



The Methodist Church Caversham

@ Gosbrook Road & Caversham Heights

You are invited to worship with us at our church in Caversham Heights this Sunday. A warm welcome awaits you.

Thought for the Week...

"Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia".

Sunday 12th April 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Gosbrook Road

10.30am Service at Caversham Heights

Caversham Heights

[Service link - shown live on YouTube](#)

10.30am Led by Rev'd Jenny Dowding

The Service Today...

Bible Readings -

- John 20:19-25
- John 20: 24-31

Hymns -

- StF 314 "This joyful Eastertide"
- "Jesus of the Scars"
- StF 293 "All heaven declares"
- StF 391 "O breath of life"
- StF 503 "Love divine"

What's On This Week

Monday 13th April

2.00 - 4.00pm Art & Crafts Group at Gosbrook Road

Tuesday 14th April

10.00 - 11.30am Baby & Toddler Group at Gosbrook Road

Wednesday 15th April

10.00am Worship on Wednesdays - "*Loving our neighbour*" at Gosbrook Road

10.30am - 12.00noon Coffee Morning at Gosbrook Road

Thursday 16th April

10.00am Prayer Meeting at Gosbrook Road

Next Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter

Gosbrook Road

10.30am Rev'd David Jenkins

Service includes the sacrament of Holy Communion

Caversham Heights

10.30am Rev'd Teddy Kalongo & Rev Rosemary Fletcher

Home Groups

Sonning Common House Group currently meets on certain Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Next meetings: tba. For details please [email](#)

Worship & Study Group meets on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7.30pm PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME at the home of Ken & Barbara Macrae. For details please [email](#)

Fellowship through Prayer and Bible Study meets at the home of Brenda and Martin Coates (10.15 for a 10.30 start). We are currently studying the gospel of Luke. All are welcome. For further information, please [email](#)

General Notices

Coffee on Wednesdays

Thank you to all those who serve coffee and washed up. Currently a small team is covering this each week, and it would be nice to have some new volunteers. If you could help with this occasionally please let Brenda know, as she is now trying to draw up the rota for May and June.

Reviewing our Pattern of Worship

The stewards are considering the issues raised at the General Church Meeting regarding the current worship pattern, in particular looking at the issues of timing and transport. Please pass on any concerns or suggestions you have to a steward for consideration. Sadly, we do not have either the preachers available or church members to cover necessary duties to return to weekly Sunday morning services at Gosbrook Road. However, thanks to David's dedication and new initiatives and the support of Caversham Heights people we have been able to maintain regular worship opportunities at GR twice monthly on a Sunday, every Wednesday morning and one Thursday evening a month. The decision on the future pattern of worship will be made at the Church Council in June.

Worship on Wednesdays (WoW)

Worship at Gosbrook Road on Wednesdays at 10.00am (followed by Coffee) each week.

Thursday Night Live

Worship at Gosbrook Road on the third Thursday each month at 7.30pm.

- **21 May** - Memorable ways of praying - led by Karen Frost, Pastoral Development Worker & Anna Chaplain and Karen Britt, Worship Leader

For details of the programme through to July - please refer to the Church website.

REInspired

In February and March we have delivered 15 sessions to around 700 primary school pupils. And we have a further 5 sessions booked in after the Easter holidays. What a privilege it is to be able to have such a good relationship with our local schools and have this opportunity to share our faith with so many pupils. Some of the highlights this term have included:

- welcoming a couple of new volunteers to the team and working with our fabulous ecumenical REInspired team
- a 10-year-old's summary at the end of our session on 'what does the Easter story teach us about life after death?' describing that he'd learnt how we might feel sad when someone dies but that we can also feel hopeful because we might see that person again in heaven one day
- a girl's confident response to my statement that Jesus is now in heaven: "well, actually, he's also everywhere and wherever we go"
- hearing year 4 children share their postcards about Easter traditions around the world (a new session that we wrote and trialled for the first time)
- year 2s curious questions engaging with their topic: 'why does the Easter story bring hope to Christians?'

Do consider whether you might be interested in helping with one or two school sessions each term. The commitment can be as much or as little each individual wishes. We would love to grow our team even more!

Annual Assembly of Caversham Churches Together

Monday 18th May at 7.30 at Caversham Baptist Church.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE (not Tuesday 21st April)

Reading Elections Assembly

In the run-up to the local elections, Reading Citizens is bringing candidates from all the main parties into one room — and putting our priorities directly to them. This is a far more than a hustings; our Accountability Assembly is our moment to secure clear public commitments on the issues that matter most to our communities. These commitments will provide us with accountability and the ability to take action should the candidates be elected.

In the course of our work and latest listening campaign we have agreed two critical asks for those who are standing for office in our town.

1. **Homelessness and Housing:** That council ensure that all developers working in Reading currently and applying for permissions provide a minimum of 30% affordable housing in their developments.
2. **Safe Green Spaces:** That council implement a safety programme to remove unsafe, illegal, and antisocial activity from the parks in town. Creating safe places for all people, but particularly children, to connect with nature, play, and socialise without fear.

A packed room sends a powerful message: we are organised, we are united, and we expect action. We invite you to join us and bring others from your organisation.

Tuesday 28 April, 6.00pm -8.00pm, Wesley Methodist Church.

Vital Supplies being taken to Ukraine

For further information and photographs go to the website www.ukrainechain.org.

Worship at Abbeycrest

Monthly worship at Abbeycrest Residential Home in Sonning Common is a significant aspect of our Church's outreach. The next date(s) for worship at 10.30am:

- Thursday 30th April

Circuit Notices

District Representative Synod

Our Circuit (the Berkshire and Hampshire Borders) will be hosting the District Representative Synod at Emmanuel in Reading on Saturday 25th April. We require many volunteers to ensure the day runs smoothly. If you are able to help, or want to explore whether there is something you could do, please contact the circuit office pat.d@bhbcircuit.org.uk

We shall also require lots of cakes, so if you prefer to supply a cake, please do get in touch.

Our Prayers

Collect for Second Sunday of Easter

Faithful God,
the strength of all who believe
and the hope of those who doubt;
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Your prayers are asked for.....

- Monthly worship at Abbeycrest
- Members of our church family in hospital, unwell or recovering at home and those receiving palliative care
- REinspired sessions at Thameside & Emer Green schools this week:
 - + Tue 14th Apr PM - Y6 Thameside - Is Christianity still a strong religion?
 - + Thu 16th April AM - Y4 Emmer Green - Is forgiveness always possible?
 - + Fri 17th April PM - Y4 Thameside - Is forgiveness always possible?

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Our Ministerial Team

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(Day off - **Friday**)

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If you would like an item included in next week's notices please send by **Thursday**

12.00noon to

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