

WATER ORTON 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
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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JULY/AUGUST 2026

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

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

Sunday 18th July Heart of England Singers concert. 7.30p.m.– 8.30p.m.
Sunday 12th July No Quest Family
Sunday 9th August Quest Family 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 Tuesday and 10.00a.m. - 11.00a.m. on Saturday.

Worship at Water Orton Methodist Church

Sunday 5th July 10.30a.m. with Mrs Gill Day
Sunday 12th July 10.30a.m. with Lay Pastor Mrs Ermine Mitchell
All Age Service with the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association and families
Sunday 19th July 10.30a.m. with Mr Roger Boulton
Sunday 26th July 10.30a.m. with Rev. Farai Mapamula
7.00p.m. Faith Journey Service at the White City Community Centre

Sunday 2nd August 10.30a.m. with Mr Roger Boulton
Sunday 9th August 10.30a.m. with Mrs Gill Day
All Age Service with the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association and families
Sunday 16th August 10.30a.m. with Lay Pastor Mrs Ermine Mitchell
Sunday 23rd August 10.30a.m. with Rev. Farai Mapamula
Sunday 30th August 10.30a.m. with Mrs Gill Day
7.00p.m. Faith Journey Service 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

9.00am - 9.45am
10.00am - 10.45am
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
9.30am - 12 noon
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
7.15pm

Kiddodoodles - Parent & Toddler Group
Slimming World - Shirley 07305 947214
Slot available

THURSDAY

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

WOMBATS - Parent & Toddler Group Contact Ann 07724 634211
Karate Class Age 5+ - Jason 07515 360586
Bounce and Burn - Emma 07861 747448
Yoga - Emma 07861 747448

FRIDAY

12 noon - 1.30pm

Meet & Eat - Lunch & chat for the retired

SATURDAY

9.30am - 12 noon

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 March 2026

WHAT'S ON AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Monday	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. 12.00noon. - 5.30p.m. 8.00p.m. - 10.00p.m.	Child Minders SPUD CLUB Local Vocals	Debbie Morley Celia Banner Helen Hyde	07961 241 662 07899 983 890 07746 243 456
Tuesday	9.30a.m. - 2.00p.m. 6.00p.m. - 8.30p.m.	Dance Classes Dance Class	Dawn Bartlett Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070 07847 093 070
Wednesday	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. 7.00p.m. - 9.00p.m.	Dance Classes Dance Class	Dawn Bartlett Dawn Bartlett	07847 093 070 07847 093 070
Thursday	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. 5.45p.m. - 7.00p.m.	Child Minders Youth Club for School Years 4 - 8	Debbie Morley Rev. Paul Tullett	07961 241 662 0121 730 2081
Friday	12.00noon - 1.00p.m. 6.00p.m. - 8.00p.m.	Calypsocise Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association	Jayde Carlin Mr Kim Smith	07799 907 542 07940 541 121
Saturday	10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.	Coffee Morning Table Top Sale, last Saturday of the month	Margaret Smith	07738 703 376
Sunday	5.00p.m. - 6.15p.m.	Gong Bath - monthly	Julie McLean	07581 721 565

HEART OF ENGLAND SINGERS

SUMMER CONCERT

The Summer Concert will be held at St Peter and St Paul's Church on 18th July 2026 at 7.30p.m. Tickets will be £15.00 per adult and £7.50 for under 18's. They will be available through Ticket Source or from the choir members.

The content of the concert will include Fauré Requiem and Rodgers and Hammerstein Songs from Broadway.

WATER ORTON NEEDS YOU

Would you have some free time once a month? We have recently lost a few of our volunteers and we really need some more people to cover delivery of The Bridge magazine in Water Orton. We particularly need to cover Manor House Lane, Vesey Close and some parts of White City.

It would only be for an hour or so, maybe less, depending where you would be delivering. If you could contact myself, Kim Smith, or Judith Fisher at the Parish Church, we could explain more. Your help would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Kay Hailstone (Editor)

KEEPING THE BOOK OPEN

The two churches in Water Orton have a wonderful fortnightly programme of Bible Story re-enactments at the Primary School called 'Open the Book'. Running now for 15 years, the team rehearse and then act out Old and New Testament stories, familiarising children with their Christian heritage. The programme is Ofsted approved, is information giving not proselytising, and is enjoyed by pupils and staff alike. Simple costumes and sometimes dramatic props bring the stories to life. Familiar village greetings are. "You're from Open the Book, aren't you!"

