

**PARISH CHURCH: Contact Information**

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**METHODIST CHURCH: Contact Information see page 2**

Contact telephone numbers for Emergencies etc: (taken from individual website information)

Coleshill Hub: Tel: 01675 462 517

HS2 Complaints: Tel: 08081 434 434

British Gas: Tel: 0800 111 999

National Grid (Electricity problem): Tel: 105

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

Potholes (Warwickshire): Tel: 01926 412 515

Report Fly-tipping to NWBC Tel: 01827 715 341

Water Orton Parish Council Parish Clerk: clerk@wopc.org.uk

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County Councillor for Water Orton and Coleshill North - Robert Aitkenhead  
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**JANUARY 2026**

# THE BRIDGE



**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE**

**LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE  
IN WATER ORTON**

## JANUARY 2026

### 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

Sunday	4th January	3.00p.m. Service of Holy Communion (Said Communion)
Sunday	11th January	3.30p.m. Quest Family

Please remember that our Café in the Robert Lloyd Room is open every Tuesday morning at 9.00a.m. - 11.30a.m. Hot food and drinks are available, donations are appreciated.

The Food Bank is open from 9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. on Tuesday and 10.00a.m. - 11.00a.m. on Saturday.

### Worship at Water Orton Methodist Church

Sunday	4th January	10.30a.m. with Mrs Helen Woodall
Sunday	11th January	10.30a.m. with Mr Roger Boult with All Age Service with the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association and families
Sunday	18th January	10.30a.m. with Reverend Farai Mapamula Covenant and Communion Service
Sunday	25th January	10.30a.m. with Lay Pastor Mrs Ermine Mitchell

#### Contacts:

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

## WHAT'S ON AT THE LINK

### MONDAY

9.00am - 9.45am
12.30pm - 1.15pm
3.00pm - 4.15pm
6.15pm - 7.00pm

Body Conditioning - Kathryn 07786 669688  
Pilates with Lauren - 07733 262796  
Qi Gong - Denise 07454 708646  
Body Conditioning - Kathryn 07786 669688

### TUESDAY

9.30am - 12 noon
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6.00pm - 6.45pm
7.00pm - 8.00pm

Art Class watercolours - Carl 07852 531188  
Art Class - All ages & abilities welcome  
Circuits with Lee: to book contact Kathryn 07786 669688  
Yoga - Emma 07861 747448

### WEDNESDAY

9.30am -11.00pm
5.30pm
7.00pm

Kiddoodles - Parent & Toddler Group  
Slimming World - Shirley 07305 947214  
Slimming World

### THURSDAY

9.30am -11.30am
5.00pm - 6.00pm
6.30pm - 7.15pm
7.30pm - 8.30 pm

WOMBATS - Parent & Toddler Group Contact Ann 07724634211  
Karate Class Age 5+ - Jason 07515 360586  
Bounce and Burn - Emma 07861 747448  
Yoga - Emma 07861 747448

### FRIDAY

12 noon -1.30pm
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Meet & Eat - Lunch & chat for the retired

### SATURDAY

9.30am - 12 noon
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Shining Star Stage School  
(Shining Tots 4-7 years, Shining Stars 7+)  
Email: info@shiningstarstageschool.co.uk

For more information contact The Link on 0121 748 6360

Email: bookingsatthelink@gmail.com

Updated December 2025

## WHAT'S ON AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Monday	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Child Minders	Debbie Morley	07961 241 662
	12.00noon - 5.30p.m.	SPUD CLUB	Celia Banner	07899 983 890
	6.30p.m. - 7.30p.m.	Little Local Vocals	Helen Hyde	07746 243 456
	8.00pm - 10.00pm.	Local Vocals	Helen Hyde	07746 243 456
Tuesday	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	07961 241 662
	5.45pm - 7.00pm.	Youth Club for School Years 4 - 8	Rev. Paul Tullett	0121 730 2081
Friday	12.00noon - 1.00p.m.	Calypsocise	Jayde Carlin	07799 907 542
	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	Margaret Smith	07738 703 376
	5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.	Table Top Sale, last Saturday of the month	Julie McLean	07581 721 565
Sunday	10.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Worship Service		

## WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

To all the Villagers and Supporters who have been so generous to us during 2025, from the Volunteers at the Library, a massive Thank You. Without your continued support it would be very difficult to keep the Library open. So please do accept our appreciation.

Just to remind everyone that, as well as lending books, we also sell donated books and have refreshments on sale, tea and coffee at only £1.00 per cup and slices of cake at £1.00.

We do printing and photocopying for a small charge and you could use the computers for a small donation. The volunteers look forward to greeting you with a warm smile and welcome. Let's all have a great 2026!!!

## WATER ORTON SCOUTS

Water Orton Scouts will open a new Squirrels section in early 2026. Squirrels is for Girls and Boys aged 4 to 6 years and gives your child a simple start to life skills. Sessions focus on fun, trying new things and building confidence in a calm and friendly setting. It is a great step before Beavers.

You can register your child now, through the Water Orton Scouts website. Early registration is open to receive notifications when places become available as the section launches.

We're also looking for additional adults who want to help. You don't need previous experience. You get full support, clear guidance and flexible ways to volunteer. You'll help young children take part in activities, make friends and enjoy their first steps into Scouting.

If you would like your child to join, or you want to volunteer, visit:  
<https://waterortonscouts.org.uk>. Registration is open today.

