



CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH

Monthly Notices – April 2026



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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

This year, we read the story of the resurrection in the Gospel of Matthew (28:1-10.) We see in this story that Easter morning begins with fear. There is a great earthquake and an angel of the Lord descends from heaven and rolls away the stone at the entrance to the tomb. The guards who are present are so afraid that they “become like dead men.” The angel tells the women, “do not be afraid,” and shares the good news of the risen Christ, but even after hearing this, the women leave the tomb “with fear and great joy.” Then Jesus himself appears to them and tells them once again, “Do not be afraid.”

In the Easter resources for this year, the Methodist Church encourages us on Easter Sunday to “let go of fear” and “embrace joy.” They write this:

The resurrection does not erase fear instantly, but it transforms it. Fear is not the end of the story. Joy breaks in. This mindset shift invites us to move from fear – of death, of change, uncertainty – into the joy of resurrection. It’s not a shallow happiness, but a deep, defiant joy rooted in the reality that Christ is risen and nothing – not even death – can separate us from God’s love.

In order to think deeper about what it means to let go of fear and embrace joy, they offer us these questions for reflection:

1. Where in your life are you holding onto fear – fear of change, loss, failure, or the unknown?
2. The women left the tomb with both fear and joy. Can you think of a time when joy and fear coexisted in your life? What helped you move towards joy?
3. What might it look like to live as someone sent by the risen Christ – with courage, hope and joy?

May these questions and our ponderings help move us into the celebration of Easter and living as people of the resurrection!

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 April:

3rd April (Good Friday) – 11am. Rev'd Dan Frett (Open air United service outside our Church)

5th April (Easter Day) – Rev'd Gordon Sollis

12th April – Rev'd Bethany Willers (Café Church)

19th April – Rev'd Bethany Willers (Holy Communion)

26th April – Tabitha Griffiths
(No Zoom facility available for this service)

Additional Services for Holy Week and Easter

Wednesday 1st April @ 7pm in Church
Thursday 2nd April @ 7pm at St. Mary's

Other Diary Dates:

- Tuesday 31st March and 7th April – 10am until noon – our Easter Trail (see separate flyer)
- Thursday 16th April – 2:00 - Friends and Neighbours
- Recharge Café Church – Thursday evening 9th April at 7pm - at Portskewett Church Hall
- **COFFEE MORNINGS: Every Tuesday & Friday 9:30am**

Worship Feedback: We are currently seeking feedback about worship here at Caldicot; in particular, we would like your thoughts on our once a month cafe style service. If there is something we could change or add to make it better for you, we'd love to hear it. If there is another style of worship you would like us to try, especially one that would be inclusive of all ages, we'd love to hear that, too! If you would like to share your opinion, feel free to contact Bethany directly, or to share with your pastoral visitor or one of the Church Council congregational reps if you prefer. We would like to take your feedback into account for the next plan and it would be good if you could let us have your inputs on or **before Friday 10th April** please.

Bible Month: We will be observing Bible Month in July this year, focusing on the book of Philippians. There is a 30 Day Reading Guide available that gives you a short reading and reflection for each day. Copies of this are FREE. Please contact Bethany if you would like one, so she knows how many to order.

Advance Notice re. Prayer Breakfast

Ali and Russ Smith will be starting a “Prayer Breakfast” on the 2nd Saturday of each month beginning May 9th between 9 and 10am in the Centenary (coffee) room.

A continental breakfast will be provided together with drinks and, whilst we are sharing our food we will pray about things that are happening in the world; things that may be on your hearts or something that God has said to you that you’d like to pray for.

It will be informal with little actual structure but we can develop this in time as we go along. Ali and Russ hope you will feel inspired at least to give it a go. Looking forward to seeing you there.

To submit notices for May please contact Lin/Jack Healey by 19th April