

March Worship

Sundays	Theme	Preacher		Heart of House leader
3 rd March 10.30am	Called to Bless Luke 10: 1-12 and 17-24.	Ian Byron	After a time of worship altogether, the children will have their groups separately.	Stuart & Caroline Lay
10 th March 10.30am	Blessing the person in front of you Genesis 12: 1-9	Andrew Bird	The whole church family meet together for worship. Creche provided.	Jan Durston
10 th March 4-6pm	Messy Church. The Great Feast		A relaxed time of singing, stories, craft and a meal for ALL ages.	
17 th March 10.30am	Blessing Communities, Regions and Nations John 12: 20-33	David Gray	After a time of worship altogether, the children will have their groups separately.	Liz Carter
24 th March 10.30am	Palm Sunday	Rachel Collins	The whole church family meet together for worship. Creche provided.	Liz & Richard Bailey
31 st March 10.30am	Easter Sunday New Life and New Community John 20: 1-29	Andrew Bird	After a time of worship altogether, the children will have their groups separately, then join together again for Communion.	Annette Foster

SRMC News

Events in March

Saturday March 9th – Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy at Community Lunch

**Keeping warm
this winter**
'Energy Café'

Wiltshire Wildlife
Community Energy



Tips, advice and giveaways to help you stay warmer at home
and reduce your energy bills

On: Saturday 9 March from 12:30 until 2pm

At: Free Community Lunch - Sheldon Road Methodist Church,
Audley Rd, Chippenham, SN14 0DU

www.wwce.org

Member of the [Rural Communities Energy Support Network](#)

At the regular Community Lunch event on Saturday March 9th, Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy [WWCE] will be manning a stand providing advice and the potential for some funding on saving energy for those suffering from fuel/food poverty. More [info on WWCE](#).

Sunday March 10th – Messy Church

This month Messy Church is looking at The Great Banquet. Please pray for this ministry - those leading and assisting and the people who attend. We currently average around 70-80 people at each MC.

28th March 7.30pm - Maundy Thursday

You are invited to share in this special time of reflection and to share in Communion led by Andrew Bird. The evening will also include a short message from Geoff Floyd on one of the themes from the Blessings Course.

29th March 2024 – Good Friday Service

A combined service with other Chippenham churches will take place at the Buttercross, Chippenham. Times to be confirmed.

Future Dates For The Diary

Saturday 27th April – Teen Takeover Lunch 12.30pm

Chippenham Area Board (Wiltshire Council) are organising a teenager activity weekend [see [website](#) for more info] on the 27th and 28th April. SRMC will be hosting a lunch in support of this event on the Saturday at 12.30pm – at SRMC. This will be organised by Adrian Foster – and requires a team of 8 people on the day to assist. Please contact Adrian for further info.



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

The Big Church Festival this year will take place on Friday 24th to Monday 27th May at Wiston House, West Sussex. SRMC has a group booking open for this. If you would like to attend for the weekend or even just for a day consider booking through this link: [Big Church Festival Tickets](#)

By booking through this link

-You will not have to pay until May 2024

-The more people who book through this the cheaper your ticket will be.

Please share the link with family and friends to see if anyone would like to attend. Should you have any questions or need help booking please email [Tammy Lovell](#) or phone 07853031094 to speak to her.

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](#) or phone [07837399198], by Saturday 22nd June.

25th January 2025 7.30pm – An Evening with Paul Kerensa



Details to follow later.

Other SRMC News & Information

Creation Care News

From Green Homes, to Wessex Water training. From Eco Church to the Springing of Spring. And more! Please read the **[attached]** Creation Care March Newsletter.

Lent series – ‘And I will bless you’

Our 2024 Lent series, based on the book by Roy Godwin called ‘And I will bless you’ continues in March, concluding on Easter Sunday. Our house groups are using the book for their studies and our services during Lent are based on the themes within the book. Also during Lent we invite you to meet for prayer on a Sunday morning in the Lower Hall from 9.45 – 10.10 a.m. You will be very welcome on any of these Sundays from 18th Feb – 7th April.

Additionally, there are videos that follow the Blessings Course, which may be accessed [here](#) using the following access code: **BlessThem**. [Note - There is no space between those two words].

Creche

Help needed for the crèche on a Sunday morning, to go on a rota once a month. Please see Megan Addicott.

