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HS2 Complaints: Tel: 08081 434 434

British Gas: Tel: 0800 111 999

National Grid (Electricity problem): Tel: 105

Seven Trent Water (Report water leak): Tel: 0800 783 4444

Potholes (Warwickshire): Tel: 01926 412 515

Report Fly-tipping to NWBC Tel: 01827 715 341

MP for North Warwickshire - Rachel Taylor Email: rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk .

**APRIL 2025**

# THE BRIDGE



**LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE  
IN WATER ORTON**

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**Worship at St Peter and St Paul’s Church, Water Orton**

Sunday	9.00a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	11.00a.m.	All Age Worship
Tuesday	10.00a.m.	Morning Prayer, Common Worship
Wednesday	10.00a.m.	Said Holy Communion
Wednesday evening	9.00p.m.	Service of Compline - <b>on Zoom only</b>
Thursday	9.00a.m.-10.00a.m.	Contemporary Prayer Meeting - <b>on Zoom only</b>

The above services will continue to be available via Zoom, for the foreseeable future.  
Zoom ID: 508 367 3910

March 30th	Mothering Sunday	Normal times for services
April 6th	Passion Sunday	Normal times for services
April 13th	Quest Family	3.30p.m.
April 13th	Palm Sunday	Normal times for services
April 17th	Maundy Thursday	Service 7.00p.m.
April 18th	Good Friday	Service 10.00a.m, followed by the Walk of Witness to the White City Community Centre
April 20th	Easter Sunday	Early Rise Service 7.30a.m + Services at 9.00a.m and 11.00a.m.

**Worship at Water Orton Methodist Church**

Sunday	6th April	10.30a.m	with Mrs Ermine Mitchell
Sunday	13th April	10.30a.m	All age service with Mrs Gill Day
Friday	18th April	6.30p.m.	Good Friday Meditation
Sunday	20th April	9.30a.m.	Easter Sunday Communion Service
Sunday	27th April	10.30a.m.	with Rev. Karen Webber
		7.00p.m.	Songs of Praise at The White City Community Centre

Contacts:

Ermine Mitchell	Lay Minister	07526 204 536
Mrs Gill Day	Senior Steward	07818 060 900
Mr Roger Boulton	Bookings	07554 637 330

**WHAT’S ON AT THE LINK**

MONDAY

10.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.  
12.30p.m. - 1.15p.m.  
1.45p.m. - 2.30p.m.  
3.00p.m. - 4.15p.m.  
5.00p.m. - 5.45p.m.  
6.15p.m. - 7.00p.m.

KIDDOODLES - Parent & Toddler Group  
PILATES with Lauren 07733 262 796  
CHAIR YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448  
QI GONG with Denise 07454 708 646  
BOUNCE AND BURN with Emma 07861 747 448  
BODY CONDITIONING with Kathryn 07786 669 688

TUESDAY

9.30a.m. - 12noon  
10.00a.m. - 12noon  
6.00p.m. - 7.00p.m.

ART CLASS Watercolours with Carl 07852 531 188  
ART CLASS - All ages and abilities welcome.  
YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448

WEDNESDAY

10.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.  
3.30p.m.  
5.30p.m.  
7.00p.m.

KIDDOODLES - Parent & Toddler Group  
SLIMMING WORLD  
SLIMMING WORLD with Jayne Reece 07453 348 184  
SLIMMING WORLD

THURSDAY

9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.  
  
5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.  
6.15p.m. - 7.00p.m.  
7.15p.m. - 8.00p.m.

WOMBATS - Parent & Toddler Group  
with Ann: annllewe@yahoo.co.uk 07724 634 211  
KARATE class age 5+ with Jason 07515 360 586  
BOUNCE AND BURN with Emma 07861 747 448  
YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448

FRIDAY

12noon - 1.30p.m.

MEET AND EAT - Lunch and chat for the retired

SATURDAY

9.30a.m. - 12noon

SHINING STAR STAGE SCHOOL  
Shining Tots ages 4 -7 Shining Stars ages 7+  
email info@shiningstarstageschool.co.uk

For more information contact The Link on 0121 748 6360  
Email: bookingsathelink@gmail.com

