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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

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

MARCH 2025

THE BRIDGE

The
Season
of
Lent



LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE
IN WATER ORTON

MARCH 2025

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

Worship at Water Orton Methodist Church

Sunday 2nd March	10.30a.m.	with Mrs Gill Day
Sunday 9th March	10.30a.m.	All age service with Mr Roger Boulton
Sunday 16th March	10.30a.m.	with local preacher, t.b.a.
Sunday 23rd March	10.30a.m.	with Mrs Ermine Mitchell
Sunday 30th March	10.30a.m.	Communion with Presbyter t.b.a.
	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 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
	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	Kayla Norman	07766 477 187
Friday	12.00noon - 1.00p.m.	Calypsocise	Jayde Carlin	07799 907 542
	6.00p.m. - 8.00p.m.	Boys' Brigade	Mr Kim Smith	07940 541 121
		and Girls' Association		
Saturday	10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.	Coffee Morning	Margaret Smith	07738 703 376
		Table Top Sale		
	5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.	last Saturday of the month		
		Gong Bath-fortnightly	Julie McLean	07581 721 565
Sunday	10.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Worship Service		

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

WATER ORTON SUPPER CLUB

Water Orton Supper Club started off the year with our Fish and Chips supper and amazing entertainment for 80 minutes, so different to the usual ones we have. A full on non stop comedian and impressionist, so versatile and so funny, He went down well, judging by the lovely feedback we had. February 22nd we started off with a jacket potato with a choice of various fillings, then afterwards, we had Kevin Black (new to Supper Club), an entertainer and vocalist to entertain us. March 29th is the A.G.M, which will be kept very short. After our supper we go straight into our entertainment with a full on entertainer - Fran.

If you are on your own, come along and join us to see what we get up to. I feel quite sure that you won't regret it and you will return. For any further information please contact Mike Sadler on 0121 747 5980 or email mikebarbarasad@aol.com.

WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Water Orton Parish Council would like to invite you to their “Frailty and Friends Coffee Afternoon” at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft on Wednesday 26th February from 1-3p.m. Refreshments will be available.

The Annual Village Gathering will take place on the 5th April at Water Orton Primary School from 11a.m - 4p.m. All the clubs and associations in the Village will be available to showcase what they have to offer. In addition, we will have a Food Festival, the George Eliot healthy heart bus and Active Travel Warwickshire will be running an activity centred around good bike maintenance, stamping identification on bikes and even featuring a bike that makes a smoothie.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 6p.m at the school. There will be reports from village organisations and HS2: all are invited.

We currently have three vacancies for Parish Councillors. If you are interested please contact clerk@wopc.org.uk

CASTLE BROMWICH SINGERS

Castle Bromwich Singers present “Music Through the Ages” – entertainment with buffet style afternoon tea. Sunday 13th April 4.00p.m at Castle Bromwich Hall Hotel in the Malt House Room. B36 9DE

Tickets are £15.00 each. Bookings end March 31st. Ring Greg (07951 562 907) or Stella (07973 676 761) or via www.ticketsource.co.uk/castle-bromwich-singers
Please inform us of any dietary requirements when booking.

MESSAGE FROM RACHEL TAYLOR M.P

The quality of roads across North Warwickshire has taken a real hit over the past decade, but the situation in Water Orton is worse than in many places due to the impact of HS2 traffic. I’m really pleased the new Labour government has increased the national budget for road maintenance by nearly 50% this year, with Warwickshire County Council being given an extra £6.8 million to repair our broken roads.

I’m keen to make sure the council directs that funding to the right places, so if you know a section of road in urgent need of attention, please let my office know and I can alert the council.

I’m holding a number of events in Water Orton over the next few weeks, with details available on my website at www.rachel-taylor.co.uk/advice. You can contact my office by emailing rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk or by calling 02476 309 901 if you have any questions or need support.

A MESSAGE FROM PETER,

CURATE AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL’S CHURCH,

WATER ORTON

Welcome to March’s edition of The Bridge.

