



# CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH

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**John3:16**

## Notices for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

We welcome all who worship with us especially if you are a visitor or this is your first time.

Please join us after the service for tea, coffee & fellowship.

If you would like to know more about our church, ask a steward for a Welcome Pack or help yourself from the rack in the foyer.

If you have a hearing aid, please switch to "T" for reception from the church system, during the service.

### Services Today - Ascension Sunday

9.40am	Prayer	First Steps Prayer Meeting - in the schoolroom
10.00am	Service	Rev L. Healey - Holy Communion

This week's Church Stewards Door Stewards	Mr & Mrs F. Wheeler Mrs O. Jeanes & Miss C. Edwards
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### Lectionary Readings

Acts 16:16-34  
 Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21  
 John 17:20-26  
 Psalm 97

### Last Sunday's Offering

£689.67

### Next Week's Service - Pentecost

9.40am	Prayer	First Steps Prayer Meeting - in the schoolroom
10.00am	Service	Rev P. Andersen - inc Baptism

This year's weekly payment  
 to the Methodist Circuit: **£794**

### Diary for this week

Monday	4.30pm	Creative Kidz Theatre
Tuesday	All am	Coffee Morning
	9.15am	Moo Music - Music & Movement for the under 5's
	11.00am	'Space to be..'. Informal 20-30 minute service, led by Yvette Edwards
	7.00pm	Men's Fellowship
Wednesday	9.30am	Mother & Toddlers
Thursday	9.30am	Coffee with God, Bible Study - led by Margaret Andersen
	2.30pm	Sisterhood
	6.00pm	Slimming World
Friday	All am	Coffee Morning
	7.00pm	Choir Practice



**FOODBANK**  
**Please remember**  
**'Dolly the Trolley'**



### Rotas

#### Next Week (9/06/19)

Church Stewards	Mrs B. Nash & Mr A. Richards
Door Stewards	Mr & Mrs T. Chaman
Sound Desk	Mr G. Davidson
Sunday Coffee	Mrs H. Whitehead & Mrs B. Pollard
Flowers	Mrs M. Kay

### Prayer

Lord, my body is a gift from you. Help me to respect it,  
 and care for it wisely.

*Tony Horsfall*

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## THE TRUTH OF THE ASCENSION

*'While He was blessing them, Jesus left them and was taken up into heaven.'* (Luke 24:51).

The Ascension is a hugely neglected festival, which deserves to have a bigger place in our church life. How do we understand it?

*The Ascension tells us that Jesus is in control: 'Jesus has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand'* (1 Peter 3:22). Jesus occupies the top spot in the universe; the control of our world is in the safe, scarred hands of Jesus. We can offer Him our worship and allegiance, knowing that His plans are better than those of any Prime Minister or President.

*The Ascension tells us that God is committed to His world: 'And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus'* (Ephesians 2:6). Jesus did not leave His humanity behind when He ascended, for we are raised with Christ to heaven. Therefore, God is bound to His world and we can trust Him to fulfil His purpose for our lives and world.

*The Ascension gives us a job to do: 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations'* (Matthew 28:18,19). God's primary means of working in the world is now through us. He commissions for this task at Ascension and equips us at Pentecost. We are called to make disciples, starting in our workplace, family and community.

*'Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world.'* (Teresa of Avila).

**Paul Hardingham**

## THE BEATITUDES: 'BLESSED ARE THE MEEK'

Jesus calls those who live for His kingdom to demonstrate His character: *'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.'* (5:5). Meekness can come over as being *'weak or feeble'*, hence *'Gentle Jesus, meek and mild.'* However, the Greek word means being *tamed: 'Blessed are those who are tamed, under control.'* The picture is that of a horse brought under control: strength under submission. Meekness begins with an honest view of ourselves, where we don't have to worry about what others think of us, but trust in what God is able to do in us.

Moses is described as *'very meek, more than all men that were on the face of the earth'* (Numbers 12:3, RSV). Moses was certainly not a weak leader, but he submitted to God's plans for his life. Meekness accepts what comes, even if it hurts, knowing that it's for our good.

A meek person will tame themselves to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who shows us how to respond in any situation practically and prayerfully. It means being careful about how we respond to those who provoke us by not being angry or striking out. When we encounter difficult situations or people who wind us up, how are we prepared to pray before speaking? We should not be out of control, but under God's control!

Let's not forget the promise of this beatitude, that the meek person will *'inherit the earth.'* Those who are prepared to let go their rights in this world, will be made infinitely rich in the future.

*'The meek man knows at the same time that he is in the sight of God of more importance than angels. In himself, nothing; in God, everything. That is his motto.'* (AW Tozer).

**Paul Hardingham**

## PRAYER

Let us be glad, O Lord, to receive from your hand a reflection of the seasons in our souls; the clarity and cleansing of the winter frost, the refreshment and brightness of spring, the healing and burning heat of the summer and the peace and gentleness of the autumn shadows; and with all else the gift of yourself; through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Jane de Chantal (1572-1641)**



The next Church Council is on

**WEDNESDAY  
19<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
at 7.30 pm**

*Dave Jones*

### A PRAYER AT ASCENSION

To complete your seamless robe, and so to complete our faith, you ascended through the air into the heavens, before the very eyes of the apostles. In this way you showed that you are Lord of all, and are the fulfilment of all Creation. Thus, from that moment every human and every living creature should bow at your name. And, in the eyes of faith, we can see that all creation proclaims your greatness.

*A prayer of Bernard of Clairvaux (1090 – 1153).  
He was the main inspiration  
of the Cistercian Order of Monks.*



**Newport and Lower Wye  
Circuit**

**TODAY**

**FAREWELL SERVICE  
for Rev Andrew Webster**

**JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6.00pm**

**St JULIAN'S METHODIST CHURCH**

17 St Julian's Ave, Newport' NP19 7JT

**ALL VERY WELCOME**

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### COME AND JOIN THE MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP AT 7.30 PM

- 'Colossians' is the Bible Book designated for reading and study in June across our circuit
- All are welcome to join in
- Starting on Monday 3rd June for 4 weeks
- Subsequent meetings are on 17th, 24th June and 1st July
- N.B. No meeting on Whit Monday 10th June
- Ideally the content of these evenings will follow on from the teaching given from Colossians at the Sunday service the previous day, but come along even if you've missed Sunday!
- Facilitated by Rev. Lin Healy and Nick Jones

**BIBLE  
MONTH 2019**  
30 days with Colossians

A coach has been arranged to visit the  
**Sidmouth Folk Festival & Gardens**



on  
**SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST**  
Cost £13.50pp.

If you wish to join us please add your name to the list on the notice board in the schoolroom.

For further details contact John Mills 420045.

### CERAMIC POPPIES



The ceramic poppies made by Monmouthshire Scout groups are currently on display in Abergavenny Castle but are starting their tour of the County.

They will be coming to Caldicot Castle on the 7th July before moving on to Tintern Abbey in August.



### FUND FOR WORLD MISSION

It is time for me to empty the home collecting boxes. Please give them to me or a duty steward before the end of June.

Thank you,

*Chris Jones.*