getting over a chest infection, she had one but did not have long enough before the second chest infection which is taking longer to shift. We pray that your strength will come back to you soon. Thank you for making up our bunches of daffodils for Mothering Sunday, and for your family helping out too.

We pray for Christine Miles as she has a throat and breathing problems which are being investigated over the next coming weeks.

Lord we ask you to be with our church members throughout the next month, hold them in your hands we pray.

I thought it would be nice this month to pray for are Community Choir as we are preparing to sing at Frome Methodist Church in June, a request from Rev Andrew Prout. We have members who are ill and I pray that they will be able to recover so they too can be with us when we sing.

Easter Sunday we will be welcoming Jeff and Joanne into our church family. Both have been coming to church from other churches and we



welcome you with our prayers to Unity and hope you will enjoy being with your new family.

Lastly a request for me for your prayers, as you all know on Palm Sunday my mum will be 100, who is going to share a birthday cake with her friends at church. My three sisters and myself, Jackie, Sally and Penny are giving my mum a tea party on Saturday 12th and I pray that my mum and my sisters will all have an enjoyable time together as we all meet up with our families.

Happy Easter to you all. May God Bless you all.

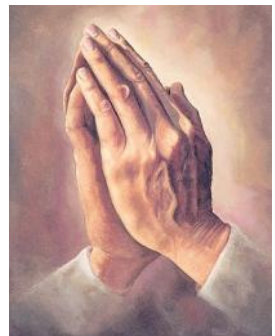
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## New Members of UOMC

### WELCOME

On Easter Sunday we are welcoming two new members into our church. Jeff who has been a Methodist all his life but has been attending Church of England and Joanne who is transferring from St Anne's to join us.

If anyone in the congregation feel they would like to be welcomed into our Methodist church please contact either myself or our Minister P J. Her number is 0117 965 9364.



## **Instead of our monthly prayer Gordon offers:**

As Holy Week dawns, does anyone recognise this Palm Sunday hymn?

1. Wave your branches! He is coming!  
Spread your cloaks along the way!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna:  
Son of David rides today.

2. On a donkey He is coming:  
do they know the reason why?  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
for the Christ is passing by.

3. Do not weep now, He is coming,  
sing and shout for liberty.  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna -  
His the final victory.

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# 'Journey to The Cross'

## Good Friday 2025 (18th April )

Unity Oldland Methodist Church

Join us for a Reflection on Easter related  
Artwork

*A rich and colourful journey through the Passion story  
portrayed by visual art.*

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**Hot Cross Buns** and other  
**Light Refreshments** will be  
available at the church from  
**10a.m. - 12.00 noon and from  
3.00 - 4.00 p.m.**

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- **10a.m. - 12 noon** - Come and browse our Easter related artwork and images - prints, original paintings, images on the screen, artefacts. *Pop in for a short time or stay for some refreshments.*
  - **2.00 - 3.00 p.m.** Join us for a walk of witness around the village with our wooden cross - starting at the church.
  - **3.00 - 4.00 p.m.** Join us back at the church for refreshments and if you haven't yet done so browse our Easter related artwork and images.



Don't miss our **Coffee Morning** on Saturday 12th April 10am—11.30am. There will be our usual Bacon Butties, Cakes, Marmalade, Tea and Coffee. The takings will be given to UOMC. We are so grateful for our wonderful church family and friends who support us.



**£194.00 was donated to Transforming Trade. Thank you for your generosity.**

**Linda Pope shares these words from St Francis of Sales**



'Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow, the same everlasting Father cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped, He is not

only with me , but in me and I in Him'

**FILM NIGHT Friday 25th April .**



**7.15pm for 7.30pm start**

**Refreshments available.**

**If you need transport please let us know.**



## Exciting News

Wiggle Giggle and Hop has made two exhibits on “Wonderfull Water” for The New Room Exhibition over the Easter Holidays. If you can, please go along and see them hanging from a piece of net which Mandy Briggs is putting up to show the Fish off.

The children collected with their parents, grandparents and carers snack packets and cereal boxes. The snack packets to cover a large fish with its scales and the cereal packets cut out fish covered in all sorts of different things.

Thank you Susan for the bag of fine material and Kay for the left over material from sequins cutouts.

Mandy ask to remind anyone coming to The New Room that Thursdays is craft day, open for everyone, throughout the Easter Holidays, I also volunteer on a Thursday afternoon, so I might see you.

