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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
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

MP for North Warwickshire - Rachel Taylor Email: rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk .  
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**SEPTEMBER 2025**

# THE BRIDGE



**WATER ORTON METHODIST CHURCH**

***LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE  
IN WATER ORTON***

## SEPTEMBER 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 - <b>on Zoom only</b>
Thursday	9.00a.m.-10.00a.m.	Contemporary Prayer Meeting - <b>on Zoom only</b>

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

Sunday 14th September Quest Family at The Link 3.30p.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	7th September	10.30a.m.	Communion Service with Rev. Donald Kerr
Sunday	14th September	10.30a.m.	with Mr Roger Boulton
Sunday	21st September	10.30a.m.	with Lay Pastor Mrs Ermine Mitchell
Sunday	28th September	10.30a.m.	with Mrs Gill Day
		7.00p.m.	Songs of Praise at The White City Community Centre

Friday 12th September 6.30p.m. Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association Awards Evening

Saturday 27th September 7.00p.m. Rev. Nick Jones in Concert

Contacts:

Ermine Mitchell	Lay Minister	07526 204 536
Mrs Gill Day	Senior Steward	07818 060 900
Mr Roger Boulton	Bookings	07554 637 330

### SPUD CLUBBING

August saw the first anniversary of Spud Club. This amazing village community initiative has grown considerably in the past twelve months and continues to do so. It is heartening to see, even now, new people attending or popping in for a take-away. The Club is open every Monday between 12.30p.m. and 6.00p.m. in the Community Hall of the Methodist Church.

All are welcome to eat, share the friendly atmosphere, try puzzles and games and meet visitors from outside agencies who attend regularly to give advice on staying safe, healthy, happy and warm.

With growth comes challenges and opportunities. We have a great team of volunteers undertaking tasks on Mondays and at other times during the week, to deliver this fantastic enterprise. They enjoy the buzz and the satisfaction of helping others. If you would like to join them, there are all kinds of roles you could consider and we would love to hear from you. Just pop in any Monday and say 'Hello'.

## WHAT'S ON AT THE LINK

### MONDAY

10.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.  
12.30p.m. - 1.15p.m.  
1.45p.m. - 2.30p.m.  
3.00p.m. - 4.15p.m.  
5.00p.m. - 5.45p.m.  
6.15p.m. - 7.00p.m.

KIDDOODLES - Parent & Toddler Group  
PILATES with Lauren 07733 262 796  
CHAIR YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448  
QI GONG with Denise 07454 708 646  
BOUNCE AND BURN with Emma 07861 747 448  
BODY CONDITIONING with Kathryn 07786 669 688

### TUESDAY

9.30a.m. - 12noon  
10.00a.m. - 12noon  
6.00p.m. - 7.00p.m.

ART CLASS Watercolours with Carl 07852 531 188  
ART CLASS - All ages and abilities welcome.  
YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448

### WEDNESDAY

10.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.  
3.30p.m.  
5.30p.m.  
7.00p.m.

KIDDOODLES - Parent & Toddler Group  
SLIMMING WORLD  
SLIMMING WORLD with Jayne Reece 07453 348 184  
SLIMMING WORLD

### THURSDAY

9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.  
  
5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.  
6.15p.m. - 7.00p.m.  
7.15p.m. - 8.00p.m.

WOMBATS - Parent & Toddler Group  
with Ann: annllewe@yahoo.co.uk 07724 634 211  
KARATE class age 5+ with Jason 07515 360 586  
BOUNCE AND BURN with Emma 07861 747 448  
YOGA with Emma 07861 747 448

### FRIDAY

12noon - 1.30p.m.