Chief (Stuart Mann)  
Group Lead Volunteer  
Water Orton Scout Group  
Charity Number: 507441  
E: [chief@waterortonscouts.org.uk](mailto:chief@waterortonscouts.org.uk)

W: [www.waterortonscouts.org.uk](http://www.waterortonscouts.org.uk)

FB: [www.facebook.com/WOScoutGroup](https://www.facebook.com/WOScoutGroup)

## A MESSAGE FROM PAUL,

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

### WATER ORTON

Happy New Year!

I am writing this in December having put out an appeal for food and toiletries. Already there has been a significant response to my appeal. All this food will go to Ukraine to support those defending their nation. Thank you to everyone who has donated food.

Having celebrated the twelve days of Christmas, we move into the season of Epiphany (commencing on the 6<sup>th</sup> January). Most readers will have heard of the visit of the wise men, often depicted as being in a stable. In reality Jesus was probably about two years old when they visited and was then living in a house. The Gospel of Matthew records their visit (Matthew 2 : 11), *'On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.'* In this visit we get the sense that Jesus (a Jewish man) has come not just for the Jews but for the gentiles as well.

Back in the Autumn we started a monthly afternoon service on the first Sunday of each month. Our next afternoon service of Holy Communion will be at 3.00p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> January, followed by refreshments. On the 11<sup>th</sup> January we will hold our monthly family service at the Link. The doors will open at 3.30p.m. During this time there will be creative activities, a short bible-based talk and a light supper served. This service is particularly suitable for families with children at primary school.

As many know we have our main services at 9.00a.m. and 11.00a.m. each Sunday. The service at 9.00a.m. is traditional and the worship supported by a choir. At 11.00a.m. we have a contemporary service; there the worship is supported by a music group. As a church we believe in a God who heals today and a good number of us have seen and experienced this for ourselves. On the 18<sup>th</sup> January we will offer prayer for healing during and after our services. Please join us if you would like prayer.

God Bless

Paul



## MEMORY CAFE

### There will be no meeting in January,

The next meeting will be on Friday 6th February 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.  
We no longer have a waiting list for the cafe.

However, it would be a great help if anyone interested in attending would contact either The Coleshill Hub on 01675 462517 or phone or message myself, Peter Hyde, on 07443 614 254. so that we could explain how the cafe works, ie it is for people with onset dementia or memory problems, plus their partners, only.  
Peter Hyde.

## WATER ORTON SUPPER CLUB

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and will have a Happy New Year. Also, a big thank you goes to all our members for your support throughout 2025, without you there would not have been a Supper Club.

What a fabulous evening we had at the Grimscoate Hotel, with our end of year Gala Evening Dinner, with Fran entertaining us throughout the evening and also the fantastic raffle.

We start the year 2026 off on the 31st January with Jacky, an entertainer and vocalist. Why not pop into The Link on the evening and test the water, you would be most welcome. You would meet new friends into the bargain. Please don't hesitate to contact me on 0121 747 5980 or email [mikebarbarasad@aol.com](mailto:mikebarbarasad@aol.com) or on mobile - 07984 395 868. Mike Sadler.

## MESSAGE FROM RACHEL TAYLOR MP

A big part of my job is dealing with HS2. I hear repeatedly that they don't listen to people and complaints don't get dealt with properly. That's why I arranged for HS2's new CEO, Mark Wild, to come to Water Orton recently to hear what it is like living next to the works day in, day out.

I am pleased that Mr Wild has committed to returning within a year to meet residents again and update them, to look at addressing the impact of dust and dirt (including possibly a free car wash service), and to release the environmental impact assessment of the Bromford Tunnel.

I will hold him to these actions and continue to raise your concerns. Please contact me on [rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk) or 02476 309 901 if there is anything I can help with. You can also sign up to my dedicated HS2 newsletter at: [www.rachel-taylor.co.uk/hs2](http://www.rachel-taylor.co.uk/hs2)

## WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council's community consultation ahead of the budget has been extended. This is your opportunity to detail your thoughts on how funds are raised and in what community investment projects you may be interested.

Please make your voice heard and complete the survey at:  
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WOPCConsultation25/>

## 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. For further information please contact The Hub - Coleshill, on 01675 462517

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

## LIVE A LITTLE

The older generation will hopefully have happy memories of growing up, Hop Scotch and skipping with friends, Jackstones, Marbles and Happy Family card games; Tig and Hide and Seek, often in the street or the local park. Brownies and Girl Guides with exciting adventures camping out in the Welsh Hills. Tennis Clubs and Drama Groups, Sunday School outings to Weston Super Mare and riotous fun at Youth Club.

The common factor is that all these activities were undertaken with friends; often outside and often involving exercise. How different children growing up in 2025 find their world, where screens and mobile phones seem to dominate every area of life. Recent studies by Doctor J F Cross, a Paediatrician, suggests, "Too much screen time affects behaviour, cognitive performance in school and interferes with learning. Excessive screen time is linked to obesity, which can affect self esteem and lead to social isolation". She suggests "Limiting screen time, encouraging physical activity, keeping mealtimes and bed times screen free".

Having worked with children all my life, specialising in finding out, "Why Children Fail", I'm haunted by the prospect of generations growing up without the opportunity to have fun with friends, revelling in being outdoors and responding to the challenges offered by sports clubs, learning how to give and take, win and lose and all in the context of friends and inspirational leaders.

Our village has lots to offer in the way of clubs; Cricket and Tennis, a Youth Club and Young Vocals if one likes to sing. Opportunities to learn a skill, explore the outdoors, to go on adventure weekends offered by our local Beavers and Boys' and Girls' Brigade; both groups meet in our village and welcome new recruits.

We love our children and want the very best for them. Help them take time out from screens and "Live a Little."