Updated February 2025

**WHAT’S ON AT THE METHODIST CHURCH**

Monday	9.30a.m.—11.30a.m.	Child Minders	Debbie Morley	07961 241 662
	12.30a.m. - 6.00p.m.	SPUD CLUB	Cllr Steve Stuart	07999 777 345
	6.30p.m. - 7.30p.m.	Little Local Vocals	Helen Hyde	07746 243 456
Tuesday	8.00p.m. - 10.00p.m.	Local Vocals	Helen Hyde	07746 243 456
	9.30a.m. - 2.00p.m.	Dance Classes	Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070
	6.00p.m. - 8.30p.m.	Dance Class	Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070
Wednesday	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Dance Classes	Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070
	7.00p.m. - 9.00p.m.	Dance Class	Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070
	Thursday	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Child Minders	Debbie Morley
5.45p.m. - 7.00p.m.		Youth Club for School Years 4 - 8	Kayla Norman	07766 477 187
Friday		12.00noon - 1.00p.m.	Calypsocise	Jayde Carlin
	6.00p.m. - 8.00p.m.	Boys’ Brigade and Girls’ Association	Mr Kim Smith	07940 541 121
	Saturday	10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.	Coffee Morning Table Top Sale last Saturday of the month	Margaret Smith
5.00p.m - 6.00p.m.		Gong Bath– monthly	Julie McLean	07581 721 565
Sunday		10.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Worship Service	

## WATER ORTON SUPPER CLUB

These months go by so quickly! March 29th is our A.G.M which will be short and arrive a bit earlier, so that we can go into our entertainment with our full on entertainer Fran Dwane, with a Fish and Chip supper. On April 26th we have a new to Supper Club entertainer called "Just Kevin". Coming up on July 23rd we are going on a trip to Burnham on Sea but first stopping for a two course carvery lunch and coffee at Brent House, well renowned for it's quality of food. Then we go 3 miles down the road to Burnham on Sea. We are now taking bookings. If you are on your own come along and try us to see what you are missing on a Saturday evening. Please don't hesitate to contact me for any details. Mike Sadler 0121 747 5980 or email [mikebarbarasad@aol.com](mailto:mikebarbarasad@aol.com).

## THOUGHTS OF WATER ORTON

Now is the time to look for the returning swifts, or are they swallows?, swooping low around the newly cut Cricket Ground or gliding along the fast flowing river. They remind us that Spring is arriving in all its birthing beauty.

Walk up old Church Road past the old grave yard and breathe in the quiet calm which surrounds the stately pines and quiet resting places. Continue on through the kissing gate and walk along the river, where herons, like statues, wait patiently for prey. You might be lucky and see the flash of iridescent green as a kingfisher flies home.

Take a stroll along the village green, bordered by beautiful Beech trees now in bud and wander down Plank Lane, with its running brook and tangled ancient hedgerows. Wander through tree clad Vicarage Lane, breathing in its quiet calm with memories of great houses like "Woodlands", the home of the Jacques family, which used to host village parties with a model railway that children could ride on.

From Coleshill Road, on through Gilson, down the Ford Rift near Gypsy Lane, and on across the river to Credeworth (mentioned in the Doomsday Book) ran the ancient Salt Path. Near the Ford Rift stop and think and maybe say a prayer at our new War Memorial, which names the young men "who gave their tomorrows for our todays". Give thanks, with grateful hearts, that the heart of our village is still a place of peace and beauty.

Gill Day

## A MESSAGE FROM RACHEL TAYLOR, MP

I am pleased the government is taking steps to give Warwickshire residents the kind of accessible and reliable bus services that people in big cities take for granted. In addition to providing £9 million of extra bus funding to Warwickshire, the government is also giving Warwickshire County Council the power to introduce London-style bus franchising. That would allow Warwickshire – and not private providers – to decide where and when buses run in our County. It's disappointing Warwickshire won't commit to using those powers. I've launched a petition calling on Warwickshire County Council to bring our buses back under public control. You can sign it by visiting [www.rachel-taylor.co.uk](http://www.rachel-taylor.co.uk), where you can also find details of my upcoming surgeries.

I always want to hear from constituents. You can contact my office by emailing [rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk) or by calling 02476 309 901 if you have any questions or need support.

## A MESSAGE FROM ALAN, CURATE

### AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH,

### WATER ORTON

When you think of "mission", what's the first thing that comes to mind?

We may all have different ideas: you can hear talk of fact-finding missions, a military task (just like Mission Impossible!) or simply a task or duty that has been assigned to you. It may be that our immediate reaction is to think of the missionaries of old, like David Livingston, Gladys Aylward and Eric Liddell, the Scottish Missionary of Chariot's of Fire fame, who went to China after the Olympics to spread the good news of Jesus. The word mission comes from the Latin *mittere/missio*, meaning to send, as in the sending of the Holy Spirit into the world.

I have had the good fortune to have travelled to India on three occasions, most recently in 2019 when I was accompanied by my now fellow Curate, Peter. We stayed at a children's home and spent time sharing with the children, as well as leading worship at the local Church and helping with the distribution of medical aid.

I have little doubt, as I look back, that I was "sent" but I would not have described myself as a Missionary. I learnt so much from those trips and from the people that I met, and it was transformational in my journey to Ordination.

As we continue to travel through Lent, and look towards Easter, may I challenge you to consider whether there may be a sending for you? A mission to help you grow in your knowledge and love of God, through his son, Jesus.

