

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
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SEPTEMBER 2026

THE BRIDGE



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

**LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE
IN WATER ORTON**

SEPTEMBER 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 13th September Quest Family 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	6th September	10.30a.m.	with Lay Pastor Mrs Gill Day
Sunday	13th September	10.30a.m.	with All age service with Mr Roger Boulton
Sunday	20th September	10.30a.m.	with Lay Pastor Mrs Ermine Mitchell
Sunday	27th September	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion with Rev. Farai Mapamula

Contacts:

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

Thank You Water Orton

For digging deep in difficult times and donating **£2,122.97** in Christian Aid Week. The efforts of the young people, their leaders and individual collectors are so worthwhile when we do this together.

We also did well at the Carnival this year, when the Water Orton Churches stand made £369.60 for Water Aid. Each year we take this opportunity to be the church in our wonderful community, sharing the fun and helping those in need. That is the Gospel - Love God (our reason for being) and our neighbour as ourselves.

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	Rev. Paul Tullett	0121 730 2081
		for School Years 4 - 8		
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
		Table Top Sale, last Saturday of the month		
Sunday	5.00p.m. - 6.15p.m.	Gong Bath - monthly	Julie McLean	07581 721 565

MESSAGES FROM KIM SMITH, CHURCHWARDEN

BOYS BRIGADE: Water Orton Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association will resume in September. Young people; boys and girls, from age six upwards are invited to join us for fun activities, games and Christian teaching in the Methodist Church Centre on Friday evenings from 6.30 pm.

Anyone will be welcome to join us at our awards evening on Friday September 11th, when our members will receive recognition for their year's work and two of our members will receive their KING's Badge, the highest award in the BB. A very proud achievement for them and us.

For further details contact KIM SMITH on 07940 541 121.

CHURCH CLOCK: Most of you are aware that the clock was installed in the Church Tower by Water Orton parishioners, as a memorial to those who lost their lives during the first world war. Sadly, the clock needs significant expenditure, possibly approaching £5,000, to keep it running. Although the Church provides a home for it, I believe that we should all feel some responsibility to help to maintain it. We will be grateful for any donations or suggestions of ways to raise the money. Again our thanks to the one person who responded to my last appeal for funding to maintain the clock.

Thank you. KIM SMITH, Churchwarden 07940 541 121.

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN: Many of you will be aware (and hopefully horrified) that the proposed Local Plan includes demolition of the vicarage to provide access to an estate of sixty three dwellings to be built on the land between HS2 and the gardens of the vicarage and its neighbouring houses. We, the parish church and hopefully you, have already lodged our objections to the proposals. We wish to make it clear that we, the church, who would lose a valuable asset which is used for numerous church and community activities, knew nothing about the proposals and would certainly not stand to gain from the sale of the land. Our Vicar, who would lose his home, knew nothing about the proposals. It appears that nobody at Birmingham Diocese knew anything about the proposals. It seems that the Church Commissioners, whom we believe own the land, have offered it to the council in response to their "call for land", without any discussions.

Thank you KIM SMITH, Churchwarden 07940 541 121.

A MESSAGE FROM ALAN WALKER

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

WATER ORTON

Welcome to the September edition of The Bridge magazine.

In the last edition I wondered whether we would have much of a summer. As I write this, we are about to experience our 5th heatwave of the year and much of the country is in drought, so I think I can safely say we've had a summer!

It reminds me of how important water is; it sustains life, brings refreshment and keeps us clean. Water also appears in the name of our Village, so I would hope we all recognise its significance.

Water appears over 500 times in the Bible and serves as a powerful symbol for creation, divine judgment, physical cleansing and spiritual life

From the very first chapter of Genesis, as the Spirit hovered over the water, to the final Book of Revelation, water tracks humanity's deep need for God. Baptism symbolises new birth through the use of water and Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman at the well and offers "living water", a picture of the Holy Spirit and eternal life that stops spiritual thirst forever.

