

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 StF available for all if required.
Printed word copies	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.
Facilities for playing CD's & DVD's	26-30 adults aged 60+. 2-3 children usually attend.
Average number of adults and children	Resources and worksheets are available and used in church.
Children's address	Very occasionally.
Do children leave for Sunday School/Junior church	Yes. Two readers for each Sunday.
All Age Worship	Yes. It will be brought to preacher when they require.
Bible reading rota	No regular prayer rota.
Intercessions prayer book	Ann Hopwood and Sue Byard are the Worship leaders available with notice.
Prayer rota	Yes.
Worship Leaders available	Senior Church Steward: Jo Burborough mob. 07850 686012 Email: jonanna1@hotmail.co.uk
Tea & coffee after the service	Music and audio visual: duty steward or
Contact person	Email: bearstedmethodistchurch@gmail.com