

**Salisbury Methodist Church**  
**Notices for this week – September 10th 2023**

**Sunday 10th**

- 10.30 Streamed service for Education Sunday led by Revd Anna Bishop CHYPS
- 3.00 Mixed Blessings
- 4.00 Click! faith through photos in Room 1 (see overleaf for details)

**Monday 11th**

- 5.30 – 7.30 The Listening Place

**Tuesday 12th**

- 10.00 Toddlers
- 2.15 Sarum Fellowship in Room 1 – All welcome

**Wednesday 13th**

- 9.45 – 10.15 Church Prayer Group
- 10.00 -12.00 Coffee in the welcome area & Fairtrade
- 10.00 -12.00 The Listening Place
- 10.30 Belletones
- 2.00 Art group
- 6.00 Beavers
- 6.30 Cubs
- 7.30 Scouts

**Thursday 14th**

- 2.30 – 4.30 CAMEO – All Welcome
- 6.00 Rainbows
- 6.30 Brownies

**Friday 15th**

- 10.00 Toddlers
- 10.00 -12.00 Ukraine Hub
- 6.30 Guides & Rangers

**Saturday 16th**

- 10.00 -12.00 The Listening Place
- 10.00 -12.00 Coffee in the welcome area & The Food Bank

**Sunday 17th**

- 8.00 Holy Communion led by Revd Judy Davies
- 9.00 Church Family Breakfast
- 10.30 Streamed **Harvest Festival** service led Mrs Sue Holmes All Age Worship

**Click! faith through photos – TODAY at 4pm in Room 1** we're launching a brand-new SMC group for anyone who enjoys taking photos and who would like to use their pictures to explore their faith. The very first meeting, will be a 'taster', introducing the concept and giving a live demo of how the group might work. Everyone is welcome – you don't need to be an expert photographer or own a posh camera, a smartphone would do nicely! More details from Angela or Stephen Maunder, Philip or Rosemary Richter, or Rob Tarlton.

**SUNDAY EVENING TODAY** - United service for Creationtide at St Thomas' at 6.00 pm, speaker Patrick Watts, Chief Executive of Christian Aid. All welcome. This service has been organised by the local Christian Aid committee.

**Sarum Fellowship – Tuesday 17th September at 2.15 pm in Room 1.** This is an open meeting and all are welcome.

**Church Family Breakfast** – Sunday 17th September Everyone is welcome whether attending worship before or after eating or neither.

**Get Connected** the next drop-in session will be on **Tuesday 19th September** from 2 -4 pm in the Welcome Area for friendly and expert help with your laptop, tablet or smartphone.

**Pastoral Team Meeting** in Room 1 on **Thursday 21 September**, 12.30 for 1.00 - Meeting will start at 1.00 pm but come along from 12.30 and bring a sandwich if you wish. Drinks will be provided.

**'New Horizons' – Celebration Day on Saturday 23rd September** from 10 for 10.30 to 3.30. We welcome friends from around the District to SMC so will need volunteers to steward and help with refreshments please. The speaker will be Maggie Woods, the Connexional MWiB Co-Chair, and as it is in the Season of Creation the day will be looking at how we are working towards improving the climate and will include worship, District news and workshops. All are welcome, women and men. *More details from Liz Chick.*

**Reflective Bible Study** A monthly group is being offered for anyone who would like to reflect upon the relationship between our everyday lives of faith and different Bible passages. The first session will be on Tuesday September 26th at 7.30 p.m. at the home of Stephen and Angela Maunder - 1 Tower Mews SP1 3DJ. As spaces are a little limited by the size of our lounge, if you would like to come along, or need a little more information, please email Stephen - revsjmaunder@gmail.com Thank you.

**The Salisbury Circuit Season of Creation Eco Fair** will be held on **Saturday, 30th September** from 10am to 3pm at Amesbury Methodist Church, SP4 7ET (ample car parking at the rear) The event will be opened by Councillor Monica Devendran, the Mayor of Amesbury. Refreshments will be served.

**Help please,** linked to the Eco Fair Grace Bishop says 'Please can I have some donations of brown paper and empty egg boxes for my contribution to the Circuit Eco Fair? Please can you put them into the box I will put by the recycling station (outside the hall)? Thank you!'

**SMC Family Skittles Event on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September** from 4.00pm – 7.00pm at Alderbury Bowls Club, Alderbury SP5 3AD. Come and enjoy a family time playing skittles and getting to know each other. Hot Dogs and Soft Drinks. Tickets Adults £7.50 accompanied children free. Tickets on sale in Coffee Bar Wednesday and Saturday mornings, after service on Sundays or by e mail:

[tickets@salisburymethodist.org.uk](mailto:tickets@salisburymethodist.org.uk) Sue Gilbert

**The first meeting of the New ecumenical group,** detailed in this month's Newsletter, will be on Monday 9th October 2.30 in Room 1 and then on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. *Ruth Popplestone*

**OUR STORY** - an event for the church family, **on Sunday 22nd October**, to learn more about each other. Paul Butler would like to hear from anyone who would like to help with food, leading small groups, or speaking for a few minutes about their faith journey or that of our church.

Email: [stewards@salisburymethodist.org.uk](mailto:stewards@salisburymethodist.org.uk)

**Fairtrade Shop New items and bargains in stock!** We now have 2 types of Meru Herbs cooking sauces in stock – Tomato and Basil and Tomato and Chilli. They are fairly traded and produced without the use of fertilisers or pesticides and make excellent additions to the store cupboard. They can be used straight from the jar as a quick 'heat and eat' sauce for pasta or meat, as a pizza base, or used in stews and other tomato-based dishes.

We also have jars of Organic Korma Curry paste which has been specially created to be used with Ma's coconut milk. Just add half a jar of paste to a can of coconut milk to create a delicious curry base in no time! Do try these and we look forward to hearing your reviews. Gift boxes of Traidcraft All Butter Shortbread biscuits are at the bargain price of £2.80. Shop takings over the last 9 weeks have totalled approximately £603, plus £245.05 from the July Cathedral Stall and £426.00 for two Zaytoun orders. *Monica Gillings on behalf of the FT team*

**Alabaré is holding their next quiz** at Chafyn Grove School on **Tuesday 19th September** from 7 - 9.30 pm. Teams of up to six. Raffle and cash bar. As well as an extremely enjoyable evening, it will raise vital funds for their work supporting those who are homeless or vulnerable. Tickets £6 per person available through Helen Inglis [h.inglis@alabare.co.uk](mailto:h.inglis@alabare.co.uk) or website <https://www.alabare.co.uk/event/charity-quiz>

**Prisoner of Conscience** At the last Circuit Meeting on 12th June 2023, and following the recommendation of the Circuit Justice and Peace Group, the Circuit Meeting agreed that each month we would adopt the Prisoner of Conscience which the Cathedral and other local churches are praying for each month. We are also encouraged to write and take up the cause of the specific prisoner each month. This is the Prisoner for September.

## **CUBA: PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE MAYKEL OSORBO IN DANGER**

Maykel Castillo Pérez, also known as "Maykel Osorbo" is a Cuban musician and prisoner of conscience who has faced constant harassment and arbitrary detentions. On May 18, 2021, state security agents arrested him at his home. In June 2022, he was sentenced to nine years in prison. Since April 2023, there are reports that indicate that he has been threatened by fellow inmates in his detention area, and the Cuban authorities have not ensured his safety.

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