

April Worship

Sundays	Preacher		Heart of House leader
5 th May 10.30am	Andrew Bird	Following a time of worship, the children will leave for their own session. The service will include the church General Meeting.	Annette Foster
12 th May 10.30am	Trevor Ranger	The whole church family meet together for worship and teaching. Creche provided.	Stuart & Caroline Lay
12 th May 4-6pm	Messy Church - Pentecost	A relaxed time of singing, stories, craft and a meal for ALL ages.	
19 th May 10.30am	Dr Tim Welch	After a time of worship altogether, the children will have their groups separately.	Jan Durston
26 th May 10.30am	Andrew Bird	A Church with Choices service, where following a time of worship, we engage with the theme in various creative ways. The service will include Holy Communion.	Liz Carter

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Events in May

Sunday May 5th – Picnic in the Park

After church on Sunday morning there will be a picnic in John Coles Park. Note that this will occur monthly through to September 1st.

Saturday May 18th 10am onward - Creation Care Plant Sale & Lunch

From 10am, the Creation Care team will be selling plants outside church, and from 12 noon there will be a simple lunch available in order to raise funds for Creation Care work in the church courtyard, and for the church.

May 24-27th The Big Church Festival Wiston House West Sussex

The deadline discount booking for the Big Church Festival has passed. However you can still [book tickets](#) after this date. If you would like to go but would need a lift please speak to Tammy on 07853031094 and we can see what we can do.

Future Dates For The Diary

Saturday 6th July 11am – 3pm - Manna Youth Group Reunion

A reunion of those who were part of the Manna Youth group led by Diana and Peter Watts is taking place at SRMC, Saturday 6th July 2024 11am – 3.00pm . Partners welcome.

Coffee and tea will be available throughout the day. A light lunch will be served. Donations towards the costs appreciated on the day. Please bring photos to share, but if you can scan and send them beforehand, we can put together a montage to watch on the big screen. If you are unable to attend but would like to send a message with some memories, we would love to hear from you.

We would love to see you again and share some amazing memories. If you are able to attend, please [email Linda Kalbskopf](mailto:linda.kalbskopf@sheldonroad.church) or phone [07837399198], by Saturday 22nd June.

30th July – 2nd August Holiday Club

See the church website for news & registration forms for this year's Holiday Club 'Deep Sea Divers' led by Trevor Ranger & members of Sheldon Road Church.

Also, it's time to start collecting your newspapers for the Holiday Club. Please give them to Caroline Lay or Mandy Bovett. Thanks so much, we need lots this year!

Saturday 30th November – Community Arts & Crafts Fair

Although this feels a long way off we need to kick off the organising. If you would like a table either for your business (£20) or to sell something to raise funds for church (free) please let Tammy Lovell know 07853031094. Send a text with what you are selling, if for a business or for church, and your email address.

If you have a skill that we could utilise for a craft on the day please let Tammy know if you would be willing to host a craft and what it would be. It will then be taken to committee and we can work out what will work best at the Community Art and Craft Fair. Thank you together we can make an amazing day again. Thank You.

Other Sheldon Road News & Information

The Bird's New Address

Andrew, Monica & family are moving into the new Manse on 7/8th May. The address is: 5 Pudding Lane, Patterdown, Chippenham SN15 2FL. We wish them God's blessing on their life in their new home.

Church Administration

From Monday 6th Mandy Bovett will be taking over the Admin Role at Sheldon Road. She will oversee the church's admin email account [admin@sheldonroad.church] as well as other administrative tasks within the church. The Leadership Team thanks Mandy for volunteering to undertake this role. Please note that this role does not include producing the monthly Newsletter which has its own email account [news@sheldonroad.church].

Sunday May 26th Heart of House Team

The team is severely depleted on this day and desperately needs some help. If anyone can offer help, especially with the chairs and tables, please contact Liz Carter.

Church Posters

Ruth Bovett has kindly taken on the responsibility for the display of posters [& similar] around the church with effect from the beginning of May. Ruth will be the go-to person for anything to do poster display. This includes seeing her first if you would like to display a poster within the church. The Leadership team wishes to thank Ruth for taking on this role.

Other Opportunities to serve at Sheldon Road Church

Please consider and pray about how you may be able to serve God's Kingdom here at Sheldon Road. There are currently two urgent vacancies available involved in the outreach of the church, and advance notice of one becoming available in the summer:

Mainly Music: reaching out to babies/toddlers and their carers, this group that meets on a Friday morning really needs some more helpers – particularly helping with setting out and putting away. If you can help please contact Megan Addicott for further information.

Messy Church: really do need one or two extra people to assist with leading, or just helping out, with craft activities. This really is a laid-back event attended by a good number of people from the community. Further information from Richard Bailey or Linda Kalbskopf.

Sheldon Road Newsletter: If you would like to see this monthly newsletter continue after the summer then please consider taking on the role of producing it. Richard Bailey has been producing the newsletter for an interim period that comes to an end in the summer. So we need someone to take over its production from September onward, with a handover prior to this. Further information from Richard.

Creation Care News

See the **attached** Creation Care May newsletter for all news and information.

See also the Spring Eco Newsletter [**attached**] from the Bristol District Eco Church.

Chippenham Uniform Exchange

Summer is here [only joking!] - well, it is as far as school uniforms are concerned. So if you've put the winter uniforms away in the wardrobe, the kids/grandkids have outgrown them and never to be worn again, get them out again, bring them to church and put them into the yellow bin in the café area – where they can be used by families finding life difficult financially at the moment. Thanks.

