

UOMC News



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We are part of the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Methodist Circuit.

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WELCOME

Our Mission

Unity Oldland Methodist Church seeks to proclaim the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out our discipleship in worship and mission.

Relationship with God

- ♦ The worship of God in word and sacrament in the power of the Holy Spirit
- ♦ Celebrating the Good News and the love of Jesus Christ
- ♦ Encouraging growth in faith, discipleship and spirituality

Relationship with each other

- Continuing developing a welcoming and open fellowship.
- Working towards supporting and including everyone.
- Continue developing working wioth people of all ages.

Relationship with the community

- Serving as a focal point in the community
- Encouraging our relationship with other churches and community groups
- Reaching out to the local and wider community with God's love in Christ offering opportunities to express their spirituality.

UOMC NEWSLETTER

We welcome you to the Newsletter of Unity Oldland Methodist Church.

The Newsletter is published on the first Sunday of each month. except August . If you have any ideas how the Newsletter can be improved please do talk to Margaret S, the compiler.

In order to get your item into the Newsletter please can you let me have it a week before the first Sunday of the following month. **The next edition will be published on 6th July . Please can all items be with me by Tuesday 1st July by 5pm at the latest please.**

Please don't be shy whether you can send your item by email or something that is handwritten or verbal—but make sure I write it down! Photographs etc all are welcome.

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Our Minister's Message

BEING PRESENT

My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action. 1 John 3:18 (GNT)

Earlier this month many of us in the district attended the District Representative Synod where our District Chair, Rev. Marcus Torchon, challenged everyone to 'Be Present' in their communities and church. So, I was wondering how can we as the members and residents of Unity Oldland Methodist Church can we be present for our community? For the church? And for one another?

I believe to be present for our community means we continue to be a beacon of hope in the community in which we are located. It means we literally leave the comfort of our four walls and put feet to pavement and go and engage with the people around us. When was the last time we prayed for the streets, houses and residents which surround us? That is putting our love into action. As a church we are to walk hand in hand, keeping the holy covenant to work together for the coming of the kingdom of God. We are called to support one another in ministry lending a helping hand when and wherever possible.

As sisters and brothers in Christ's love in action means we keep the ties that bind strong through prayer, supplication and visitation. Love means we do not let one another go without, no one is left to weather a storm alone or live in lack whether that is spiritual or physical. To be present means we are there for one another.

To be present also means together we trust God to stand with us as we are guided by the Holy Spirit. It is God's will that every

need be supplied because we are all a part of God's body, and we need one another to survive.

May the Lord bless you with all the things that will assure you of God's love, God's presence, and God's daily care for you!

P. J.

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Saturday 4th June and Sunday 5th June

In celebration of our Church Anniversary a Cream Tea will be served on Saturday but tickets for this event must be purchased in advance £5.

Our Gift Day on Sunday we hope you will be able to give generously to enable us to grow our work, and care for our environment by purchasing solar panels for the roof.

Grateful thanks.

SERVICES IN JUNE

We continue to share our morning service 'live' on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

Code 893 0313 2856

Password Worship

Sunday 1st June

10.30am Rev P.J. Jackson

Stewards Joy and Margaret

Sunday 8th June— Church Anniversary

10.30am Terry Palmer

Stewards Jo and Debbie

Sunday 15th June

10.30am Rev John Emmett— Holy Communion

Stewards Susan and Kay

Sunday 22nd June

10.30am Joy Harris

Stewards—Catherine and Alison Britton

Sunday 29th June

10.30am Christine Jones—Climate Change

Stewards—Phil and Roger

EVENING FELLOWSHIP @ UOMC

Evening Fellowship / Bible Study runs at 4pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month.

All are very welcome.







PASTORAL REPORT

As many of you know I drive to Weston every week and I like to go Chew Magna, Compton Martin, Blagdon way. One of my passions is to see which wild flowers are coming out along the way. At the moment it is the white and Rosie dog roses in the hedgerows with pink campion in the wayside verges, and the brambles just coming into flower.

