



The Methodist Church Caversham

@ Gosbrook Road & Caversham Heights

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

Thought for the Week...

"As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.'" Matthew 14:15-16.

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gosbrook Road

10.30am Rev'd Dr James Mather

The Service Today...

Bible Readings -

- Genesis 32:22-31 - *Wrestling with God*
- Genesis 33:1-15 - *Reconciliation with Esau*
- Matthew 13:31-33 - *Mustard seed, yeast*

Hymns -

- StF 139 "Today I awake"
- StF 167 "Colours of day"
- StF 409 "Let us build a house"
- StF 563 "O Jesus, I have promised"
- StF 486 "Who would true valour see"

Caversham Heights

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

10.30am Henry Stroud & Peter Bernard

The Service Today...

Bible Readings -

- Matthew 7:24-27 - *Where does a wise man build his home?*

Hymns -

- StF 74 "For the music of creation" (*Tune: Rustington*)
- StF 194 "Child of joy and peace" (*Tune: Child of joy*)
- StF 408 "How small a spark has lit a living fire!" (*Tune: Woodlands*)
- StF 603 "Come to a wedding, come to a blessing" (*Tune: Bunessan*)
- StF 681 "Community of Christ" (*Tune: Leoni*)

What's On This Week

Tuesday 4th August

10.00 - 11.30am NO Baby & Toddler Group at Gosbrook Road this week.
Closed for the summer holidays. Reopens 8th September.

Wednesday 5th August

10.00am NO Worship on Wednesdays at Gosbrook Road this week
10.30 - 11.45am Coffee Morning at Gosbrook Road

Thursday 6th August

10.00am Prayer Meeting at Gosbrook Road

Next Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gosbrook Road

10.30am Service at Caversham Heights

Caversham Heights

10.30am Deacon Sarah Wickett

Home Groups

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

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

Fellowship through Prayer and Bible Study meets monthly on Thursdays at 10.15am
for 10.30am start at the home of Brenda & Martin Coates. We shall not meet in August.
Next meeting(s): 10th September. All are welcome. For details please [email](#)

General Notices

Mid-week services in August

There will be no mid-week services (Worship on Wednesdays/Thursday Night Live) in August, but coffee on Wednesdays can continue from 10.30am to 11.45am if there are volunteers to run it. Hazel has very kindly offered to open up each week but she needs some help each time, so please volunteer if you want this fellowship opportunity to continue through the summer.

Save the Date

Saturday 5th September 3.00pm at Caversham Heights – a Methodist New Year Tea Party.
A chance to meet our new minister Rev'd Denise Binks over scones, cake and of course tea and coffee.

Please sign up on the list at either church to confirm attendance.

Also please sign if you are able to supply a cake.

Dear REinspired volunteers and supporters...

And here we are at the end of another fantastic school year! We created new sessions to meet the content of the new RE curriculum, Hannah Ross went on maternity leave and we welcomed Alexis Wood as maternity cover, and across the whole year we delivered 56 sessions across 5 primary schools reaching 1000s of children - quite amazing!!

Thank you to all of YOU - people who have prayed, cut out countless shapes(!), and helped with our sessions in schools. It is such a joy to be able to work with people from all our Caversham churches and it makes our sessions and our teaching (in my opinion) even richer! Take for example a recent year 4 class and the conversations we had with the children around baptism and communion with a session led by an anglican, a methodist and a baptist! So if you've been involved in any way, then THANK YOU!

We're on a break now until September, but do continue to **pray** for our schools, the teachers, the pupils, their families and REinspired. **Pray** particularly:

- that the seeds of the gospel sown in the hearts of those we've engaged with in school this year would take root and grow, stirring curiosity about Jesus and leading to faith in him
- for wisdom for the leadership team as we make decisions for the future
- for good rest for all our volunteers over the summer
- for new volunteers to be forthcoming, particularly people available and willing to help with sessions in schools

Thank you! Best Wishes, Anna Clarke Project Manager REINSPIRED CAVERSHAM

Recycling...Recycling...Recycling

Just to remind you to keep saving used stamps, white plastic milk bottle tops, medical blister packs and empty batteries and deposit them at church as follows:

- used postage stamps for "*Parkinson Society*" at **Gosbrook Road** and **Caversham Heights**
- white plastic milk bottle tops for "*Air Ambulance*" at **Gosbrook Road**
- medical blister packs for recycling at **Gosbrook Road**
- empty batteries at **Caversham Heights**

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 27th August
- Thursday 17th December - Christmas Carol Service - together with members of St Michael's Catholic Church

Circuit Notices

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Our Prayers

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord and giver of life,
you alone nourish and sustain your people,
through Christ, the bread of life.
Feed our hunger and quench our thirst,
that we may no longer work for what fails to satisfy,
but do what you require, in obedience and faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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
- Jean Graham, who has a broken hip and is awaiting surgery
- REInspired staff and volunteers as they enjoy the summer holiday break
- The 150 or so children that attended Holiday Club last week that what they heard about Jesus may lead to faith in him
- Our new minister, Rev'd Denise Binks, who will be moving in August to start work in September.

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