MEET AND EAT - Lunch and chat for the retired

### 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

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## WHAT'S ON AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Monday	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. 12.30a.m. - 6.00p.m. 6.30p.m. - 7.30p.m. 8.00p.m. - 10.00p.m.	Child Minders SPUD CLUB Little Local Vocals Local Vocals	Debbie Morley Cllr Steve Stuart Helen Hyde Helen Hyde	07961 241 662 07999 777 345 07746 243 456 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.  5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.	Coffee Morning Table Top Sale, last Saturday of the month Gong Bath - monthly	Margaret Smith Julie McLean	07738 703 376 07581 721 565
Sunday	10.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Worship Service		

## WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Firstly, we would like to thank all of the lovely ladies who came to our Prosecco and Strawberries Afternoon Tea. A Grand Time was had by all. Your support to keep the library open is appreciated more than you can imagine

Secondly, we would like to confirm the Author Event, with Sally Jenkins, who is a local Author, on the 4th September. The library doors will open at 6.30p.m. for a 7.00p.m. start. Please pre-book your seat by purchasing your ticket for £6.00 from the library. This will include cheese and biscuits and nibbles, with tea or coffee.

We look forward to welcoming you through our doors. Thank you.  
Sue.

## WATER ORTON BOYS' BRIGADE

### AND GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

Members and Leaders of Water Orton Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association are currently enjoying their summer break and we will re-open in September; On Friday September 12th we will have our awards evening, when we hear a report of the year's activities and the young people receive their badges in recognition of their work throughout the year. On the following Friday, September 19th, potential new members (boys and girls from age 6 and over) are invited to join us in the Methodist Church Centre, from 6.30p.m. for our Open Evening.

In the last year we have been away camping, spent a day at Drayton Manor Amusement Park, taken part in games and competitions against other companies in the Birmingham Battalion, enjoyed football, Unihoc, dodgeball, rounders, chess, art and craftwork, enjoyed an evening following a trail by torchlight, joined the Remembrance Day parade, collected for Christian Aid, learned about road safety and fire safety, learned to use basic tools and learned more about Christian faith and The Bible. Part of the latter has involved us in acting out "Open The Book" style stories at the Methodist Church family services.

When I talk to people about Boys' Brigade they say "it sounds a bit like Scouts". This is not surprising as The Boy Scouts emerged from the Boys' Brigade 25 years after it had begun. Baden Powell, an officer in The Boys' Brigade, who wanted to do more "scouting" activities, formed what was initially "The Boys' Brigade Scouts" which eventually became a separate organisation.

I think it is fair to say that both organisations offer young people opportunities that they might otherwise miss; having fun together, learning together and generally becoming better members of our society.

We hope to see some new members in September. For more information please contact Kim Smith (07940 541 121)

## A MESSAGE FROM PAUL,

### VICAR AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH,

#### WATER ORTON

Welcome to the September edition of the Bridge,

Some of us will be looking forward to Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> (the beginning of Autumn) after a relatively hot summer. Too hot in my opinion.

I have written about dementia before, aware that nearly all of us have encountered it in our every day lives. As some of you know my own father, Peter, suffers from mixed dementia, a combination of Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia. In August my mother (aged 84) made the difficult decision that it was time for dad to go into a care home. She had cared for my father for many years and could no longer cope. We are fortunate to have found a good care home for Peter.

On a lighter note, in August, I entered the Sandringham 24. This is an ultra-marathon in Sandringham where you run as many 5-mile laps in a 24-hour period as possible. Given the size of the challenge, I decided to do so for a good cause, Marie Curie. Probably a bit late to sponsor me now, but if you would like to, search for 'Just Giving Paul Tullett'. I managed to run 13 laps and a total of 65 miles. The winner, Alex Marshall, managed a total of 25 laps and 125 miles. She also holds the lap record from 2023 when she managed 28 laps.

In terms of church life, at the parish church our services continue at 9am (traditional) and 11am (contemporary) every Sunday. On the 7<sup>th</sup> September I am trying something new. We are going to try a said service of Holy Communion at 4.00p.m, which will last about 30 minutes. If there is an appetite for it, I will look to do this service monthly. Please know that you are all welcome and, all who believe in Jesus, welcome to receive Holy Communion.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm we hold our messy church service at the Link which is interactive. A short biblical message is given and a simple meal provided.  
God Bless

Paul



#### MEMORY CAFE

The next meetings will be on Friday 5th September 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**

Welcome back everyone. It doesn't seem five minutes since we were typing away for the June edition of The Bridge and now the September edition has come along and the darker nights are approaching. On June 21st Matt Farmer's Gatsby Jazz Band of the roaring 20's and 30's, played the Great Gatsby party time tunes like "Yes Sir That's My Baby". Then we had our annual day trip, July 23rd, with a two course carvery meal. The meal was the most fantastic carvery ever, with desserts to die for. We then went on to Burnham on sea and, yes, the sea was coming in and the weather was so kind to us. We arrived back to Water Orton at 8-30pm. I feel quite sure everyone enjoyed the day.