Whether young or old, we can always be called to something new and my prayer is that you will always be open to what God may be wanting to do in your life. May God bless you this Easter and throughout 2025.

God Bless

Alan



## PLANT SALE

The Plant Sale is on Saturday 26th April, 10a.m.-12 noon, in the Robert Lloyd Room in the Parish Church. We will have a variety of plants for sale, also a cake stall, teas and coffees. All monies will go towards the building of a classroom in a remote part of Uganda by a Christian organisation (YWAM - Youth With A Mission). Their aim is to create a base for teaching local people agricultural skills, since their traditional lifestyle of animal herding is now unsustainable due to climate change and drought. Please come along and support this important project.

## WATER ORTON LADIES

Well, after a lovely beginning to 2025 with our New Year lunch at Grimscote Manor Hotel, we're already enjoying the great programme we have for the rest of the year! In February we had a lovely nature slide show, in March a visit from the 'Blood Bike' couriers and the Fashion Show and on April 17th we'll be hearing about the wonderful work of 'Zoe's Place', a Hospice for babies in Coventry. And there's lots more to come – more great speakers, a visit to Port Sunlight, an afternoon cream tea and china painting.

Last year we raised money for the Water Orton Scout Group and last month presented a £550 cheque to their Chief Scout, who joined us for afternoon tea.

Why not come and join us. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at The Pavilion in the Playing Field, off Openfield Croft, between 2p.m and 4p.m. Looking forward to seeing you. Any queries, just give me a call. Liz 07811 147 728

## WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

We would like to invite you to **The Annual Village Gathering on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April**, from **11am-4pm** at **Water Orton Primary School, Plank Lane, Water Orton**

Water Orton have at least 24 clubs, associations and organisations: all have been invited to join us on the day and many will be hosting tables in the school hall. We also have:

**A food festival** where you can sit and enjoy lunch/tea.

**A bicycle event** where Warwickshire Active Travel Team will be talking about bicycle maintenance, offering bicycle identification and demonstrating a bicycle that can make a smoothie!

**The Healthy Heart Bus** with the George Eliot Team on hand, to check your health as a one-to-one consultation and provide health advice.

At **6pm** in the school hall we will hold the **Annual Parish Council Meeting**. Come and hear local organisations report on their past year/forthcoming activities, and raise questions or concerns.

## STOP THE BLEED TRAINING

Two members of the Parish Church recently attended a "Stop The Bleed" (Stab Kit) "Train the Trainer" training session run by West Midlands Ambulance Service in partnership with Citizen Aid. The training is aimed at teaching teenagers (but is equally suitable for adults) how to deal with a life-threatening injury such as a stab wound. Three training sessions, led by Andrew Stockton, a retired paramedic, have since been delivered; one to older members of the Boys' Brigade and two others to groups of church members. Each session lasted about one hour and was received very favourably. We are keen to offer the training to other organisations and groups/individuals within the village. Please contact Kim Smith (church warden) or Andy Stockton (07971 945 211) for further details.

## EVENTS FROM THE PARISH CHURCH CALENDAR

**Open Café in the Robert Lloyd Room** - open every Tuesday, 9.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.

**Food Bank** - Open for collection and distribution, Tuesday, 9.30a.m – 11.30a.m and Saturday, 10.00a.m. - 11.00a.m.

**Memory Café - Robert Lloyd Room** - Meetings will be held on 1st Friday in the Month, 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. There is now a waiting list. For further information please contact The Hub - Coleshill, on 01675 462517

**AA Meeting - Robert Lloyd Room** - Every Monday at 7.30p.m.

## MEMORY CAFÉ

The next meeting will be on Friday 4th April. Unfortunately the current Memory Café cannot take any more new members but there is a waiting list so please contact the Coleshill Hub on 01675 462517 if you are interested.

## WATER ORTON BOYS' BRIGADE & GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

Water Orton Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association meets in the Methodist Church Hall on Friday evenings from 6.30pm. Some highlights of last season were "Hare and Hounds" in the water park and our Christmas film night.

Having just finished making bird boxes in time for the nesting season we are now about to enter some battalion competitions and we are looking forward to acting out another bible story at the next family service. Boys and girls aged from 6 upwards are welcome. Contact Kim Smith; 07940 541 121.

## WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Here are our up and coming events in April:

April 5th The Village Gathering, where we will have a sale of books, games, jigsaws and other items.

April 11th -12th A Mini Fayre at the Library, including a Teddy and Easter Egg Tombola.

April 23rd St George's Day - Children's Craft Session, Ages 4—9 years. Doors open at 10.00a.m. The cost is £5.00 per child, with a £2.00 non-refundable deposit. Places to be booked at the Library.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and look forward to welcoming old and new friends to these events.