Jo





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## **Board Games Nights! 2025**

**Selected Fridays 7.00 – 9.00 pm**

All  
Ages

- 31<sup>st</sup> January,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- 18th July - pizza night! (details to follow)
- 31st October



**Unity Oldland Methodist Church**  
**West Street, Oldland Common**

**Plenty of Board Games available to play or bring your own**

**£2 donation, bring snacks – tea and coffee Provided**

**Just turn up – come on your own or bring a friend**

**For more information speak to anyone from Church Social Committee  
(Sue, Joy, Debbie, Kay, Richard, Val, Linda, Lynette)**



Our next One25 cake collection is on Tuesday 8th April. I will be in our car park between 7.15pm and 7.45pm.

If anyone needs a pick up from their home address please let me know. 07967102141 Our contributions are always received with thanks. I will as usual deliver on Wednesday morning.

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**HOME INSTEAD** provide a film afternoon on the last Thursday of the month, for older people particularly for those with or caring for people with dementia at UOMC. All are very welcome.

Care Instead is a care agency based in Hanham.

**‘Thursday 24thApril at 2pm**

**Educating Rita**





## UNITY SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2025

Your Social Committee met on 11<sup>th</sup> February, and I am pleased to confirm we have made the following arrangements:

Cream Tea on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 3-5pm to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day

Church Anniversary and Gift Day tea on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 3-5pm

Outing to Oakham Treasures in Portishead on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July – we will take one minibus so first come first served for seats on the bus, but we will arrange extra transport if there is demand

Pizza Games Night on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Church Picnic with games in August – date and venue to be agreed

Afternoon Quiz on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 2-4pm

Potential for another Beetle Drive in October if March one is successful

Craft Fair on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Choir Concert on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November

All these events will run alongside our usual activities such as our monthly Coffee Morning, Film Night, craft sessions and Board Games Night. We will provide you with more details as to any cost attached to the above nearer the time, but please pop the dates on your calendars now!



We need your help with our

Unity Oldland



# Easter Art Exhibition

**Do you have any kind of artwork related to Easter?**

To complement our Easter Celebrations this year we intend to hold an **exhibition of artwork** here in the church on **Good Friday (18<sup>th</sup> April)**

We need you all to contribute if possible and bring in items to add to our exhibition.

**This could be:**

- Paintings
- Prints
- Photographs
- Tapestry/embroidery
- Postcards
- Sculpture
- Artefacts
- Icons
- Anything that you associate with art and Easter



If you think you have anything suitable could you let **Sue Weaver, Lynette** or **P.J.** know.

If you could then let us have it by the **end of March** we will include it in our exhibition on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**



STATIONS of the CROSS



## **Have thought about the different accounts between Mark and the other 3 gospels**

Just a few years ago the Sunday Morning Service on Radio4 came from Rugby School, and this is based on the Chaplain's sermon. He spoke about the ending of Mark's Gospel, when the women came to the tomb to tend to Jesus's body. They found the tomb open, and a man sitting there tells them that Jesus has risen. He is not there and they should go back to Galilee where they would find him.

This is different from the account in the other 3 Gospels.

Jesus's last days were in Jerusalem, the capital city which stood for power, wealth, pomp, religious 'high ups' in the Temple. There He confronted the authorities, and where He was betrayed, tried, beaten, died, and was taken to the tomb.

Galilee is 70 miles north of Jerusalem. It is where Jesus and His disciples came from Nazareth, where He grew up, Capernaum where he began His public work, the Lake where He chose ordinary working men, farmers and fishermen to be His disciples.

Galilee was a world of ordinary people going about their lives of working, farming and growing, fishing, eating and drinking with friends, marrying, raising children, living, dying, loving and coping with the struggles and delights of everyday life - normality.

The messenger in the tomb said, "That is where you will find Him" - in ordinary everyday life.

That is where we will find Him - in our everyday life of living and loving, in kindnesses of friends, in failure and success - normality. When we look we will find Him too.

Joyce James

# ***East Bristol Cluster***

Come and join us on a

**Sponsored walk**

**Saturday 17th May**

**at 10am**

Starting at Shortwood Methodist  
Chapel, walking along the dramway  
and back again.

You can choose to walk 3 or 5 miles

All money raised for

**For Turnaround Bristol**



A sponsor form can be provided, please ask Margaret S.