The team could do with a few more actors, narrators, prop design and makers, costume makers. We do storms, a whale, miracles, costume changes. If you would like to join this happy band, please contact Gill Day on 07818 060 900.

A MESSAGE FROM ALAN

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

WATER ORTON

Welcome to the July/August edition of The Bridge.

This covers the Summer period and, as I sit here, I wonder whether we have already had summer with the recent hot spell of weather and now rain!

In the Church we have recently celebrated Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came on the first disciples and others as the Church was born and then Trinity Sunday, when we recognised and celebrated the mystery of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Now we have entered what, in the Church calendar, is known as Ordinary Time. This is the period between Pentecost and Advent and is the longest season of the Church year. There is however, in my mind, nothing "ordinary" about the world at this time, with many challenges facing the whole world and us as individuals. We all, I am sure, want to see peace instead of war, joy instead of sadness and perhaps even England winning the World Cup!! (that is if they haven't already been knocked out by the time you are reading this); and as for HS2, maybe the less said.

Contrary to the word "ordinary" meaning mundane however, in the context of Church it is ordered time, designed to help believers grow, mature and deepen their daily spiritual disciplines. Will you?

Jesus' public ministry certainly wasn't mundane and although we may think of ourselves as ordinary people, God certainly doesn't. He looks at each of us as unique, as individuals and will meet us all differently. This summer perhaps we can take time to review what is important to us, what makes life less ordinary and perhaps find some order and purpose in our lives. If the Church can help in that it would be great to see you. We seek to be a Welcoming Church and if you want to come and make yourself known please don't hesitate to do so.

Have a fantastic summer and God Bless.

Alan



MESSAGE FROM RACHEL TAYLOR MP

The government is putting record funding into the NHS, but I know there is still so much work to do to make sure our NHS is there for everyone when they need it. I am delighted by the major progress being made at George Eliot Hospital, where they have completely eliminated corridor care, waiting lists are down, and they are the most improved in the country for A&E waiting times.

Last year, just 66% of A&E patients were seen within four hours at George Eliot, but this year that has shot up to 91%. That's brilliant news and is testament to the hard work of our fantastic NHS staff.

For further information, or support with any matter, please get in touch at rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk. You can also sign up to my monthly email newsletter at www.rachel-taylor.co.uk/newsletter and my dedicated HS2 letter at <https://rachel-taylor.co.uk/hs2/>.

WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The volunteers would like to thank all the lovely people who popped in to see us on Carnival Day, for refreshments. Also a big thank you to Joy Arts for the activities they organised for the passing children to participate in. "Great Day!!!"

Just a heads up to save the date for the 26th September at 2.00p.m. We have Author Judith Brulo coming to give a talk on that afternoon. She writes for children aged between 6 - 12 years but everyone is so welcome. Further details will follow.

Please don't forget that we are open every Friday 10.00a.m. - 4.30p.m. (including Rhyme Time, stories and songs for the under 5's) and on Saturday mornings, 10.00a.m. - 12.00noon, not only to borrow books but for refreshments and a chat too. You could also join the Knit and Natter group (from 10.30 - 12.00noon). Everyone is welcome. Do come and join us.

Sue Hogan

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. .

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

MEMORY CAFÉ

Our next meeting is on **Friday 3rd July** at 2.00p.m. The following meeting will be on **Friday 7th August** at 2.00p.m.

If anyone is interested in attending please contact either The Coleshill Hub on 01675 462517 or phone or message myself, Peter Hyde, on 07443 614 254. We can then 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

Hello everyone, hope you all coped with the extreme heat and then the change in the weather! On 27th June, our last meeting before the Summer break, we had Paul Ray, a funny and entertaining turn I am sure we all agree. I hope you all enjoyed the Ploughman's Supper.

We were due to have a trip to Trentham Gardens this month but unfortunately it has had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. Any deposits will be returned a.s.a.p. We haven't had time to organise another trip out for this year so get your thinking caps on and we can then gather a few new ideas for next year that everyone will enjoy.

New members are always welcome, come and give us a try at The Link, doors open at 7.00p.m. – 7.30p.m. on the last Saturday in the month. We return after the Summer break, on September 26th, when it appears "Elvis will re-enter the building!!!"

For details contact: Sue Jennings on 07790 010 738; Averill Goldsmith on 07792476 599; or Hazel Way on 07814 802 686