

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 .
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OCTOBER 2026

THE BRIDGE



4th October at The Parish Church
11th October at The Methodist Church

*EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO OUR PARISH CHURCH
AND THE METHODIST CHURCH
WHY NOT GIVE US A TRY
WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU.*

*LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE
IN WATER ORTON*

OCTOBER 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
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	4th October	Harvest Festival	9.00a.m. and 11.00a.m.
Sunday	4th October	Holy Communion Service (Spoken)	3.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.
Sunday	11th October	Quest Family (fun, food and Bible teachings) at The Link	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	4th October	10.30a.m. with Mrs Gill Day
Sunday	11th October	10.30a.m. with All age Harvest service followed by the launch of "Café Cwtch"
Sunday	18th October	10.30a.m. with Lay Pastor Mrs Ermine Mitchell
Sunday	25th October	10.30a.m. Holy Communion with Rev. Farai Mapamula

Café CWTCH

The Welsh contingent of the Methodist Church suggested this title for changes that will be happening on a monthly basis starting on Sunday 11th October. On the second Sunday of the month the Community Hall will be used rather than the chapel and a short traditional service will then run into an open café (drinks and light snacks) from 11.00a.m. till 12.30p.m. "Cwtch" translates as a warm hug that is loving and deeply reassuring and the café will be a warm place, open to everyone to meet up on Sunday for a chat, a coffee and some good background music, crafting for the children, a prayer tree and books. This is the plan for the rest of the year.
Sunday 11th October 11.00a.m. - 12.30p.m. Café Cwtch "Harvest" - bring food bank items - our take on home grown.
Sunday 8th November 11.30a.m. Café Cwtch "Remembrance" - an invitation to the village following the service at the War Memorial.
Sunday 13th November 11.00a.m. - 12.30p.m. Café Cwtch "Christmas Special".
Come and help make it what you need it to be.

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	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 07852 531188
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
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 - 8.30pm	Yoga - Emma 07861 747448

FRIDAY

12 noon - 1.30pm	Meet & Eat - Lunch & chat for the retired
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SATURDAY

9.30am - 12 noon	Shining Star Stage School (Shining Tots 4 - 7 years, Shining Stars 7+) Email: info@shiningstarstageschool.co.uk
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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

CASTLE BROMWICH SINGERS

Castle Bromwich Singers present "A Barrel of Laughs" – Songs to make You Smile.
Our show is in aid of Birmingham's homeless choir, The Choir with No Name.

3 shows available -

The Mackadown Sports and Social Club, Mackadown Lane, Tile Cross B33 0JG

Friday 16th October - Doors open 7.00p.m.

Curdworth Village Hall, Coleshill Road, Curdworth B76 9HH

Friday 23rd October - Doors open 7.00p.m.

Saturday 24th October – Doors open 2.00p.m. (matinee show)

Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/castle-bromwich-singers or Greg 07951 562907
or Stella 07973 676761

CHURCHES TOGETHER

A "Churches Together" showing of the film "The People's Emergency Briefing" will be shown at Water Orton Parish Church at 3.00p.m. on Sunday 25th October.

After the terrifying collapse of the glacier bringing down a mountain in Nepal with a tragic toll of 4000 missing, we are suddenly and dramatically reminded that climate change is causing havoc on planet Earth. For over 50 years scientists have been warning us of the effects of global warming. Please come and find out the facts on Sunday 25th October 3.00p.m.

WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Fellow Villagers,

At the time of going to press the latest draft of the local plan has just been released and is due to be considered by North Warwickshire Borough Councillors on 22nd September. It is proposed that the final draft be put out again to public consultation in October. This final draft does not contain the site on Vicarage Lane. Does this mean that there is no need to respond...NO! There is a need for the village to make representations to detail whether they are happy (or not) with any revisions. Keep your eyes peeled for how to give your opinion in the coming weeks. Similarly, the Parish Council is proposing to get your input on what your priorities are for the year ahead, as it starts to formulate the budget for next year. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

See you around the village.
Steve Stuart

A MESSAGE FROM ALAN WALKER

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

WATER ORTON

"Summer and winter and springtime and harvest". These are the words from a well known hymn and they seem an appropriate welcome to this October magazine. It also gives me an opportunity to invite you to our Harvest services on 4th October, at 9.00a.m., 11.00a.m. and 3.00p.m., when there will be opportunities to donate non-perishable goods and toiletries, which will be taken to Birmingham City Mission.