This month we pray for Alison who has a few ailments she has to live with, as she does a wonderful job with the sound and help by sorting us out with our services.

We pray for Abi, Lee, Gran and Grandad as well as Abi's mum, Rebecca, who has been very unwell in Southmead Hospital. We pray for each member with our prayers as they all work and help each other at this difficult time for them all.

We hold Bill and Janet in our prayers as later this month Bill is having a knee operation, we pray for Janet who will be looking after Bill, and Bill who helps Janet. Lord we ask you to keep your healing arms around them both.

We remember Lianne who lost her dad a couple of weeks ago, in our prayers and her daughter Grace who before University was a member of our Young people here at Unity.

I ask that we hold Gordon and Joyce in our prayers this month too. Both enjoy coming to church on Sundays but it is not always possible for them to make it. Lord we pray that you will be with them both as they worship with you online with us.

Congratulations go to Sheila who has celebrated her 90th birthday with a tea party here at Unity. We do hope that you and your family have had a wonderful time celebrating this occasion together.

We also have to congratulate Susan and Shaun out in Ecuador on his official wedding. Susan has told us that you have to register your wedding officially and then have the wedding ceremony at a later date which will be in July. We pray for Shaun (again a member of our young people) and his new wife as they start a new life together. We also pray for Susan and Adam as they are far away from Shaun and circumstances make it difficult for them at the moment to meet up to share in this lovely celebration. Our modern online technology plays a big part in helping to bring the celebrations to his family here in Oldland.

We give thanks to Debbie who ran a half marathon for charity a couple of weeks ago. Debbie had long Covid and where she used to enjoy running found after her illness that she has had to work hard to get back to where she was with her running, she is nearly there but still needs to keep going to reach her goal as before.

Lord we ask that you be with Lynnette as she takes us her choir, to Frome Methodist Church for a concert on Saturday 7th June. Andrew Prout is the minister there and has invited us to sing for his church members and friends. Andrew was a minister here at Unity and is known to many of us.

Lastly we pray for our minister PJ who will be attending Conference this month and we pray that all goes well with her over the next few months.

Lord we pray for each and every member in our church today and that we can share with you and each other over the coming month.

God Bless

Jo

Prayer for June 2025

All of them were filled by the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:4

*Almighty Father, may we join together in this prayer
which centuries of Christians before us have done.*

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may be
holy, Act in me, O Holy Spirit that my work may be holy,
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, to live what is holy.*

Amen.

N.B. a modernised version of the prayer of Augustine.

Thank you Pat.

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Joyce James offers these verses as appropriate to our church anniversary:

Christ Jesus, in Your name
this Church was built and blessed:
here is our welcome place,
our busy world addressed,
and through these doors we gladly come
to worship You and find a home.

Good Shepherd, in Your life
we see God's kindest face:
the hands that hold us safe,
the arms of Your embrace,
the love beyond all counter-claim,
the voice that calls us each by name.

(Written by Shirley Erena Murray)

Shaun and Salo



You will have noted that Jo mentioned in her Pastoral Report the wedding of Shaun and Salo. You will recall they live in Ecuador. Sue shares 'Shaun and Salo (and her brother and father) have recovered well from their various injuries sustained in the car crash in November and are back to full time working. Thank you for all your prayers and contributions'.

They had their civil wedding on Friday 16th May, so they are legally married, but the "proper" wedding is on July 20th! It is hoped that there will be a live stream from there and we have provisionally booked UOMC to screen this. The ceremony is due to start at around 8pm BST and we are proposing a bring and share tea/supper at the church from around 6.30pm. All are invited. There should be firmer details for the next newsletter (bear in mind that the technology could fail at the last minute though).

Sue R.

Don't miss our **Coffee Morning** on
Saturday 14th June 10am—
11.30am. There will be our usual
Bacon Butties, Cakes, Marmalade,
Tea and Coffee.
The takings will be given to Kidney
Research UK a charity close to Kay.



We are so grateful for our
wonderful church family and friends who support us.

£300.00 was donated to Christian Aid last month.

Thank you for your generosity.

