

SUNDAY 18th October 2026



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How to be expert members of a congregation

“Giving and Getting”

Part 4 of 4 excerpts from an article by the late Commissioner Wesley Harris.

We should know that the presence and attitude of people in a congregation can make or break a meeting which is why, even if the same words and music are used in different places, the effect can be quite different. Ask any meeting leader about that! A sermon is not just a solo performance; the quality of the listening maybe as critical as the manner of speaking. Worship is not just a slot when a particular kind of music is employed. It should pervade the whole gathering and at the end the most important thing is not whether we are pleased with what has happened but how God feels about it.

As we go to a meeting we should resolve that we will give as well as get through prayerful concentration on what takes place as well as by our smiles and greetings to fellow worshippers. There's more to attending meetings than we may have realised and most of us have a lot to learn!

I hope you have enjoyed reading this article over the past few week.

Lots of food for thought!

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People

There are a number of people connected with our fellowship who have been bereaved recently, so please continue to remember them all in your prayers. In particular this week, we think of Pat B and her family as they prepare for Jim's funeral on Tuesday, 20th October at 1.30pm at Westerleigh Crematorium.

We also pray for Brian and his family as they prepare for Pat's funeral, which is to take place on Monday 9th November 2026: there will be a service of celebration at the hall at 10.30am, followed by a committal at 12noon at Mangotsfield Cemetery.

Please also continue to think of those in our fellowship who are recovering from operations, poorly, living with long-term health conditions or experiencing difficulties. It is a time of year when there is a lot of illness, so please look after yourselves.

Flowers

Jenny Andrew has provided the flowers at the front of the hall today remembering her mum, Yvonne.



Dates for the Diary

Please check your ChurchSuite app (My events) for an up-to-date calendar of all events including these:



Special Worship Events:

Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 8 th Nov.
Major Amanda Lee Leads worship	Sunday 22 nd Nov. 10am

Monthly & Irregular Meetings:

Coffee Morning	Saturday 14 th Nov.
Mission Council	Monday 9 th Nov.
Messy Church	Sunday 8 th Nov.
CAMEO Craft Groups	Mondays 26 th Oct., 30 th Nov.
Thursday Church	Thursday 12 th Nov.
Pastoral Care Council	Monday 26 th Oct. 7pm
Church2U	Sunday 22 nd Nov. 12pm

Divisional Events:

Divisional Children's Praise & Pizza Party	Friday 6 th Nov. 5pm-7pm
Divisional YP Leaders Day	Saturday 14 th Nov. 10am – 4pm
Divisional Youth Praise Night	Sunday 22 nd Nov. 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Other Activities and Events:

Children's Holiday Club	Monday 26 th , Tuesday 27 th , Wednesday 28 th Oct. 9.30am – 12pm (Primary School children)
Light Party	Friday 30 th Oct. 6.30pm – 8.30pm (Years 5-9)

Christmas Events:

Loads of things!	From week commencing 23 rd November and continuing throughout December
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The Week Ahead

TODAY – Sunday 18th October:

10am	All Age Worship <i>led Myriam & Steve Selfe</i> Matthew 17: 14-20
11:30am-12:15pm	Children's Church & Youth activities
12:15pm	Holiday Club Planning Meeting

Tuesday 20th October:

9am – 2pm	Employment Plus <i>with Thierry</i>
10am – 2pm	Open Doors <i>inc. homemade soup at 12.30pm</i>
10am	Fitness Club
10am – 1pm	Energy Help Desk
11am-12noon	Extra Slice Group (leader: Kelvin) <i>at the hall</i>
1:30pm	Jim Baldwin's funeral <i>at Westerleigh Crematorium</i>
From 6:30pm	YP Band Practice and Singing Company Practice
8pm	Songster Practice

Wednesday 21st October:

9:30am-11am	Tots on the Hill
3:30pm-4:30pm	Extra Slice Group (leader: Gerry) <i>online</i>
8pm-9pm	Extra Slice Group (leader: Linda) <i>at Kelvin & Linda's</i>
8:15pm-9:15pm	Extra Slice Group (leader: Beth) <i>online</i>

Thursday 22nd October:

10am-12noon	Open Doors
11:15am	Thursday Church
12:30pm	Lunch Club - <i>booking essential</i>
8pm-9pm	Extra Slice Group (leader: Bethany) <i>at Bev & Jon's</i>
8pm-9pm	Extra Slice Group (leaders: Colin & Nicola) <i>at Colin & Nicola's</i>
8:15pm-9:15pm	Extra Slice Group (leaders: Ian & Rachel) <i>online</i>



Friday 23rd October:

7:30am-12noon	Slimming World Groups
10am-12noon	Open Doors
2pm	Cleaning Hall

Next Weekend

Saturday 24th October:

10am-12noon

Coffee Morning



Sunday 25th October:

10am

All Age Worship *led Majors Colin & Nicola*
'Frontline Fruitfulness: Moulding Culture'

[Colossians 3: 1-11](#)

11:30am-12:15pm

Children's Church & Youth activities

CHILDREN'S

PRAISE & PIZZA PARTY

Friday 5-7pm

6.11.26

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SCAN TO SIGN UP!



WE WOULD LOVE TO INVITE CHILDREN (5-11S) TO COME AND JOIN US IN PRAISING GOD IN CREATIVE WAYS, EATING PIZZA AND PLAYING GAMES! WE ARE SUPER EXCITED FOR THIS EVENT AS WE GATHER CHILDREN WITH ONE-ANOTHER TO WORSHIP!

(ARRIVAL IS FROM 5PM, IT IS OKAY, IF YOU ARE A BIT LATE WITH TRAVEL!)