Childrens Books Wanted

Wanted: Children's books of any genre for ages 0-16 would be appreciated by those supporting the families from Afghanistan currently living at Lyneham. Please place any contributions in the labelled box in the café. See Liz Carter for further info. Many thanks.

Kitchen amnesty

There are a few items that have recently disappeared from the kitchen, most notably the large frying pan. Please could you search your house for anything that might have found its way there and return anything that you find-no questions asked! Thanks Liz Carter.

Piano needs a new home

A young man, Ezra, who is soon moving to London for a new job and has an upright piano that he would like to give, for free, to anyone who is interested and is able to collect. Piano has well looked after. Please contact [Ezra](#) for further information.

Serving in the Community – School Readers

Schoolreaders, a children's literacy charity, is looking for more volunteers in Wiltshire. The need for reading support is greater than ever, 1 in 6 primary school have joined Schoolreaders and need volunteers to listen to children read for one hour a week, during term time. Volunteers are welcome to take holidays. Volunteers have found that giving a little of their time every week to listen to children read has been extremely rewarding and worthwhile. Visit the [Schoolreaders website](#) for more information.

Sunday May 26th 4pm - Rach Collins Testimony Service and Ordination



Rach Collins, who was at Sheldon Road a few Sundays ago, has her ordination service at Bath Road Methodist Church, Old Town Swindon. The Service is led by Rev Dr Jonathan Pye, sermon by Rev Julie Coates (Rach's mum) and will include Rach giving her Testimony. It will last for about 1 hour and there will be refreshments afterwards. You don't need a ticket to attend. If you want to attend onsite, there is no parking at the church, but there is Pay & Display Parking nearby (at Bath Road Car Park or Prospect Place).

Alternatively, you can watch live on the [Bath Road Methodist YouTube Channel](#).

Saturday July 13th 3pm – Jonathan Pye Farewell & Retirement Service

All are warmly invited to the Farewell & Retirement service of the Bristol District Chair, the Reverend Jonathan Pye that will take place on Saturday July 13th at 3pm. This will take place at the Kingswood School Chapel, Bath BA1 5SD. This will be followed by a time of refreshments. Please direct any enquiries, and also please RSVP, to the District Office [07743 398186].

Saturday 31st August 2024 3.30 pm - New Chair Bristol District Welcome Service

All are invited to the welcome service of Reverend Doctor Marcus Torchon at St. Mary Redcliffe church, Bristol BS1 6RA, with refreshments afterwards at Faithspace Methodist Community, Redcliffe BS1 6PB. Please contact the District Office [07743398186] with any enquiries.

Other News

Tuesday 7th May 6.30 for 7pm start – FGB Evening Meal, Neeld Hall, Chippenham

This month there is an evening meal to which all men & women are warmly invited. **See attached for more info.**

Tuesday June 4th, Thursday October 10th SAT-7 Vision Days

For church leaders and those involved in church mission group work. SAT-7 are hosting a number of Vision Days at their Persian TV studio in west London, to immerse, inform and inspire leaders with stories of faith from the Church in the Middle East and North Africa. There is limited space, and so places will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Please visit the [SAT-7 website](#) for further information.

The Chippenham Shed

The Chippenham Shed now has a wonderfully equipped workshop for woodwork with skilled people to guide and teach all who are interested. They recently changed their name from the The Men's



Shed to encourage women to join in, and already we are seeing some attend our regular social gatherings each Tuesday afternoon from 2.30 – 4.30 at the North Wilts Bowls Club, Westcroft, Chippenham SN14 0LZ. They hold regular social events like the monthly breakfast at the Bowls Club,

summer barbeques, meals in local restaurants and occasional trips out.

The Shed is a registered charity aimed at helping people get together for social contact and developing skills together. There is an annual subscription charge of £65 and they are keen to encourage new members. But come along as a guest to try it out!



Emmaus Christian School, Staverton, Wiltshire – Opportunities & Open Day

The school once again has some opportunities for employment – one a teaching post, the other clerical. **See attachment** for full details. And by the way, the school has told us that they do fill the majority of posts by advertising via local churches.

Also the school has an Open Day on Friday May 10th for families considering where to have their children educated [reception to year 11]. Once again full details in **the attached**.

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust - Vacancy for Honorary Secretary

The Trust exists to make grants to support the restoration, repair and modernisation of churches and chapels in Wiltshire. Formed in 1953, it has successfully raised and disbursed funds for critical works in Wiltshire's places of worship for over seventy years. Working to the Chair and Board of Trustees, the Honorary Secretary convenes and records two Trust Meetings each year (June and November in Devizes) and is closely involved in the governance of the Trust and its grant decision process. This rewarding and engaging role is at the heart of a well-established county charity and its connection with parishes, churches and chapels across Wiltshire, including Swindon. Outside the two Trust meeting days, routine business is conducted from home by email. The Honorary Secretary must have internet access and be proficient with email and standard documents.

Questions and expressions of interest should be sent by email to [the Chairman/Honorary Secretary](#) by 10th May. Visit the [Trust website](#) for an overview of the Trust's role, activity and impact.

Prayer Chain

The phone number to use for Prayer Chain is **07760 945778**. Please text your message and it will be picked up and sent out. If you don't use text phone the number in the normal way.

If you have any Items for the next Monthly Newsletter please can you submit them by 5pm on **Thursday May 30th** to the newsletter email address: news@sheldonroad.church. Please note all other_admin business to be directed to our normal admin address as usual: admin@sheldonroad.church.