I received a card from Ruth who had a stall for Alzheimer's
Society. She took £175.00 Thank you.

FILM NIGHT will return in the Autumn. Thank you for
your support.

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HAVE YOU SEEN.....

Have you noticed that we have a new banner on our
metal spike fence.



UNITY OLDLAND METHODIST CHURCH

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**God is love and tells us
to love our neighbours as ourselves**

Thanks to Pat, and Molly for assisting with the
wording.

We also have a 'Welcome' flag so visitors know where
we are.

A poem provided by Joyce for Pentecost

We went with a message
And got them to hear it,
The day that the Spirit took over our lives.
Set us on fire and we had to declare it,
The day that the Spirit came down as our Guide.

He came in a wind that
Went over and through us,
That lifted and blew us and whirled us outside;
He set us on fire and we had to declare it,
The day that the Spirit came down as our guide.

He filled us with courage
That nothings could smother,
They clooked at each other and blamed it on wine.
Bur that was a sneer we did nothing to merit
The day that the Spirit came down as our Guide.

They shouted us down and
They put us in prison,
But still had to listen and shut their ears.
As Jesus had said, we were able to bear it
The day that the spirit disposed of our fears.

Michael Hewlett
(1916—2000)

Join us for a relaxed evening of music – a wide range of songs to suit all tastes.

Unity Community Choir Concert.



at

**Frome Wesley Methodist Church
(Car Park BA11 1EU)**

Saturday June 7th 2025 at 7 p.m.

**Admission by Ticket / Minimum Donation
£5.00 on the night or in advance**

*(Tickets available from Lynette Bower
lynetteskuse@blueyonder.co.uk or pay on the door)*



***All proceeds to Voices Against Cholera and
AIDS in South Africa Charity.***



U.O.M.C



Board Games Nights! 2025

Selected Fridays 7.00 – 9.00 pm

All
Ages

- 31st January,
- 2nd May
- 18th July - pizza night! (details to follow)
- 31st October



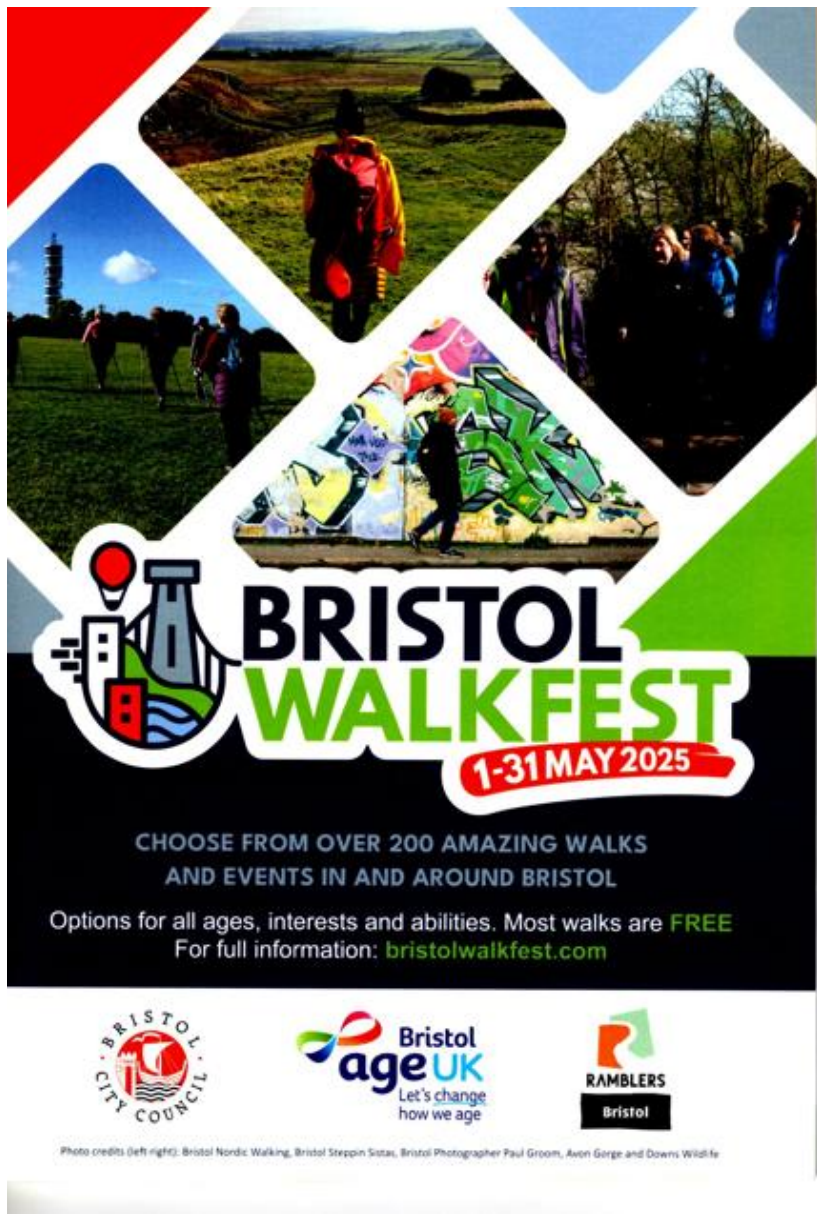
Unity Oldland Methodist Church
West Street, Oldland Common

