

October Worship

Sundays	Preacher	Theme		Heart of House leader
6 th Oct	Ward Jones	Demonstrating Authority (Mark 4 :35-41)	After a time of worship altogether, the children will have their groups separately.	Jan Durston
13 th Oct At 4 p.m. Messy Church.	Andrew Bird	Revealing Identity (Mark 8:27-38) Listening to God (Moses and the burning bush)	After a time of worship altogether, the children will have their groups separately. A relaxed time of singing, stories, craft and a meal for ALL ages.	Liz Carter
20 th Oct	Trevor Ranger	Challenging Allegiance (Mark10:17-31)	The whole church family meet together for worship and teaching. Creche provided.	Liz and Richard Bailey
27 th Oct	Andrew Bird	Transforming Power (Mark 14:32-52)	A Church with Choices service, where following a time of worship, we engage with the theme in various creative ways. The service will include Holy Communion.	Ros Palmer

Sheldon Road News and Information

Five More Years

We are delighted to let you know that at its meeting on 11th September, the Circuit agreed for Andrew to continue his ministry among us for a further 5 years. This period will start in September 2025. We pray for God's richest blessings on Andrew and his family as he continues to develop his ministry among us and move us forwards in mission - connecting people with Jesus for life, hope, and more!

New Series

Attached is a letter from Andrew regarding the new series on Mark's Gospel. Please do read it, as it explains what we can do to get the most out of the series.

Working Party

We're very grateful to those who came and helped at the working party on 14 September. We were a small group, and while we achieved a lot, there are some outstanding jobs, notably cleaning windows inside the building. If you are able to help with this in your own time, please get in touch with Trevor Durston for details.

Saving Gas, Money and the Planet

Last winter for the first time we set up a rota of a few volunteers to adjust the heating controls so that they are synchronised with the bookings calendar. We started in January and used 8.5% less gas than for the same period the previous year. That resulted in a saving of £425. Some of this might have been because of the weather but it did seem very worthwhile. This year we hope to have even more savings by starting this synchronisation process in October, and because the price of our gas will double from Dec as we enter a new contract. If you'd like to join this rota to help keep gas consumption and costs down please speak to Trevor Durston

Your Personal Data

In the Spring [2025] Sheldon Road church will be conducting its next official review of the personal data it holds about you, as given by you at some point during 2023/24, as per its legal obligations. In the meantime you are asked to ensure that you keep this information up to date by contacting the Sheldon Road Data Administrator [currently Richard Bailey] with any changes to this information. If you are unsure at any time of the data that the church holds, or the permissions you have given for its use, then you can enquire with the Data Administrator. All contacts concerning anything to do with your personal data and/or permissions of use are to be made to: data@sheldonroad.church.

Christmas Day Lunch

Adrian and Annette are organising this year's Christmas Day lunch for single people or couples who would otherwise dine on their own, and they need help. The attached note from Annette gives details of the help that is needed and there is also a flyer with invitations for the day itself and for the community lunches.

Sheldon Road's 125th Anniversary

In 2026 we will be celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Sheldon Road at its present location. We would like to plan a year of celebration and to use the opportunity to 'connect people to Jesus, for life, hope and more'. So if you would like to be part of a small planning group, whether you have been in the church for nearly all of those 125 years, or are new to our congregation, please contact Linda Kalbskopf.

Russell & Katharine Norton

The latest newsletter from Russell & Katharine is attached.

Other News

Circuit Events Newsletter

The first edition of the Circuit Events Newsletter is attached.

Saturday 19th October - Signs of God workshop in Chippenham

'A wonderful opportunity to learn and use British Sign Language in a Christian context and worship together too.' Follow the link below for details:

<https://tickets.myiknowcharity.co.uk/gb/ODAyNy02/t>

District Environment Webinars

Monday 21 October at 7.00p.m - a webinar about how we engage with the environment in our worship and preaching. This will be led by Revs Simon Topping, John Kime and Ian Souter. To book your place on the webinar please email Rev Ian Souter on souterfam@aol.com.

Thank You

Sandra has written, on behalf of the Salvation Army, to thank everyone at Sheldon Road who donated items of food or money to the foodbank at our harvest service. These gifts were very much appreciated.

Tearfund Quiz at Stratton

There will be a Tearfund Big Quiz at Stratton Methodist Church on Saturday 16th November. See the attached flyer for details.

Job Opportunities

There is a part time vacancy for a chaplain at the MHA Fairways Care Home and a full time vacancy for an Activities and Community Engagement Facilitator at Middlefields House. See the attached details if you are interested in either of these posts.

Reminders

Kingdom Prayer

All are welcome to join this fellowship's prayer meeting, each Thursday evening 7.30pm on Zoom. Joining codes available from prayer@sheldonroad.church or see a steward who will put you in contact with the prayer group.

Prayer Chain

The phone number to use for Prayer Chain is **07760 945778**. Please text your message and it will be picked up and sent out. If you don't use text, phone the number in the normal way.

Items for the Next Newsletter

If you have any Items for the next Monthly Newsletter please can you submit them by 5pm on Monday 28th October to the newsletter email address: news@sheldonroad.church. Please note all other admin business to be directed to our normal admin address as usual: admin@sheldonroad.church.