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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

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

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OCTOBER 2025

THE BRIDGE



HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH

**LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE
IN WATER ORTON**

OCTOBER 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

Sunday	5th October	9.00a.m. and 11.00a.m.	Harvest Festival
Sunday	5th October	4.00p.m.	Service of Holy Communion (Said Service) (Monthly)
Sunday	12th October	3.30p.m.	Quest Family at The Link

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 October	10.30a.m.	with Mrs D. Webb
Sunday	12th October	10.30a.m.	with Rev. M Freeman
			All Age Communion Service
Sunday	19th October	10.30a.m.	with Mrs E. Mitchell
Sunday	26th October	10.30a.m.	with Mrs Gill Day
		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

Debt Justice Event—Wednesday 22nd October, 7.30p.m. at the Methodist Church Come and meet Wiz, from Debt Justice.

Remember 1998 when lots of us dressed up in red and white and carried chains ..walking along the canal into Birmingham? We were part of a massive human chain surrounding the G7 summit, demanding that they “Drop the Debt” on the unpayable debts of the poorest countries in the world. So now, 27 years on, how is “Drop the Debt”, now called “Debt Justice “ doing?

Come and find out on Wednesday 22nd October, 7.00p.m for 7.30p.m at Water Orton Methodist Church, when Wiz from Debt Justice is coming to raise our awareness and challenge us to choose hope and join the momentum to cancel their debt. So join us to show those poorest indebted countries they are not forgotten; show them that we care!

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 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 Gong Bath- monthly	Julie McLean	07581 721 565
Sunday	10.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Worship Service		

WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Water Orton Library are pleased to announce a couple of events that will be held at the Library in October.

On Friday 17th October we will be holding an Exhibition of the work produced at the Joy Arts sessions that we held in August. The Exhibition will be open from 10.00a.m.-12.00noon and there will be a free buffet for all who would like to come. Everyone is welcome.

On Friday 31st October we will have a Spooky Halloween Fayre, open from 10.00a.m. - 4.30p.m.. There will be Kiddies lucky dips, Tombola, Refreshments including toasted tea cakes and other items. Come dressed up if you DARE!! Rhyme Time (for the under 5's) will still be open from 2.00p.m. - 2.30p.m.

We do hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you there.

Sue.

“NEW SERVICE AT THE PARISH CHURCH”

At the Parish Church we began to think that some folks might find 9 a.m. Service of Holy Communion on a Sunday a bit too early in the day, well it is for me sometimes, and they might want to participate in a shorter Service too. So.... on the 7th September, first Sunday in the month at 4 p.m. we arranged a half hour Service of Holy Communion; (said, therefore no hymns). You will probably have read about it beforehand on Facebook or within Church notices.

We were delighted to see so many people in church for that Service - there were 25 adults in the congregation + one other younger person. Many made lots of complimentary comments afterwards; there was such a friendly atmosphere and nobody tripped over a walker (there were lots in use including mine)!! If you are not a confirmed member of the Church of England please do not be embarrassed to be attending a Service of Holy Communion, ABSOLUTELY EVERYONE IS WELCOME and we love meeting up with people!!

We intend to continue to provide this type of Service, Holy Communion, (30 mins in length), every first Sunday of the month, the next being 4 p.m. Sunday 5th October which coincides with our Harvest Festival, sorry we won't be singing “We plough the fields and scatter” but there will be lovely decorations.

Please don't hesitate to contact any of us if you need a lift.”

Olwyn Powell

A MESSAGE FROM PAUL,

VICAR AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH,

WATER ORTON

Welcome to the October edition of the Bridge,

On the 7th September we held our first service of Holy Communion at 4p.m. I was delighted and surprised by the number of people who came, twenty-five in total. This service was found to be more accessible for some. With that in mind we are going to continue with this service, on the 1st Sunday in the month, which I am calling ‘first at four’. Please join us for our next service of said Holy Communion at 4pm on the 5th October. The service will last for roughly 30 minutes, with refreshments afterwards.

I also want to take this opportunity to let people know of, or remind people of, ‘Meet and Eat.’ This is held most Fridays at the Link from 12 noon. There we prepare a freshly cooked meal for retired residents of Water Orton for a reasonable price. This has a great community feel and we currently have spaces for new people to join us. If you want to know more, please contact me.