It only seems a few weeks since we were complaining about the long, hot, dry summer and despairing whether our brown lawns would recover. Already, though, the lawns are green again, as they are fed by the rain and the sunshine. And that brings me back to the hymn from which the words at the start of this article come; Great is Thy Faithfulness - written as a poem in 1923 as a reflection of God's faithfulness throughout the author's life.

The seasons remind us that there is a rhythm to our lives. There are times of joy and success and then there are times when we feel despair, as if everything is against us. "Great is Thy Faithfulness" is, to me, a reminder that whatever we may face as life may batter us, when we rejoice, we can be thankful, as the chorus goes, "All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me".

This Autumn may you be aware of God's faithfulness. As our lawns are refreshed, may you be refreshed.

We would love to see you at the Parish Church, where we know you will find a warm welcome.

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



MESSAGE FROM RACHEL TAYLOR MP

I am holding an HS2 Funding Fair at Coleshill Town Hall on Friday 23rd October, from 1.00p.m to 3.00p.m.

The event will help local businesses and community groups access funding opportunities and receive practical advice on applying for grants and support. A range of funding and support organisations will be available to offer guidance.

The HS2 Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF) provide financial support to communities and businesses impacted by HS2 construction. Significant funding remains available through these programmes and after all the disruption that local residents have faced, I am determined to see as much of that money spent in Water Orton and the surrounding area as possible. Please do come along.

My next Coleshill surgery is also 5.00p.m to 7.00p.m on 13th November. To attend either event, please email: rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk.

WATER ORTON LADIES CLUB

Water Orton Ladies Shopping Trip to Trentham Gardens - 22nd October.

We will be departing from The Link at 9.30a.m, returning from Trentham at 4.30p.m. The Coach fare is just £15.00. If you are interested in going, please check in with Sue on 0121 747 4366 to see if there are any remaining tickets. Booking is open to non-members.

As always, we meet up at the Pavilion in the Playing Field, Openfield Croft, on the 3rd Thursday in the month from 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. We would love to see you.

WATER ORTON SUPPER CLUB

Hello from Supper Club..... Our September meeting went well - thanks to Jane & Co for the lovely potatoes, as always. Elvis went down a storm.... But has now left the building!! Our October meeting is Saturday 31st, the hall and act had already been booked...but as it is Halloween please ensure Broomsticks and Black Cats are left in the car park. Food will be a Ploughman's, which you all seemed to enjoy last time. Entertainment will be provided by Morgan Perkins, aka Frank Sinatra...Barbara did well booking Elvis and Frank!!!

If you haven't already paid, don't forget names and deposits are still being taken for the Christmas meal, which is on December 12th at Grimscote Manor (menus are available to view if you didn't see it last month). It is always a lovely evening, with festive food and setting, entertainment and a Bumper Raffle.

New members are always welcome so please contact any of the committee, on the numbers below. If you would like to give us a try, you will be given a warm welcome.
Contact for details: Sue Jennings: 07790 019 738; Hazel Way: 07814 802 686; Averill Goldsmith: 07792 476 599; or Lynne Williams: 07791 013 285

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 2nd October** 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.

WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE LIBRARY CAFÉ

For those of you who may not have already heard the Library is now doing Barista Coffees, Latte and Cappuccino at only £2.50 each. This could be combined with a slice of cake or a crumpet or teacake with butter at £1.00 each. Not to be missed. Open throughout Library opening times. A warm welcome guaranteed.

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN - We will be celebrating Halloween on 30th and 31st October again this year with Tombola, Lucky Dips and other exciting activities. We will open at the usual library hours, Friday 10.00a.m. - 4.30p.m. and Saturday 10.00a.m. - 12.00noon. We do look forward to seeing you there.

Come in a costume if you DARE!!



25th October

