



CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH

Monthly Notices – November 2026

Our Minister: Rev. Bethany Willers

To contact us please email: caldicotmc@gmail.com and your query will be directed to the relevant person.

Please note that Rev. Bethany is on Sabbatical Leave and then Connexional Business from the 24th August – 30th November inclusive.

Pastoral Letter

Paul Burke writes:-

As the newly appointed Local Preachers' Secretary for our circuit, I recently had the pleasure of welcoming Richard Clayton as a fully accredited Local Preacher. The "prize" of accreditation came long after the invitation to explore his calling. After years of discernment, study and faithful commitment, he is now able to take his full place in this important ministry.

I recently had a similar experience. After three years of trying, I was finally given a place in next year's London Marathon. As a wheelchair entrant, I was able to apply through the disability ballot, giving me a second opportunity.

Receiving that place felt special. Not simply because I had secured an entry, but because somebody had made room for me. Despite not being able to run like many others, I had still been invited to take part in one of the world's most famous marathon events.

But receiving a place is only the beginning. You can be accepted into the London Marathon and never become a marathon participant. You can proudly tell everyone you have a place, but without training, preparation and commitment, you will never experience the race itself.

In a similar way, when God's grace assures us that we have a place in his kingdom, it can be tempting to think that nothing more is required. Yet, like being invited to train as a Local Preacher or given a place in the Marathon, God's invitation is the start of a journey, not the end of one.

Preparing for the coming of God's kingdom is not about earning favour or proving how good we are. The invitation has already been given. Rather, preparation is our grateful response to God's love. It is about how we fully join in the celebration instead of standing on the side lines. Through prayer, worship, service and growing in faith, we become ready to share more fully in the life he offers. As we do so, we discover the joy, purpose and blessing that come from walking more closely with him.

Paul Burke, 22nd October 2026

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 November:

1st November – Rev. Gordon Sollis (Creative Church for all ages)

8th November - Beryl Quinlan – (Remembrance Sunday)

15th November – Rev. Anne Ellis (Shoebox Sunday & Holy Communion)

22nd November – Paul Burke

29th November – Yvette Edwards – (Advent 1)

Other Diary Dates:



Saturday 14th November – 9am – 10am – Prayer Breakfast

Thursdays 5th & 19th November – 2:00pm – Friends and Neighbours

- **Recharge Evening – Thursday evening 12th November – please contact Paul Burke re. venue.**
- **COFFEE MORNINGS: Every Tuesday & Friday from 9:30am**

Shoebox Sunday

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 by Sunday 15th November. Please speak to Carrie for any further details. Thank you.

Other Dates for your diary

- 08/11/26 The British Legion Service is at the cross at 3.00pm.
11/11/26 Armistice Day service in the precinct 11.00am.
21/11/26 Christmas Fayre 9.30-1200.
28/11/26 Christmas lights switched on. Church open for refreshments from 3.00pm.
Please see below
12/12/26 Blue Christmas previously known as "Lighten your darkness". Service at 3.00pm.
24/12/26 No Christmas Eve service.
25/12/26 Christmas Day service at 10.00am.

Switching on of the Christmas Lights in the Town.

Saturday 28th November

Once again, we would like to open our church to the community to welcome them with a warm drink and a chat

We are looking for people who are happy to chat with those who come in from the cold.

We will be open from 3pm until around the time the lights are switched on which is usually about 5.30.

Please do drop by to make our visitors welcome.



Car parking fees for the year Oct.1st 2026 to Sept 30th 2027 are now overdue. Payments may be made to Margaret during Tuesday and Friday coffee mornings at the church between 9 - 12. The fee for the year remains at £10.

To submit notices for December please contact Lin/Jack Healey by 20th November