Plenty of Board Games available to play or bring your own

£2 donation, bring snacks – tea and coffee Provided

Just turn up – come on your own or bring a friend

**For more information speak to anyone from Church Social Committee
(Sue, Joy, Debbie, Kay, Richard, Val, Linda, Lynette)**



BRISTOL WALKFEST
1-31 MAY 2025

CHOOSE FROM OVER 200 AMAZING WALKS
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Options for all ages, interests and abilities. Most walks are **FREE**
For full information: bristolwalkfest.com

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There are some great walks to enjoy. Short walks, health walks, history walks etc. The booklet is available in libraries or look it up on-line bristolwalkfest.com



Our next One25 cake collection is on Tuesday 10th June. I will be in our car park between 7.15pm and 7.45pm.

If anyone needs a pick up from their home address please let me know. 07967102141 Our contributions are always received with thanks. I will as usual deliver on Wednesday morning.

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HOME INSTEAD provide a film afternoon on the last Thursday of the month, for older people particularly for those with or caring for people with dementia at UOMC. All are very welcome.

Care Instead is a care agency based in Hanham.

Thursday 26th June at 2pm

‘The Hundred Foot Journey’

A comedy drama about a family of Indian cooks who open a restaurant across the street from a French chef in a small French village.



UNITY SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2025

Church Anniversary and Gift Day tea on Saturday
7th June from 3-5pm

Outing to Oakham Treasures in Portishead on
Saturday **5th July** – we will take one minibus so
first come first served for seats on the bus, but we
will arrange extra transport if there is demand

Pizza Games Night on Friday **18th July**

Church Picnic with games in August – date and
venue to be agreed

Afternoon Quiz on Saturday 27th September from 2-
4pm

Potential for another Beetle Drive in October if March
one is successful

Craft Fair on Saturday 8th November

Choir Concert on 21st and 22nd November

All these events will run alongside our usual activities
such as our monthly Coffee Morning, Film Night, and
Board Games Night. We will provide you with more
details as to any cost attached to the above nearer the
time, but please pop the dates on your calendars now!

OUR VE DAY SERVICE & CELEBRATION



VE DAY MEMORIES SHARED AT UOMC

Everyone seems to agree the VJ celebrations were much bigger.

Marlene was 6 years old, living in Keynsham and remembers street parties with Jelly & Cake! There were races and games and Marlene, taking a full part, hurt her knee!

Eunice, who was about 6 years old, remembers a bonfire at the entrance to the Dram Road. Air raid shelters were there too but no one was using them anymore!

10 year old Sheila, living in Montpelier, remembers being taken to the centre of Bristol by her young neighbour. People were having lots of fun, singing and dancing.

Janet was living in Knowle and her mother organised a street party.....tables along the street. Her father collected ration coupons from people to get the party food. She was about 8.

