

## Bearsted Methodist Church 2026

### Information for Preachers

Car parking	3 spaces at church (kept principally for disabled). Street parking (no time limits on Sunday) or at the nearby station (£4 on Sundays).
Service time/s	10:30am
Hymn/song books/worship books	Singing the Faith / Methodist Worship Book Virtually any hymn or song can be digitally projected subject to copyright (we have a CCLI licence: number 264539) Songs of Fellowship.
Bible	Good News Bible and NIV at the lectern. Any version can be projected as required. Please let the duty steward know which version to use.
Digital projection	Yes. We usually project the Order of service as it proceeds and the hymn words. Prayers, video clips or any other material required are easily incorporated.
Microphones	2 headset and 2 lapel microphones, 1 hand-held radio microphone and 1 fixed microphone on stand are available according to preacher preference and other requirements.
Hearing loop	Yes.
Beginning of service welcome	By the duty steward followed by a prayer for peace and lighting a candle for peace.
Notices	Notices are available online with a few printed copies. Any additional (suitable) notices will be announced.
Offering arrangements	Most people now contribute directly. A collection plate is positioned at the rear of the church for cash donations which will be brought up for dedication when the preacher chooses. Preachers are asked to include direct giving in the dedication.
Music	Organ and piano. Rota of organists. We have recordings of all the accompaniments for tunes from Singing the Faith played on the piano
Printed word copies	StF available for all if required.
Facilities for playing CD's & DVD's	Yes. Both audio and visual CD's & DVD's can be played through the system. It is helpful if they are made available in good time.
Average number of adults and children	26-30 adults aged 60+.
Children's address	2-3 children usually attend.
Do children leave for Sunday School/Junior church	Resources and worksheets are available and used in church.
All Age Worship	Very occasionally.
Bible reading rota	Yes. Two readers for each Sunday.
Intercessions prayer book	Yes. It will be brought to preacher when they require.
Prayer rota	No regular prayer rota.
Worship Leaders available	Ann Hopwood and Sue Byard are the Worship leaders available with notice.
Tea & coffee after the service	Yes.
Contact person	Senior Church Steward: Jo Burborough mob. 07850 686012 Email: <a href="mailto:jonanna1@hotmail.co.uk">jonanna1@hotmail.co.uk</a> Music and audio visual: duty steward or Email: <a href="mailto:bearstedmethodistchurch@gmail.com">bearstedmethodistchurch@gmail.com</a>