

PARISH CHURCH: Contact Information

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METHODIST CHURCH: Contact Information see page 2

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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 .
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JULY/AUGUST 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 - on Zoom only
Thursday	9.00a.m.-10.00a.m.	Contemporary Prayer Meeting - on Zoom only

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

JULY

Memory Café	Friday 4th July	2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.
Concert of Local Talent	Saturday 5th July	7.00p.m. - 8.00p.m.
Quest Family	Sunday 13th July	3.30p.m. - 5.30p.m.

AUGUST

Memory Café	Friday 1st August	2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.
Quest Family	Sunday 10th August	3.30p.m. - 5.30p.m.

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 Tuesdays and 10.00a.m. - 11.00a.m. on Saturdays.

Worship at Water Orton Methodist Church

Sunday	6th July	10.30a.m.	with Mrs Gill Day
Sunday	13th July	10.30a.m.	All age service with Mr Roger Boulton
Sunday	20th July	10.30a.m.	with Mrs Ermine Mitchell
Sunday	27th July	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion with Rev. C Sibanda
		7.00p.m.	Songs of Praise at The White City Community Centre

Services in August will be at 10.30a.m., as above. Pastors to be arranged.

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.	KIDDOODLES - Parent & Toddler Group
12.30p.m. - 1.15p.m.	PILATES with Lauren 07733 262 796
1.45p.m. - 2.30p.m.	CHAIR YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448
3.00p.m. - 4.15p.m.	QI GONG with Denise 07454 708 646
5.00p.m. - 5.45p.m.	BOUNCE AND BURN with Emma 07861 747 448
6.15p.m. - 7.00p.m.	BODY CONDITIONING with Kathryn 07786 669 688

TUESDAY

9.30a.m. - 12noon	ART CLASS Watercolours with Carl 07852 531 188
10.00a.m. - 12noon	ART CLASS - All ages and abilities welcome.
6.00p.m. - 7.00p.m.	YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448

WEDNESDAY

10.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.	KIDDOODLES - Parent & Toddler Group
3.30p.m.	SLIMMING WORLD
5.30p.m.	SLIMMING WORLD with Jayne Reece 07453 348 184
7.00p.m.	SLIMMING WORLD

THURSDAY

9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	WOMBATS - Parent & Toddler Group
	with Ann: annllewe@yahoo.co.uk 07724 634 211
5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.	KARATE class age 5+ with Jason 07515 360 586
6.15p.m. - 7.00p.m.	BOUNCE AND BURN with Emma 07861 747 448
7.15p.m. - 8.00p.m.	YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448

FRIDAY

12noon - 1.30p.m.	MEET AND EAT - Lunch and chat for the retired
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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: bookingsatthelink@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
	8.00p.m. - 10.00p.m.	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
	5.45p.m. - 7.00p.m.	Youth Club	Rev. Paul Tullett	0121 730 2081
		for School Years 4 - 8		
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
		Table Top Sale		
		last Saturday of the month		
	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 PARISH COUNCIL

“Water Orton Parish Council would like to thank those who both attended and took part in the Annual Village Gathering: adding in the mini food festival gave the event a different and improved offering. We are planning two new events in the next few months – provisionally 1st September and 27th October at either the Pavilion or Spud Club – focused on youth engagement, as this is a demographic we’ve not quite captured in the village.

The Villager, due out this month, will provide more detail on our community engagement activities: it will contain a Warwickshire Health Service Survey.

We hold Community Engagement Meetings in the first week of the month and Full Council Meetings in the last week of the month: the latter attended by the new County Councillor, the police, and BBV, (details are on our website)... come and join us and get involved by having your say.”

Councillor Nattasha Freeman

HELP FOR MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

My name is Richard Warren and I have lived in the village of Water Orton all my life. I have just completed a 290 mile walk known as the **Macmillan Way**, starting in Boston Lincolnshire and ending at Abbotsbury on the Dorset Coast, in order to raise funds for charity. The Macmillan Way Walk was developed to increase public awareness of **Macmillan Cancer Support** and to assist in the raising of funds for the charity (<http://www.macmillanway.org/>). Several years ago, my Dad started walking this route in sections and I walked some of it with him, but he sadly passed away before completing it, so I decided to continue and complete it in his honour. This month I finally completed the walk and so far, I have nearly raised a £1000 for the charity.

My Dad was John Warren and he was well known in the village of Water Orton for his tireless efforts in his work with HS2. He managed to reduce the impact on the village by getting assurances of a Haul road to stop heavy traffic coming through the village and also a sound barrier along the route behind Vicarage Lane. He was also instrumental in the formation of the Water Orton HS2 action group.

I was hoping that if the story was in The Bridge magazine it would raise awareness of the charity and in turn possibly raise additional funds from people who may be touched or inspired by the story. The Just Giving link is below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/richard-warren-1?newPage=true>

CHRISTIAN AID UPDATE

Many thanks to the enthusiastic young people of the village, together with the faithful team of volunteers who have made collecting for Christian Aid possible.