As the days start to draw out a little and sunshine occasionally offers us promises of a Spring to follow Winter once more, my thoughts turn towards the coming year in earnest. Yes, Easter eggs are already on sale and yes, adverts for summer holidays ask us to wish away an entire season but, please, don’t rush through the season of Lent or the few weeks before it. We live our lives at a terrifyingly fast pace these days and Jesus only ever walked. So the speed of salvation is more like four miles an hour than the proverbial one hundred our days often feel like.

I urge us all to slow down a little in the coming weeks, take time to enjoy the new buds and walk, don’t run, as my mother would often shout towards the back of my disappearing head. Lent is a time to remember Jesus’ solitude and testing, a time to draw close to God ahead of Holy Week. It’s an invitation to dwell with Him in intimate calm. Even if you cannot find large portions of your diary to be still, seek moments of silence and build on them.

During this season the joint Lent course will again be running from the Community Centre on White City. It starts on Friday 14th March at 10.30a.m., which is one week after the World Day of Prayer (service at the Parish Church).

I pray for the busyness in your lives to be hushed, for his peace to be tasted sweetly in these next weeks and the joy of salvation to come.

God Bless

Peter

PLANT SALE

Advance Notice: There will be the usual plant sale in the Robert Lloyd Room in April, date and time to be arranged. All monies collected will go to the ongoing YWAM (Youth With A Mission) project in Uganda, which we supported last year. The need is for financial help in building a classroom for the furtherance of education in agricultural methods. Further information to follow in the April magazine.



MEMORY CAFÉ

The next meeting will be on Friday 7th March. 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.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LOCAL POLICE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Happily, plenty of activity but not a lot actually concerning Water Orton. Our Police Support Officers are PCSO 6067Beale; PCSO 6360 Demi Rose Smith; and PS 2190 Howells. If you have anything to report please

Email: nww.snt@warwickshire.police.uk

Speed watch: During February, the speed watch teams were out conducting speed checks in the local villages. These groups are a valued part of our communities. They take time out of their lives to help make our communities safe on the roads. If you would like to sign up to be a member of our local speed watch group, email nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk

Police Cadets:

Have you or a member of your family ever had any thoughts of being a Police Cadet? To become a Warwickshire Police Cadet, you must live or go to school in Warwickshire and be aged 13 to 16 years old on September 1 2025.

Water Orton area is covered by a unit in Nuneaton. We have a Junior scheme for Cadets aged 13 to 16 years, still at secondary school and a senior scheme for cadets aged 16 to 18 years. To apply to become a Senior cadet you must currently be a current year 11 student when applying and would be a cadet for 2 years, whilst in further education. Senior cadets, 16 to 18 years old, meet every Thursday evening, between 6.15pm and 8.30pm. Junior cadets, 13 to 16 years old, meet every Tuesday evening between 6.15pm – 8.30pm. Please contact us at: cadets@warwickshire.police.uk or follow us on Twitter if you have any further questions.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer - Friday 7th March, 10.30a.m. at the Parish Church. There will be a service from the Cook Islands and will be happy and colourful, with songs and stories from the islanders, as well as prayers. All are welcome.

30th March 2025



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 462 517

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

WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea.

The Library would love to invite you to join us for a sweet and savoury Afternoon Tea on Saturday 29th March at the Library. Seating to commence at 1.30p.m.

The cost is £12.00 per person, with a non-refundable deposit of £5.00 per person on booking and all allergies and dietary requirements to be advised at that time.

Please pop into the Library and any of our volunteers will be happy to help.

April - The Easter Raffle will be running in April so make sure to get your tickets then.

WATER ORTON LADIES

**FASHION SHOW CURDWORTH VILLAGE HALL
Wednesday 26th March 7.30p.m. Ticket £7 including a glass of
Prosecco**

High Street and designer labels at bargain prices. Tickets are selling so fast. **To book yours, call Liz 07811 147 728 or Sue 0121 747 4366**

Event sponsored by Water Orton Ladies