

Salisbury Methodist Church
Notices for this week – September 3rd 2023

Sunday 3rd

10.30 Streamed service led by Revd Dr Mark Cheetham
Confirmation and Holy Communion - CHYPS

Monday 4th

5.30 – 7.30 The Listening Place

Tuesday 5th

6.45 TLP Annual Open Evening – details overleaf

Wednesday 6th

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

Thursday 7th

2.30 – 4.30 CAMEO – All Welcome

Friday 8th

10.00 -12.00 Ukraine Hub
10.30 Poetry Group – The subject will be ‘Holidays’

Saturday 9th

9.30 – 4.30 Youth Worker Training
10.00 -12.00 The Listening Place
10.00 -12.00 Coffee in the welcome area & The Food Bank
2.00 – 4.00 Book Launch

Sunday 10th

10.30 Streamed service led Revd Anna Bishop CHYPS
3.00 Mixed Blessings

Changes to Wi-Fi - due to some technical issues, the Wi-Fi changes announced in this month's Newsletter, will not now happen until 1st November. *Nick Rutt*

*Items for inclusion in the next Sunday's notices should be sent to
notices@salisburymethodist.org.uk.*

A big thank you from Davida Bull for the donations in celebration of her 80th birthday. She is delighted to be able to send £1350 to Cancer Research, some of this was Gift Aided which will be added to this.

Thanks also to those who came to the lunch and others who made donations for the Romanian MWiB Partnership. A total of £330 will be sent from SMC.

The Listening Place warmly invite you to their Annual Open Evening “There’s Always Hope” on Tuesday 5th September from 6.45pm. The guest speaker will be Kathryn Ford, the CAP (Christian Against Poverty) Area Manager for the South West of England and CAP Debt Centre Manager at Highworth. Kathryn and her Team continue to share from their wealth of experience in making a little go a long way, by helping people manage their money (or debts) more effectively. The rising cost of living is affecting us all so do please come along and hear about CAP and their mission. Hopefully Kathryn will engage and inspire us too! Question and Answer Session will be followed by Light Refreshments.

CHILDREN OF THE STONE CITY by BEVERLEY NAIDOO – Book launch at SMC on Saturday, 9 September 2023 from 2 – 4 pm. An afternoon for all ages 9–90. How do children and families sustain hope in the shadow of conflict? Reading and discussion with an internationally acclaimed writer and a frequent traveller to the Holy Land. Books for sale and book signing.

Click! faith through photos - 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, on Sunday 10th September at 4pm in Room 1, 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 September 10th - 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.

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.

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.

SMC Family Skittles Event on Saturday 30th 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 Sue Gilbert

OUR STORY - an event for the church family to learn more about each other, to take place during the autumn. 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

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*

‘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.*

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 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.