Doris was 17 years old, heard the announcement on the radio but didn't know whether she had to go to work or not so she went to ask her boss. He didn't know either! But she did have a day off!

Norma remembers the boys singing ' We won the war in 1944'...before VE day!

Roger was a young lad, living 6 miles outside Sheffield on the Derbyshire border. He had to go hospital twice a week for physiotherapy treatment. On the bus going to the Children's Hospital he passed the Millhouse Hotel/pub and it looked much the same as usual. On his return that afternoon, it was festooned with balloons, bunting and flags. Victory in Europe had been declared whilst he was being treated!

Reg was 11 and remembers a big bonfire in herry Gardens, so big he reckons it must have damaged the road!

Reg has lots of War Memories too. Just a couple here. One memory is of the Golden Valley Paper Mill which operated 24/7 during the war years and having a pile of coal stored outside the gate, had their own Fire Brigade who trained every weekend. He remembers the Army Camp, a search light unit, just over his garden wall and tells of romance blossoming between one of the young soldiers, who clambered over the garden wall, and his sister. They married in 1944 in St Mary's. One vivid memory is of the German planes trying to bomb the search light. They missed but left craters all over Bitton. Reg was hiding under the couch but his ister remembers the blast being so strong it blew out the windows. Reg came out of hiding, alive, thankfully, but stepping in to shreds of glass everywhere!

Linda thanks everyone for their memories.

Compiler -During the coming months Reg's memories of happenings in Bitton will be shared. Perhaps you have other memories you would like to share. Do let Margaret have them, whether hand written, typed or a photo with some narrative.

Can you spot 22 books of the bible hidden in the following?

In this remarkable paragraph are hidden the names of twenty two of the sixty six books of the bible. To find them you don't need to be a pro. Verbs and nouns will bring sudden revelation of the truth as you keep looking over them. You may get into a jam especially since the books are not capitalised, but if you search in a humble attitude and have the courage necessary to endure a little more than the normal aching of the head, it would be E.Z11 Rather fun. So go ahead and tackle the job. I must warn you, it is a lulu –keeps some people looking so hard that they peter out and fall asleep in their chairs, but one lady says she brews coffee to keep alert and so flies easily from answer to answer. I must admit it usually takes a good while to find some of the names. Then there are loud lamentations when you see how simple some of those actually were. Yes, there will be numbers of possibilities that may require judges to determine, but in all you will find it a most fascinating puzzle.

Answers will be in the July magazine.

I have been holding onto this item and the church bulletin item for so long apologies that I cannot remember who gave them to me. Compiler.

FROM CHURCH BULLETINS

These are a few real church announcements, which we hope will give you a smile,.

The sermon this morning 'Jesus walking on the water' The sermon tonight, 'Searching for Jesus'.

Ladies don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

On Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?'. Come early and listen to the choir practice.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Low Self Esteem Support Group meets on a Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: I Upped My Pledge—Up Yours'

Miss Chalene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Don't let worry kill you off—let the church help.

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

Please place the donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

What goes on at UOMC

**Talk to Susan Weaver if you have any queries about bookings.
07460082852.**

Services UOMC have a morning service at 10.30am and there is a Zoom link for those who wish to join us from their digital equipment. The link is on the service plan page of our website.

50:60s Group—Meet monthly please contact Brenda Andrews on 07484 705597.

Wriggle Giggle Hop —Each Tuesday morning 10.30am—12 noon
For young children and their parents or carers.

Social Group—Each Tuesday afternoon, 2—4pm this group meet to share conversation, information and activities. Run by an outside organisation for the benefit of all. Next meeting 2nd May.

ONE25 Cake collections in UOMC Car Park between 7.15pm—7.45pm on Tuesday 10th June.

Coffee morning— Saturday 14th June 10am—11.30am Our takings will be given to Kidney Research UK

Crafting Friends—has sadly closed

Nita Nata—Wednesday 11th and 25th June from 2pm—4pm.

Film Night— Will return on Friday 19th September

Board Games - 18th July Pizza party and games 7pm

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