WATER ORTON 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**

MP for North Warwickshire - Rachel Taylor Email: rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk .
County Councillor for Water Orton and Coleshill North - Robert Aitkenhead
email: robaitkenhead@warwickshire.gov.uk

NOVEMBER 2026

THE BRIDGE



November is the month of Remembrance
Please join us at the Memorial on Sunday 8th November
for our Service of Remembrance at 10.50

LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE
IN WATER ORTON

NOVEMBER 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

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

Sunday	1st November	Holy Communion Service (Spoken) 3.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.
Sunday	8th November	Remembrance Parade from The Digby at 10.30, service at the Memorial at 10.50a.m. No 11.00a.m. service.
Sunday	8th November	Quest Family (fun, food and Bible teachings) at The Link 3.30p.m. - 5.30p.m.

9th November to 15th November - **SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES** collection at Church;
Monday/Tuesday/Friday 9th/10th/13th. 10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m., 3.30p.m. - 5.30p.m.
Wednesday/Thursday 11th/12th 10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m., 7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m.
Saturday 14th 10.00a.m. - 12.00 noon; Sunday 15th 10.00a.m. - 12.00 noon

Tuesday 3rd - 24th November **Poppies Display** in Church (view when the church is open)
Sunday 29th November Advent Concert 3.00p.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	1st November	10.30a.m. with Mrs Gill Day
Sunday	8th November	10.30a.m. Remembrance Sunday
Meet at The Digby at 10.30p.m. for the walk to the Memorial 10.50a.m. Service followed by refreshments at the Methodist Church		
Sunday	15th November	10.30a.m. with Mr Roger Boult
Sunday	22nd November	10.30a.m. with Mrs Ermine Mitchell
Sunday	29th November	10.30a.m. Communion Service with Rev.Farai Mapamula

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	Body Conditioning - Kathryn 07786 669688
10.00am - 10.45am	Pilates with Lauren - 07733 262796
3.00pm - 4.15pm	Qi Gong - Denise 07454 708646
6.15pm - 7.00pm	Body Conditioning - Kathryn 07786 669688

TUESDAY

9.30am - 12 noon	Art Class watercolours - Carl 07351 132905
9.30am - 12.30pm	Art Class - All ages & abilities welcome
7.00pm - 8.00pm	Yoga - Emma 07861 747448

WEDNESDAY

9.30am - 11.00pm	Kiddoodles - Parent & Toddler Group
1.00p.m.	NEW ART CLASS STARTING - JANUARY 6TH 2027 To Book call 07351 132905
5.30pm	Slimming World - Shirley 07305 947214
7.15pm	Slot available

THURSDAY

9.30am -11.30am	WOMBATS - Parent & Toddler Group Contact Ann 07724 634211
5.00pm - 6.00pm	Karate Class Age 5+ - Jason 07515 360586
6.30pm - 7.15pm	Bounce and Burn - Emma 07861 747448
7.30pm - 8.30 pm	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 September 2026

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
	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 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 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

ADVENT CONCERT

This year's Advent Concert is to be held on Advent Sunday, November 29th at 3.00p.m. The doors will open at 2.30p.m. It will be featuring the Coleshill Town Youth Brass Band, under the direction of Steven Fagg and the St Peter and St Paul's church choir, directed by Judith Fisher.

We will hear popular carols and Christmas music and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies. The Concert will culminate in the "Switch On" of Christmas lights which, we hope, the whole village will once again join in with at 4.30p.m. Tickets are just £9.00 each, please contact Sheila (0121 748 3547) Steve (07432 139849) Avril 0121 748 2298 or Judith (waterortonchurch@hotmail.co.uk). All profits will be shared between the restoration of the Village Memorial Clock and the MND Charity.

WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Fellow Villagers, The final draft of the new local plan is now open for consultation. The local plan details sites which have been submitted by landowners and have been assessed as suitable for development for uses such as housing or employment. A site on Vicarage Lane, which had been included in previous drafts as a "contingent site" has been removed.

Does this mean we no longer have to respond to the consultation? NO! Local voices are still needed to detail the same points as before. As a village we have been significantly impacted by HS2 Construction and there is still a need for improved infrastructure and public transport. Please search Google for North Warwickshire Local Plan Reg 19 consultation and submit your thoughts. As always, please contact me with any points of concern or any ideas you have for our community. See you around the village.

Steve
NWBC Borough Councillor.

WATER ORTON SUPPER CLUB

Water Orton Supper Club - New Members are always welcome - Give us a try!
Held at The Link, Water Orton, Supper Club is a lovely night to bring people together with Food, Entertainment and Friendship. Forthcoming dates for 2026 are:-

October 31st - Morgan Perkins - Frank Sinatra Tribute, with Ploughman's Supper.
November 28th - Sammy Hayes - Entertainer, with Supper of Jacket Potato with choice of fillings.
December 12th - Christmas Meal at Grimscote Manor Hotel. Limited numbers £38 per head.

Please contact any members listed below for more information.
Sue Jennings: 07790 019 738; Hazel Way: 07814 802 686; Averill Goldsmith: 07792 476 599 or Lynne Williams: 07791 013 285

A MESSAGE FROM ALAN WALKER

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

WATER ORTON

"Remember, remember the…..of November"

Most of us automatically insert the "5th" into the gap from the children's rhyme.