# University of the West of England Brass Band and Choir



Saturday 10th May



at 7.30pm



## Staple Hill Methodist Church

131 High Street Staple Hill BS16 5HQ

Tickets: Adults £10, under 16's FREE

Tickets available directly from Staple Hill  
Methodist Church can be purchased on the door

[staplehillmethodist@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:staplehillmethodist@hotmail.co.uk) 0117 9373988



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## **Minutes of Worship Consultation Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Attendees:** Rev P. J., Alison Bennett; Joy Harris; Margaret Slucutt; Jo Stevens; Brenda Andrews; Cath Corrish; Sue Weaver; Abi Davies

**Apologises:** Linda Pope; Lynette Bower

AB opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

It was decided that for now we will shelve the idea of themed preaching on Song of Songs books. We thank P.J. for her ideas and encourage them to keep coming.

### **March to May Quarter**

#### **Lent**

There will be a circuit service on Maundy Thursday at Westbury on Trym at 1pm and Longwell Green at 7pm.

Our Lent Services will be following the Soul Foul theme from the Methodist web site, P. J. will also be following this as part of the Sunday afternoon bible study.

Good Friday - All information has been included in our church newsletter, for our walk and Art exhibition.

Easter Sunday – Communion will be at 8am followed by a continental breakfast and our normal morning service where we will welcome our two new members Joanne and Jeff.

Our Easter offering service was planned ~~in~~ for April, but we will be moving this to after Easter and it will now be on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025. AB had been having problems contacting all our preachers through Lent to confirm the theme. P. J. picked this up and has kindly touched base with them, including moving Easter Offering.

**Holy Humour Sunday** – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Led by Rev P. J.

As it is the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of **VE day** we will be marking it on 4<sup>th</sup> May with a special service dedicated to this. The service will be led by JH with support from the Worship Leaders team.

A discussion was had on holding a **Back to Church Sunday** where we encourage people to come to church, whether new or returning. The date for this was agreed for the 11<sup>th</sup> May when JH is already planned to be preaching. P. J. will be doing a piece for the

Newsletter for this and SW will put a piece in the Voice.

**Church Anniversary** is on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025, and we hope the service will be led by Marcus (New Chairman of the District). This will also be our Gift Day weekend. Alison will approach Rev Hilary Cooke if Marcus is unable to attend.

### **June – September Quarter**

**Education Sunday** – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025. – AB to ask Lynette to lead us.

**Environment Sunday** – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025. – Café Church focusing on climate – Led by JH and CC

**Father's Day** – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – We will be making this a Men's day celebration this service will be led by John Emmett and supported by AD.

Martin Slocombe will be joining us on the 31<sup>st</sup> August. This is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, so we have invited Martin to try anything new or old.

**Harvest** – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Led by Rev P. J.

We will be looking to plan a **Songs of Praise** on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025. AB agreed to approach Linda to organise this. However, Linda is still in recovery and wouldn't like to commit to this at present. We wish Linda all the best and can't wait for her to be back in our fold. AB has approached BA and they will organise the day together.

As we have planned for much of the September to November quarter, we will not be holding our next meeting till **17<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm.**

As the first Sunday in Advent is the 30<sup>th</sup> November it was agreed that this would be led by BA so that P. J. could submit this in our dates in June.

Please come ready for Advent inspirations in September.

## What goes on at UOMC

**Talk to Susan Weaver if you have any queries about bookings.  
07460082852.**

**Services** UOMC have a morning service at 10.30am and there is a Zoom link for those who wish to join us from their digital equipment. The link is on the service plan page of our website.

**50:60s Group**—Meet monthly please contact Brenda Andrews on 07484 705597.

**Wriggle Giggle Hop** –Each Tuesday morning 10.30am—12 noon  
For young children and their parents or carers.

**Social Group**—Each Tuesday afternoon, 2—4pm this group meet to share conversation, information and activities. Run by an outside organisation for the benefit of all. Next meeting 2nd May.

**ONE25** Cake collections in UOMC Car Park between 7.15pm—7.45pm on Tuesday 8th April.

**Coffee morning**— Saturday 8th March 10am—11.30am Our takings will be given to Transforming Trade formerly Traidcraft

**Crafting Friends**—Wednesday 2nd, 16th and 30th April 2pm – 4pm

**Nita Nata**—Wednesday 9th 23rd April from 2pm—4pm.

**Film Night**— Friday 25th April Paddington in Peru.7.15pm for 7.30pm start.

**Board Games** - 2nd May from 7pm

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