Maureen Noble Thanksgiving Service – Thanks

Gill Pearce and family would like to thank those who attended Maureen Noble's Funeral and Thanksgiving Service recently. Maureen would have been very humbled at the number who attended! The impressive sum of £460 has been raised for the RNLI. She extends a special thank you to all who organised the day and contributed to the service in any way - including the kitchen staff who helped things run very smoothly.

Visitor Request

A request from Sarah Payne: a friend has very recently lost her husband of 60 years, and would welcome a visit from anyone from church who could empathise and encourage her. Please contact Sarah if you can help.

Bank Card Reader

The Church now has a **bank card reader** which for the time being is placed alongside the offerings box by the steps (in the future it will be secured to the wall). You can now use this for one-off donations to the church following the instructions provided. If you want to Gift Aid your donation you'll need to fill out an envelope as indicated in the instructions, and post it through the offerings box. Then it can be identified in the accounts. Any questions please ask a member of the leadership team.

Other News

Saturday 2nd March 2024 9.30am – 3.30pm Raising Kids for Christ in a Confusing World, Corsham Baptist Church

Note – the following was originally scheduled for January 20th but had to be postponed.

It's tough to be a Christian in the world we live in, isn't it? Even more so for young minds that are massively influenced by social media, gender issues, & relationships. Trying to figure out who they are and where they fit in. With a specialist speaker, this seminar will explore these issues and more, helping us navigate with our children how to live for Jesus in a confusing world. Raising kids to know who they are, relate to others well and be discerning! We'll engage with hot topics like identity, gender, technology, sexualisation, media, relationships and more. The day is made up of

three sessions. Spaces are £5 each (payable on the day), refreshments are provided but please bring your own packed lunch. This training is for everyone, whether a kids volunteer, parent, grandparent or just an adult concerned for the welfare of the next generation. Registration is now open! To save your space, [please complete the form here](#).

Saturday 2nd March 2024 10.30am–1pm - Christian Aids' Annual Supporter Conference

The Changemakers Conference is an opportunity for interested people across England and Wales to come and meet together. This event is an opportunity for us to say thank you to our supporters, celebrate our recent achievements and find out about our upcoming plans, including Christian Aid Week 2024. Guest Speakers include Philip Galgallo and Rev Felibien Ndintore, both from Burundi. This can be accessed online, or join a group meeting at one of the following locations:

Gloucester: Lonsdale Road Methodist Church

Bristol: Westbury-on-Trym Baptist Church

Purton: Purton Methodist Church

Devizes: St Andrew's Methodist Church

If you are interested you will need to [register](#) beforehand – whether you watch online or attend a group session. Further information can be obtained from the [website](#).

Saturday 16th March 9-11am – FGB Men's Breakfast

This month the free breakfast will be held on Saturday 16th March at Wetherspoons, Chippenham. Guest speaker – Matthew Whitmore. **See attached for more info.**

Monday 18th March 9:30am-12pm - Methodist Lay Employees Gathering

If you are a lay employee or volunteer in the Bristol, Channel Islands or Southampton Districts you are invited to an online regional gathering on Monday 18th March, from 9:30am-12pm. At 11am there will be a chance to meet the Chair of either the Bristol or Southampton Districts. With the help of Lay Employees from across the Districts the event will be looking at some key questions:

How can we manage expectations for our role (our own and those of other people)?
Digital Church - why are we doing it and who are we doing it for?

To sign up for this event please [use this link](#).

Thursday 6th June 7.30pm – 10pm Care For The Family Event – A Mind of Their Own, Swindon

Anxiety levels and struggles with mental wellbeing are on the rise in children, but mums and dads have incredible power to help their kids build strong emotional resilience. This event from Care for the Family explores how we can do this. At **A Mind of Their Own** they'll look at the unique opportunities and pressures facing young people today, as well as the science of the mind, and why children act and react the way they do. You'll come away with practical tools to see your children through the difficult times, and an established confidence in knowing you're the best person to help your child. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to sign up for the event.

A Mind of Their Own

Building our Children's Emotional Wellbeing

Coventry 4 June	Wolverhampton 5 June	Swindon 6 June
Aberdeen 18 June	Dunfermline 19 June	Glasgow 20 June

All events 7.30pm



With Katharine Hill, Sim Dendy,
Dr Kate Middleton and Dr Rob Waller
cff.org.uk/moto



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.

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 March 28th** 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.