Are you in drought? How thirsty are you? I know that I'm guilty of not drinking enough and it is not good for me. If the Church can help you if you're feeling thirsty, we would love to see you. Please don't hesitate to make yourself known; you would be welcome.

God Bless

Alan



MESSAGE FROM RACHEL TAYLOR MP

I know how important local bus services are to get around, especially for young people, pensioners, and people with disabilities. That's why I'm so pleased our new Prime Minister, Andy Burnham, has reinstated the £2 bus fare cap, to make sure we keep journeys affordable and give families breathing space from the cost-of-living. It's also great that the government made buses free for 5-15 year olds throughout August.

I've launched a bus survey so that I can hear from people about the bus services around Water Orton and Coleshill which you want to see improved, or new routes you would like introduced. Please go to www.rachel-taylor.co.uk/get-involved to fill it out.

As always, you can also get in touch about anything by emailing

rachel.taylor.mp@parliament.uk

sign up to my monthly email newsletter at: www.rachel-taylor.co.uk/newsletter

and to my dedicated HS2 letter at: <https://rachel-taylor.co.uk/hs2/>.

WATER ORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Just a heads up to save the date for 26th September, 2.00p.m. We have Author Judith Brulo coming to give a talk on that afternoon. She writes for children aged between 6 - 12 years but everyone is so welcome. Entry will be £5.00 for 1 adult and up to 2 children, additional children at £2.00 each. Entry includes a cake and biscuit with a tumbler of squash per child and a cup of tea or coffee per adult. Pre booking would be gratefully appreciated and we take cash only.

Just a reminder that the Café Library is open for cake, cookies, crumpets and tea cakes each Friday and Saturday morning, as well as teas and coffees, all for £1.00 each. Can't wait to see you there.

WATER ORTON SUPPER CLUB

Hi Supper Club Members - hope the extreme temperatures haven't been too much for you. We return to our Club on September 26th, at The Link, where Barbara has managed to book Elvis! Now, he doesn't come cheap so we are hoping for all your support that evening, to ensure we don't make a loss on the night. Supper will be jacket potatoes, which I know you enjoy. We will need numbers confirming as soon as possible. Please contact us on any of the numbers below if you will be coming, and what topping you want - cheese, coleslaw or chilli?, plus salad.

We will be taking names for the Christmas meal, on December 12th at Grimstock - £10 deposit required so please bring it with you if you want to come. We would also like suggestions for next year's day trip - thinking caps on, so we have plenty of time to book a coach etc.

Hopefully we will see you in on 26th September for a fun night with Elvis!!

New members are always welcome, give us a try, you will be glad you did.

Contact for details: Sue Jennings: 07791 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

Please note there is no meeting this month as we have an outing booked.

Our next meeting is on **Friday 2nd October** at 2.00p.m.

If anyone is interested in attending please contact either 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 LADIES CLUB

Hi everyone, from the coolness of my study, on the shady side of the house. How wonderful it is to have such a summer of dry and sunny days, but I'm sure we'd all welcome a gentle shower of rain and a temperature a few degrees cooler! We, at Water Orton Ladies, like everyone else, are surviving, with the help of our fans, be they electric or the hand held variety.

As Autumn approaches, we're looking forward to our trip to Trentham Gardens, always a popular venue for shopping, no matter how often we go! This year our Trentham visit is October 22nd, departing The Link at 9.30am and leaving from Trentham for home at 4.30pm. The coach is just £15 and as always, the trip is open to non-club members, so if you'd like to join us for the day, you'd be most welcome.

And you will be very welcome too, if you'd like to join us at any of our monthly meet ups at The Pavilion in Openfield Croft – always the third Thursday in the month from 2 - 4pm (doors open at 1.30pm) – with an interesting speaker and tea, cake and good company. If you're interested in joining us for the trip, call Sue on 0121 747 4366 to book your seat.