However, this month it is far more important for us to remember the 11th; Remembrance Day, when the armistice was signed to confirm the end of hostilities in 1918, and which has been observed ever since.

Eighty one years after the end of the Second World War, we are still called to remember the sacrifice of so many who laid down their lives in the pursuit of a lasting peace.

In John 15, verse 13, it says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." This is what Jesus did on the cross for us some 2000 years ago.

It is for good reason that as part of our own Act of Commemoration on Remembrance Sunday, we say, "At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them." I do hope that you can join us for this at 11.00a.m. on Sunday the 8th November at the War Memorial.

Unfortunately, we do not have worldwide peace, with conflicts ongoing in the Middle East and Ukraine, as well as elsewhere.

We continue to pray for peace, but we are also, once again, collecting non-perishable items for Ukraine in support of one of our parishioners whose husband remains there. Donations can be brought to Church, when it is open, until 29th November.

You will read elsewhere that our Vicar, Paul, is stepping down from his role. We are grateful for all that he has done in Water Orton; please keep him in your prayers and pray for his restoration to full health.

As we move into a new Chapter in the life of the Church, please be assured of a warm welcome. It would be lovely to have you join us on the journey.

Rev. Alan Walker
Assistant Curate St Peter and St Paul's Church
Water Orton
07954 303219

The Parish Church of Water Orton

STATEMENT FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The Reverend Paul Tullett came to Water Orton to take on the role of Vicar of St Peter and St Paul's Church in 2013.

You may already be aware that he has been suffering with health problems and has been unable to work since the middle of May. Paul has now announced his intention to leave the position, saying that "After much thought and prayer, I have decided that now is the right time to step down from Ministry, so that I can focus on my own health. It has been such a privilege to serve the people of Water Orton and see lives transformed by the power of God's love. I would be grateful if you could give me space at this time and simply hold me in your prayers. For my part I will continue to hold this Church and the people of Water Orton in my prayers. May God bless you all".

We are, of course, very sorry that Paul has made this decision, however, we accept that his health and well-being are of primary importance. His leadership has been a big influence in our Church and we continue to see our numbers growing as a result. We hope and pray for a complete recovery and fullness of life for Paul. Please hold our Church and its leaders in your prayers as we move ahead.

Thank you.
Kim Smith and Mark Grove
Churchwardens

MESSAGE FROM RACHEL TAYLOR MP

Whether it's about enabling independent living, supporting unpaid carers, or ensuring a loved one can leave hospital, social care matters to families across Water Orton. Good quality care is essential to fixing our NHS and enabling people to live at home for longer. Through my regular meetings with George Eliot Hospital, I know that the lack of social care provision prevents patients from being discharged from hospital.

That's why I am pleased our new Prime Minister is reforming adult social care through Labour's new deal for pensioners, and is creating a National Care Service that will provide free personal care to anyone who needs it. Nobody should be forced to pay thousands of pounds to access care at home when they or a loved one gets dementia or another illness.

I'll continue to ensure North Warwickshire's voice is heard as these plans develop. If you have any thoughts, please let me know at rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk.

WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

FATHER CHRISTMAS is coming!!!
To Water Orton Library's Christmas Fayre
Sunday November 22nd 11.00a.m.- 4.00p.m.

Those that have come over the previous years know that we have wonderful prizes in our raffle. We have Tombola, Bottle Stall, our fabulous New and Nearly New Stall, Craft stall and a great selection of cakes, coffees and teas. PLUS Father Christmas.

We so look forward to seeing you all.

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 6th November** at 2.00p.m.
If anyone is interested in attending please contact The Coleshill Hub on 01675 462517
They can then explain how the cafe works, ie - it is for people with onset dementia or memory problems, plus their partners, only.

DON'T HOARD - DONATE!!

Do you have a hoard of unused and unwanted garden tools, or woodworking/DIY tools like hammers, saws, drills?
The solution could be to get in touch with "**TOOLS WITH A MISSION"**.

This is a Rugby-based organisation which has collection addresses all around the Midlands. They will mend and refurbish tools where necessary, then send them out to Africa where they are put to good use, rather than languishing unused in your shed or garage.
In the case of large quantities, like a house clearance, they can arrange a van to collect but smaller quantities can be taken by the donor to an address in Coleshill, by arrangement.
For more details please look up their website – www.twam.uk

WELCOME TO REMEMBER

In a troubled world where the news is full of vengeful wars and growing hostility on so many fronts it is good to come together to pray for peace and for the fallen of so many conflicts.

A moving service of remembrance always takes place on the Sunday nearest the 11th of November. This year it will take place at the Water Orton Village War Memorial on Sunday 8th November at 10.50a.m. Villagers will gather to pray for peace, to hold the 2 minutes silence, to have a service where the fallen are remembered by the laying of wreaths and to commit to working for peace. As the last post plays we will remember all those who gave their lives for our freedom. As you leave the service you are invited to a quiet time at the Methodist Cwtch Café, where refreshments will be served until 12.30p.m. A space to meet old friends and make new ones. We hope to see you there.