



CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH

Monthly Notices – October 2025

Our Minister: Rev. Bethany Willers

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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

On Saturday 4 October, we will hold a Blessing of the Animals service at 10:00 in the church courtyard. This will be our 3rd year in a row for this service, and each year we have gathered some regular church members and their pets, as well as some new people!

While this service is relatively new to us, the practice of blessing animals dates back to St. Francis of Assisi sometime between 1210-1215. The story goes that he was wandering around outdoors one warm afternoon, full of self-doubt, when he noticed a flock of birds in his path. He immediately felt the need to first talk to them as though they were his equals and then preach to them about God's glories and the reasons why men and animals should be grateful for these blessings. One might say that this was also the beginning of the environmental movement since Francis recognized that human beings are intrinsically connected to all of creation.

A Blessing of the Animals service reminds us not just to love and care for the animals that we live with in our homes, but all of the animals with whom we share our world. It is a good reminder to us that we should be caring for the earth, so that it can continue to sustain and nurture us and all of the animals, in the way that God intended.

At our service we will pray for all God's creatures, give individual blessings to each pet who attends, and have a moment of remembrance for pets who have passed on. We welcome pets of all kinds, though for the safety and comfort of all attendees, please ensure that pets are on leashes or in appropriate carriers. We also invite you to bring a photo of any pet that may be too large, too shy, or otherwise unable to attend so that they can be included in our blessings.

Please share about this with your friends and neighbours who have pets!

Blessings,
Bethany

We welcome all who worship with us

Sunday mornings @ 10:00 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

Planned Preachers in October:

5th : Rev. Bethany Willers (Café Church)
12th : Paul Burke
19th : Rev. Bethany Willers with Holy Communion
26th : Martin Walker

Diary Dates:

- Saturday 4th October at 10:00am – Pet Service
- The next ReCharge Cafe Church at Portskewett Church will be on Thursday 9th October, then November 13th and the last one of the year on 11th December at 7pm
- Thursdays 2nd and 16th October at 2pm – Friends and Neighbours
- On Sunday 19th October Wilf Wilsher will be 100years old. After the service we would like to invite the congregation for birthday cake, tea and coffee.
The Wilsher and Chapman family would also like to thank the Chapel as a whole for all the friendship and support you have given Dad over the years since Mum passed away. It has been very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all on the day.
- Saturday 18th October – Church Council 10.00am
- **COFFEE MORNINGS: Every Tuesday & Friday 9:30am**
- **Car parking fees will be due from the 1st October.** The fee will remain the same at £10 for the year. Payments to Wilf Wilshire please.

● **Leaflets for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child (shoebox appeal)** are available in church. If you would like to provide a Christmas present for a child who may receive nothing else this year, you can fill and wrap a standard shoebox or pick up a pre-printed shoebox. A container is available in the tearoom for people who may wish to donate one or two items rather than fill a whole box. The full list of what can and cannot be included is in the leaflet (please remember that toothpaste, lotion and sweets/chocolates are not accepted). We will collect in all the shoeboxes during the service on Sunday 16th November. Please speak to Carrie for any further details. Thank you

To submit notices for November: Please contact Lin/Jack Healey by 20th October