Now moving on for September the 27th, the line up of entertainment is "Street and Latin Duo". Why not come along to The Link and "test the water" and see what you are missing on a Saturday evening. If you are on your own, give the TV a miss and be part of the Supper Club party, enjoy yourself and meet new friends. If you are interested don't hesitate, I feel quite sure you'll be back. Please do give me a ring, Mike Sadler, on 0121 747 5980 or Email [mikebarbarasad@aol.com](mailto:mikebarbarasad@aol.com) for any information regarding the Supper Club..  
Mike

## **MESSAGE FROM RACHEL TAYLOR MP**

The government is repairing our NHS. Over 4 million extra appointments were delivered in just one year. We recruited more than 1,500 newly qualified GPs, cut waiting lists, and are upgrading hospitals and GP surgeries.

I've already heard from constituents who've noticed improvements and received quicker treatment, but there is more to do.

I fed back to government what constituents told me they wanted from the NHS. I am pleased that several of your priorities, such as more mental health support, community-based health services, home-based care, and a greater emphasis on prevention are prominent in the Ten-Year Health Plan for England. The ten-year plan will end the 8.00a.m scramble for appointments, free up beds and improve people's health.

If you want to share your thoughts on the NHS or any other issue, please get in touch. You can email me at [rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk) or call 0247 6309 901.

## **THOMAS' DOLE CHARITY**

St Thomas' Dole Charity gives small grants (generally, from approx. £500 - £5,000) to community-based organisations in the Ancient Parish of Aston, which includes Water Orton. The Trustees' focus is on grants which benefit disadvantaged groups, the disabled, children and young people and the elderly. The Trustees like to see well thought through and costed applications, but the application itself is straightforward to complete. The Trustees expect to see a commitment to safeguarding responsibilities.

The Trustees meet in May and November each year. The deadline for applications to this November's meeting is 16th October.

If your organisation is interested in making an application, please contact the Administrator, Annette Webb, whether by 'phone (07811 118490) or e-mail ([annettejoycewebb@gmail.com](mailto:annettejoycewebb@gmail.com)), to talk about why you'd like a grant, and the application process.

## **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.

## **CASTLE BROMWICH SINGERS**

Castle Bromwich Singers present "We are the Champions" - popular sporting anthems.

3 shows are available:

**The Mackadown Sports and Social Club, Mackadown Lane, Tile Cross B33 0JG**  
Friday 17th October - Doors open 7.00p.m.

**Curdworth Village Hall, Coleshill Road, Curdworth B76 9HH**

Friday 24th October - Doors open 7.00p.m.

Saturday 25th October - Doors open 2.00p.m. (matinee show).

Tickets - Adult £10.00, Child £6.00 - available from Greg on 07951 562 907 or via website: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/castle-bromwich-singers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/castle-bromwich-singers).

Helen Kemp

Secretary, Castle Bromwich Singers

## **WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council are planning two "Youth Engagement" events, provisionally on 1st September at Spud Club at the Methodist Church Hall from 3.00p.m. and 27th October on the Playing Field. Please encourage the young people to come, as it is an opportunity for us to ask them what they want to see in the Village, so that we can better meet their needs.

You will have received a Warwickshire Health Service Survey through your door this month, for return either via the advertised post boxes, or by completing it online, as it is your chance to bring about positive change.

Finally, we hold Community Engagement Meetings in the first week of the month and Full Council Meetings in the last week of the month: the latter attended by the new County Councillor, the police, and BBV, (details are on our website)... come and join us and get involved by having your say.

Councillor Natasha Freeman