I am also delighted that both churches continue to be welcome at Water Orton Primary School. This term we have been invited to take assemblies as usual. In October I will be speaking to years 5 and 6, about whom I believe Jesus to be. Readers who know me well will not be surprised to hear that I believe him to be the messiah. Jesus says of himself, ‘For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.’ John 3 : 16

God Bless

Paul



MEMORY CAFE

The next meetings will be on Friday 5th October 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

Meeting September 27th - unfortunately there is a change to the entertainment. Street and Latin Duo cancelled at the last minute. Barbara used her magic and has got a magician/entertainer to fill in from Australia (Yes, that's correct) whom she made contact with "down under!" We will still have our fish and chips supper. The line up for October 25th is Keith Slater, vocalist and entertainer.

Why not come and join us at "The Link" and test the water, meet new friends and be part of the Supper Club family. Once you have been you will be back I am sure. For further information regarding the Club please don't hesitate to contact me, Mike Sadler, on 0121 747 5980, mobile number 07984 395 868 or email - mikebarbarasad@aol.com

MESSAGE FROM RACHEL TAYLOR MP

For too long commuters have had to put up with overcrowded, unreliable trains to get to work in Birmingham. I have been speaking to commuters at Water Orton and Coleshill Parkway Stations about their daily commute. I couldn't believe it when the 7:45 train to Birmingham turned up at Coleshill Parkway with only three carriages, meaning every passenger getting on the train had to stand. The service from Water Orton is even worse.

I've launched a commuter survey that will run until 30th October, I will be reporting its findings directly to operators and calling for an action plan to tackle overcrowding and other issues. Please do fill it out and share it with your friends and family, to ensure I can demonstrate how widely felt concerns are. I'm already talking with Cross Country Trains but your help could make the difference in getting more trains back on track.

You can fill out the survey by going to my website www.rachel-taylor.co.uk and clicking 'Get Involved'.

WATER ORTON LADIES

Just a quick hello, especially to all those ladies in our area, who haven't yet dropped by to have a cuppa with us on one of our Thursday afternoons in The Pavilion in Openfield Croft. We meet there every third Thursday of the month between 2p.m and 4p.m – always an interesting speaker and always, fun, friendship and most importantly, tea and cake! We're half way through our year now and very much looking forward to the Autumn and Winter part of the programme. In September, we went out for afternoon tea and at our September Thursday meet up, our speaker, a beekeeper, told us about the joys of beekeeping and how important those little insects are to us - and there was honey!!

In October we'll be getting advice about scams and frauds, which are seemingly everywhere and in November, we'll all be making a lovely sparkly angel for our Christmas trees. Then it's December and our Christmas celebration afternoon! Why not drop by – we love having visitors. Every third Thursday, 2 – 4p.m. at The Pavilion, Openfield Croft, Water Orton B46 1RE. Any queries, just give me a call! Liz Tranter 07811 147 728

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.

HISTORY OF THE MEMORIAL CHURCH CLOCK

After the end of World War One, the parishioners of Water Orton wanted to remember all those that served with the Armed Forces at that time, especially the 5 men who died. A collection was made and it was decided to present the Church with a Clock as a memorial. There is also a plaque in the Church, commemorating WW1 1914—1918 with the following inscription:

"To the Glory of God - As a thank-offering for the restoration of Peace. In grateful remembrance of the loyal services of the 73 men of this Parish who served with H.M.Forces in the Great War and in pious memory of Joseph Boneham, Charles Burton, Arnold Hawkins, Sidney Prosser and Gilbert Willdey, who nobly died for their Country. The Parish Clock and this tablet were erected by the Parishioners of Water Orton - A.D. MCMXX (1920)."

This, and an identical tablet in the Methodist Church, remained the original and only War Memorial in Water Orton until 2018. In 2015/6 a fundraising campaign began to erect an outside War Memorial for the Village. After much hard work by a committee of villagers, many events to raise funds and grants received from various sources, this came to fruition in November 2018, the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1.

We also remember all the tragedies of war by placing our collection of knitted poppies in the Parish Church every year in November. You are welcome to come along and see the display plus the above named plaque on Tuesday and Saturday mornings, or whenever the Church is open, as well as the Church Service at the Memorial. Times and days of opening and the Church Service in November will be advertised locally.

