

10 August 2025



Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church

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Minister - Rev. Shirlyn Toppin - Tel. 01793 853197

Lectionary

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Luke 12:32-40

Prayer Focus

Bennett Hill Close in RWB
Methodist Church in Ireland

MHA Fitzwarren House & Court in our Circuit
Poland United Methodist Church

Please pray for the week's activities and those taking part:

Tuesday 12 August	10.00am	Tuesday Morning Pop-In & Light Lunch
Wednesday 13 August	9.30am	Walking Group
Sunday 17 August	10.30am	Worship Service - Own Arrangement

Flowers - this week the flowers have been arranged by Mary Turner. If you know of anyone who might benefit from our flowers, please inform either Mary or a steward. This may be due to illness, bereavement, or maybe having something to celebrate. *Mary*

Date for your Diary - Circuit Service - Saturday 30 August at 4pm at Highworth Methodist Church, to welcome Rev. Ian Mead to our Circuit. *Stewards*

Many, many thanks to all who gave donations to **The Filling Station** leading up to 31 July and beyond. **More details coming soon.** The latest newsletter from **TFS** is on the notice board in Hillside Hall. Please read it and find out how help is being offered to those in need. Many thanks to you all for your donations throughout the past year. *Lois & John*

Rev. Shirlyn has confirmed that she will be moving on to a new appointment when her five years with us are up in **September 2026**. Do pray for the Circuit Invitation Committee as they submit a Circuit profile for her replacement, for a favourable match and God's wisdom to identify the minister best suited for the needs of our Circuit. Alongside that, **our Circuit (Upper Thames)** has agreed to merge with our neighbours, **North Wiltshire**, with effect from **1 September 2026**. This is borne from a desire to come together not just administratively, but relationally and spiritually. It is anticipated that our new Superintendent will co-lead alongside the **North Wilts. Superintendent, Rev. David Gray**, taking over from him when he 'sits down' in 2027. Please pray for the two Circuit Leadership Teams and local preachers as they work together over the coming months. If you have any questions, please speak to Louise or Jenny.

Pop-In Summer Cream Tea - a huge thank you to those who came to our Cream Tea and those who helped make it the success it was. It was a lovely afternoon of laughter and togetherness, which also raised over **£300** towards Church funds. As you are aware, we don't charge for lunches on a Tuesday, folk kindly leave a donation. We put these together and when we have enough it goes back out into the community. This time we have passed it on to the four Care Homes in RWB for the activities teams to use it for their residents over the summer, whether for something in particular or just ice creams and cream teas. The **Pop-In** team thank you so much for your support to be able to do this. *Bev*

Run the Rainbow on Saturday 16 August, 10am, at Lydiard Park, a 5km family friendly fun run - walk, run or dance your way round the colourful route, passing through paint stations. This is a fund-raising event for **Prospect Hospice**, which is one of the charities we support as a church. For more details, see the poster in Hillside Hall. *Mary*

If you have an item, please contact Mary on notices@rwbmc.co.uk by the preceding Tuesday evening