



# CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH

## Monthly Notices – September 2025

**Our Minister: Rev. Bethany Willers**

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### **Pastoral Letter**

Dear Friends,

Happy Methodist New Year! As September begins, we begin a new year in the life of the Methodist Church, and we enter my favorite time of year - Autumn! I love when the leaves turn colours and I can finally start wearing jumpers again. (I felt very British writing that sentence, normally I would have said I'm looking forward to *fall* and the leaves turning *colors* and wearing *sweaters* again!)

Speaking of cultural differences, I've had occasion to think recently about some differences between my experience as a minister in the US and my experience as a minister here in the UK. In the US, people tended to be very straightforward and frank with me. They were not afraid to send an angry email if I upset them in some way! Not that I mind the lack of angry emails I get here, but I do hope you all know that I am always open to receiving feedback. If there is ever anything you would like to talk to me about, please don't hesitate to reach out to schedule time for a cuppa, or to grab me at a coffee morning. (Just please not right before worship on a Sunday!)

In my ministerial training and then while in the work in the US, we were always taught to ignore anonymous feedback. Our experienced elders always said if people weren't willing to give feedback to our face, then it wasn't worth listening to. From conversations I have had here, I understand that this might conflict with the British way! I really just want you all to know that I am open to conversation, and I always want to know more about you and where you are coming from. Having open and honest communication helps us to be the church together!

In that light, I also want to share a recent leadership team decision that was made regarding banners on the church railings. We have now put together a small team consisting of myself, the property steward, and a church steward, and this team will review any requests for placing banners on the railing. If the small team approves, the banner will go up (for a fortnight only), if the small team disagrees, it will go to the larger leadership team for discussion. We want decisions to be made and a consensus to be reached as a group, to hopefully avoid any tension and conflict.

May we move into the cooler seasons of the year with our hearts warm and on fire for Jesus!

Blessings,

Bethany

## **We welcome all who worship with us**

**Sunday mornings 10:00 (except 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. when it is 10:30) in the church  
and available on Zoom**

**For further details or to request the Zoom link, please contact Jack Healey or  
Gareth Edwards at [caldicotmc@gmail.com](mailto:caldicotmc@gmail.com)**

### **Preachers in September:**

**7th: Rev. Bethany Willers (Café Church)**

**14th: Rev. Anne Ellis**

**21st: Rev. Preben Andersen with Holy Communion**

**28<sup>th</sup> @ 1030: Rev. Bethany Willers (Harvest Festival)**

### **Diary Dates:**

- 28<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Sunday

Service at 10:30 in Church and on Zoom

Lunch at 12:00noon. Please sign list by 21<sup>st</sup> September if you would like lunch

- The next ReCharge Cafe Church at Portskewett Church on will be on  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October, then November 13<sup>th</sup> and the last one of the year on 11<sup>th</sup>  
December at 7pm

- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10:00am – Pet Service

- **COFFEE MORNINGS: Every Tuesday & Friday 9:30am**

- Open Garden at 2 Church Farm Gardens –  
On Saturday **16th August** raised £306 for Church Funds  
Our thanks to all who supported this event

- **Car parking fees will be due from the 1<sup>st</sup> October.** The fee will  
remain the same at £10 for the year. Payments to Wilf Wilshire please.

**To submit notices for October: Please contact Lin/Jack Healey by 19<sup>th</sup>  
September**