



CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH

Monthly Notices – October 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

Barbara Davies writes:

Dear all,

As I write this piece it's mid-September, and on my morning walks with the dog I'm pleased to see that the fields are once again turning green, after the unbearable heatwave we endured in August.

As many of you know we live on the outskirts of Magor and Undy and are surrounded by farmland and only half a mile from the Severn Estuary.

It's not all good news though, during harvest time, the tractors thunder up and down the road until late at night, we are not on mains drainage, there are no street lights and the winds howl along the estuary!

This morning however I am really praising God on my morning walk, and thanking God for our blessings.

Our local farmer called Len, at the beginning of the year, bought a herd of pretty young calves called Charolaise's (they look like Guernsey cows) and homed them in the field around the corner from our house. This morning as I walked along, I looked at them again, and they have grown into beautiful strong, healthy, muscular beasts, who have been well cared for over the hot summer months.

Further on, I could see Len had mown all the banks around the drainage reens, revealing not only all the holes where the water voles had made their homes, but also a family of Swans, and to my utmost surprise a Kingfisher sat on an overhanging branch!!

It all took my breath away. We are all so blessed in this country, with so very much to thank God for, just a short walk or short drive from our own front doors!

Bethany is away at the moment, on her Sabbatical, and when I was asked if I was prepared to lead the Pet Blessing Service on Saturday 3rd October, I jumped at the chance. What better way to thank God for all the creatures that share our lives.

As I feel so uplifted, I've changed the format this year,

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First, I'm holding it inside the church, just in case It's cold or raining, and our property steward Margaret has assured me that if any of our furry friends have an accident, it's no problem at all.

Secondly, I'm starting at 2.30 so after morning walks, lunch, and an afternoon snooze, we are ready for a stroll down to the church (that's the owners I'm talking about).

Thirdly as part of sharing a blessing with our cherished pets, I'm showing a small video clip, with a song that is so contagious, it's called 'All God's creatures have a place in the choir' I think you'll be humming it all afternoon.

All this followed by tea/coffee biscuits etc.

I hope you can join me, every sort of pet is welcome, as we celebrate the gift of all God's creatures together.

Looking forward to meeting your much-loved friends,

Barbara Davies

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 October:

4th October – Alison Faithfull and Paula Farr (Creative Church for all ages)

11th October – Rev. Anne Ellis (Holy Communion)

18th October – Worship Leader

25th October – Alison Faithfull

Other Diary Dates:



Saturday 10th October – 9am – 10am – Prayer Breakfast

Thursdays 1st & 15th October – 2:00pm – Friends and Neighbours

3rd October – 2:30 – New format Pet Blessing Service led by Barbara Davies and Lin Healey – if you have friends and neighbours with pet(s) why not invite them along?



- **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

Harvest festival 27/9/26 at 10:30. Sign up for the harvest lunch, list in the school room. We will be supporting the food bank. If you want to bring food stuff there will be a place to put it. **We are also having a money tree if you would prefer to donate money.**

Service starts at 10.30.

3/10/26 Pet blessing service 2.30pm.

18/10/26 Circuit recognition Service for Richard Clayton as a fully accredited Local Preacher – 15:00 at Monmouth Church.

31/10/26 Church council 10.00am

8/11/ 26 Remembrance service.

The British Legion Service at the cross is at 3.00pm.

11/11/26 Armistice Day service in the precinct 11.00am.

15/11/26 Shoebox Sunday

21/11/26 Christmas Fayre 9.30-1200.

28/11/26 Christmas lights switched on. Church open for refreshments from 3.00pm.

29/11/26 first Sunday in Advent.

12/12/26 Blue Christmas previously known as “Lighten your darkness”. Service at 3.00pm.

No Christmas Eve service.

Christmas Day service at 10.00am.



Car parking fees for the year Oct.1st 2026 to Sept 30th 2027 are now due. 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 October please contact Lin/Jack Healey by 21st October