

THIS WEEK *(week beginning Sunday November 22nd)*

TODAY: Methodist Church attendees: If you can help with delivering the Christmas cards to homes in Bishop's Cleeve, please sign the list in church TODAY. Your help is greatly appreciated – all those you don't do, have to be done by the people at St Michael's! Thanks. Jean

Mon 23rd Nov: Prayer and Praise evening 7:30 in St Michael's; informal worship with guitar led contemporary music. Everyone welcome.

Tue 24th Nov: Mothers' Union Prayers led by an MU member, will be said in the chancel of St Michael's from 2:15-2:30. Everyone welcome. (No MU prayers in Dec.)

Sat 28th Nov: St. Michael's Hall Christmas Fair A wide selection of quality goods will be on sale, such as hand-made jewellery, patchwork bags, cards, gift wrap and preserves. Refreshments available, plus a tombola and raffle! Doors open 10am. Entry 20p (children free)

There will be a **Toy Stall** at the Fair in aid of St Michael's Hall. Toys, games, etc. would be welcome, either to me or the Church Office. A. Heywood (674171)

Sun 29th Nov: No 10:30 services at Southam and the Methodist Ch – united in St Michael's.

Sun 29th Nov: Junior Church at 4pm in Southam Village Hall.

Sun 29th Nov: United Advent carols in St Michael's at 6:30.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Tue 1st Dec: Mothers' Union Branch Meeting. At the last meeting of our 75th year, we welcome our Diocesan Secretary, Jean Searle. This remarkable lady juggles her home, two children, Diocesan office, MY Branch and part-time job and yet is delighted to come from Gloucester to speak to us – a meeting definitely NOT to be missed! St Michael's Hall, 2:30. PS. Mince pies with tea this month!

Wed 2nd December: Methodist Women's Fellowship. Children from Bishop's Cleeve Junior School will be coming to entertain us with their singing. This is always a very enjoyable afternoon, so do put the date in your diaries now. Tea will be served and there will be the usual sales tables as well. Everyone is welcome - 2.30pm in the Church. See you there!

Sat 5th Dec: Bishop's Cleeve Players present 'Christmas Capers' – songs, skits & sketches for Christmas. Tickets £5 from Church Office, Lewis shoe shop, Courtyard Books, or Lilian. 7pm for 7:30pm in St Michael's Hall, in aid of hall funds. Raffle.

Sunday 6th December. Methodist Church 10.30am. Annual Gift Service when we will welcome a representative from the Salvation Army. All gifts of goods or money will be gratefully accepted, especially this year chocolate selection boxes and small gift tokens from High Street music stores or W.H. Smith. Many thanks for your continued support.

Tuesday 8th Dec: Churches Together Advent Reflections 7:30 in St Michael's. Christmas seems to have started even earlier this year in the shops and on TV! Why not take 'time out'... Everyone welcome.

Sat 12th Dec: Carol Concert with St Michael's Church Choir and Friends. Music, carols and readings for Christmas. £5 from Church Office, Lewis shoe shop, Courtyard Books, or Lilian. 7pm in St Michael's Hall, in aid of hall funds. Raffle.

Sun 10th Jan: Epiphany Carol Service at Tewkesbury Abbey. Coach 4:30pm. Pick-up Cleeve & Woodmancote Fare £4. Details/booking from Lilian 673536.

FURTHER NOTICES

The Christmas Fayre at the Methodist Church on Sat 14th Nov raised approx £900, A grand total, and thanks are extended to everyone who helped, donated items and supported the event on such a wet afternoon. Well done.

From Colin O'Dell: Thank you all for the wonderful gift of the Home Communion set which Malc presented to me on Remembrance Sunday. As I said at the time, it is a ministry that is very dear to my heart and I will of course be reminded of you all whenever I use it.

Transition Cleeve - addressing Climate Change and Peak oil at a local level. There is an open meeting between 7.30 and 9.30pm on Tuesday 24th November at the Parish Council Offices in Church Road. This is part of the process of building a more connected and resilient community. The group was initiated 12 months ago by 'Churches Together in Bishop's Cleeve' and is growing in a very positive and encouraging way; do come along and find out more.

Thanks to everyone who filled a shoebox for the Samaritans Purse Appeal. We sent 127 boxes – an excellent effort. Lilian Calcutt

Salvation Army Christmas Carolcade hosted by Nicholas Owen, BBC presenter. The programme will include a local school choir, Bristol Easton Junior Band, the 'Impact' puppets and music by members of the Salvation Army. 9th December, 7pm at the Bacon Theatre (Dean Close Sch).

December/January edition of the Churches Together magazine will be ready for collection by distributors on Thur 26th Nov.

No Evening Worship in this parish Nov 22nd

Evening worship nearby:

6pm Tewkesbury Abbey – Choral Evensong
6pm Winchcombe Methodist Ch – Rev Steve Ward

SERVICE TIMES – Nov 29th

St Michael's

8:00 Eucharist

10:30 United Service

Methodist Church

10:30 United at St Michael's

The Ascension, Southam

10:30 United at St Michael's

Woodmancote Free Church

10:30 Morning Worship

Woolstone with Gotherington & Oxenton

11:00 Communion (Oxenton)

United Evening Worship 6:30 at St Michael's

Advent carol service