The best news is that we, in Water Orton Village, have broken another barrier. Our envelope collections, Just Giving and Christian Aid Coffee Morning, raised a grand total of £2,223. And, if half of the Gift Aid is accepted (not all forms were completed fully), a grand total of **£2,566.00**.

It is good to know that collectively we are helping some of the neediest people in the world; people we will never know, whose lives are being turned upside down by largely man-made disasters. Thank you Water Orton. Margaret Smith

A MESSAGE FROM PAUL,

VICAR AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL’S CHURCH,

WATER ORTON

Welcome to the summer edition of The Bridge Magazine,

The signs are encouraging that the weather will be good this summer. Schools will break up mid-July and doubtless many of us will go on holiday. Whether you go somewhere or not I do hope and pray that you have a good summer, and that you are able to get some kind of break.

On the 5th July one of our curates Rev. Alan Walker will be priested at the Cathedral Church of St Philip in Birmingham.

These words will be spoken by our Bishop, Michael Volland, at the service, *‘Priests are ordained to lead God’s people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being.’*

The importance of proclaiming the gospel can’t be overestimated. Paul made this point clear in his letter to the Romans, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

I remember someone saying that you have not understood the Good News if it is not the best news you have heard. I am eternally grateful to those who brought me the good news, my parents. Above all I am grateful to Jesus Christ for walking the way of the cross to make the Good News.

God Bless

Paul



WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Firstly we would like to thank all those that supported us at the Carnival on the 21st June. It was great to see so many familiar faces there.

Secondly due to the success of our last Afternoon Tea and requests to repeat the event, we are pleased to announce our - **STRAWBERRIES AND PROSECCO AFTERNOON**. This will be held on Saturday the 19th July, at £15.00 per person, the doors will open at the library at 1.30p.m. Seats need to be booked, any Friday or Saturday morning, at the library, with a £5.00 non-refundable deposit. We so look forward to raising a glass of fizz with you!!!

Thirdly, we will be holding an Author Event in September. Please look out for further details. Sue.

WATER ORTON SUPPER CLUB

Hi Everybody. Well what an amazing entertainer we had in May, Andy Eastwood. He came down from Blackpool and returned back to Blackpool straight afterwards, just to be with us for our club meeting. He was without doubt a very accomplished musician and entertainer on his Banjo, Ukulele, Guitar and that 200 year old Violin. He made them talk with his fingers across those frets. On June the 21st we had Matt Farmer in a trio band, a bit different this time and new to us, with our Jacket Potatoes with all the fillings for our supper.

Our meetings are held at "The Link", New Road, every third Saturday evening of the month. July the 26th is our annual day trip event, this time to Burnham on Sea. Firstly we go to Highbridge for an amazing two course roast carvery, the most delicious deserts, and coffee. Vegetarian options are available. Then afterwards we travel to Burnham, only a few miles down the road. There are still a few seats available and all this for only £38.

Why not come along to our meeting and join us if you are on your own on a Saturday evening. For any more information don't delay in contacting me, Mike Sadler, on 0121 747 5980 or email: mikebarbasad@aol.com

MESSAGE FROM RACHEL TAYLOR MP

Drones and mobile CCTV cameras are to be used to identify cars and vans belonging to fly-tippers so they can be destroyed, and the costs of seizing and storing vehicles will be met by fly-tippers themselves, rather than councils, as part of a Government plan to tackle fly-tipping. Criminals caught transporting and dealing with waste illegally will also face up to five years in prison.

This is so important for North Warwickshire, as the Borough Council has only issued one fixed penalty notice per year for the last two years whilst criminals continue to blight our area. Other councils do much better – and hopefully this will help North Warwickshire take the action that is needed.

The message needs to be clear that criminals will not get away with blighting our area.

If you have an issue you want to raise with me, you can contact my office by emailing: rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk or by calling 0247 6309 901

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.

MEET AND EAT AT THE LINK

Every Friday, at 12 noon, we are open for anyone who is retired and looking for somewhere to have a nice meal and a chat with others.

We serve a home cooked main meal and pudding for £7 per person.

We have spaces!

If you would like to join us please call 0121 748 6360 or email us: bookingsatthelink@gmail.com

SUMMER CONCERT - WATER ORTON PARISH CHURCH

The Annual Summer Concert will be held on Saturday 5th July at 7.00p.m. Water Orton Church has been having this concert for around 30 years. It is an opportunity for people of all ages to come together and share their love of music.

This year promises to be a real treat with singers, pianists, brass players, guitarists, etc., and even a piano accordionist. The concert is free, although we will have a collection for a local charity. Please come along and join us. Refreshments will be served

If you sing or play an instrument and would like to take part, please contact me, Judith Fisher, by email at waterortonchurch@hotmail.co.uk . We hope to see you there.

Judith Fisher

MEMORY CAFÉ

The next meetings will be on Fridays 4th July and 1st August, 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.