

Welcome to Griffydam Chapel In the Valley

Jesus has told this Church to go
and make disciples and teach them
to obey Him

...Therefore welcome one another as
Christ has welcomed you, for the
glory of God.- Romans 15:7



Sunday 2nd August 2026

At 11.00 am with Cliff (and Communion) and at 5.00 pm at Ibstock chapel
There is a prayer time on Zoom at 9.30 am on Sunday and 9.00 am on
Monday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83758417865>

John 10:1-10 - The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

¹ “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.[kept safe] They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Here and there in August

Saturday 1st	Ibstock Coffee morning 10.00 – midday
Sunday 2nd	N.Swann Service 10.30am & Ibstock Service 5.00pm
Monday 3rd	Ellistown Prayer meeting 4.00pm
Wednesday 5th	Griffydam Coffee morning 10.00 - midday
Sunday 9th	Ellistown Service 10.30am & Moira Service 10.30am
Wednesday 12th	Griffydam Coffee morning 10.00 - midday
Sunday 16th	N.Swann Service (Jim) 10.30am
Wednesday 19th	Griffydam Coffee morning 10.00 - midday
Saturday 22nd	Ellistown Coffee morning 10.00 – midday
Sunday 23rd	Ellistown Service 10.30am & Moira Service 10.30am
Wednesday 26th	Griffydam Coffee morning 10.00 - midday

Chapel In the Valley forthcoming events

Sunday services at 11.00 am and 6.00 pm (unless shown differently)

August

Sunday 2nd	Morning - Cliff Evening - Ibstock at 5.00 pm; Griffydam - Sunday Reset Cancelled
Wednesday 5th	Coffee morning - 10.00 to noon
Sunday 9th	Morning - Jan (+ Newlands gifts) Evening - Stewart
Sunday 16th	Morning - Clare Evening - Nigel Bavage
Sunday 23rd	Morning - Cliff Evening - tba

And also...

Prayer time on Zoom every Sunday morning at 9.30 am and every Monday morning at 9.00am. If you want to join in there's a link on page 1 or do ask to be added to the list.

And also (part 2)...

The Other Bible Study at CIV every Friday at 10.30 am where you are welcome to join us as we look at the Psalms of Ascent (120-134)

And also (part 3)

Every Wednesday during the month of August we are holding a coffee morning from 10.00am to midday.

Let us pray;

- For each other on our summer breaks and holidays, that all may have safe times of rest, and refreshment (and perhaps even adventure).
 - For those known to our fellowship who are sick or grieving, lonely or lost, seeking or sought.
 - For those who are fighting wildfires both in this country and abroad and who are placing themselves in danger for the sake of others. Pray for those who are displaced, who have lost homes and livelihoods. Pray that God in His great mercy might bring relief for the land and for its peoples.
 - For those who are leaders of nations, especially those who are still involved in conflict, that their Governments might be leavened with wise counsel. Let us pray especially for those who know the faithfulness and rule of the everlasting God that they might find peace in the many conflicts of conscience which face them.
 - Let us continue to pray for our new Prime Minister and his new government.
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Church Flowers for 2026

09/08/2026 - Judith D

16/08/2026 - Jill

23/08/2026 - Jill

30/08/2026 - Lisa

This Sunday's prayer organisation is (via Lesley) is **The Good News Hospital in Mandritsara**

Hello friends - I don't have any stories for this week but just a short list of prayer-points:

To give thanks for the solar panel system completed in such a hurry at the end, but which praise God is working well.

To give thanks for the new X-ray system, also very quickly installed thanks to intensive hard work by the donors (Samaritan's Purse of the Christmas shoe boxes) - No more streaky wet X-Ray films pegged to a washing line and drying in the sun. All is digital, quality excellent, with endless possibilities for reconfiguration and for sending on to experts.

To give thanks that all the postgraduate surgical trainees who had to resit their annual exams, have passed, which means they can continue to the next year of their training. (otherwise they have to leave the programme). In particular, Dr Rado has passed his resit. He was one of the first two trainees and started along with Dr Tefy in 2021. Now they have both completed the five year programme and will graduate together in September - the very first PAACS (Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons.) graduates in Madagascar, since the Good News Hospital is still the only PAACS centre.

To give thanks for all the young Malagasy doctors in the medical (=non-surgical) department. There are now six, and there is even a seventh who is specialising in ophthalmology and is currently doing a placement in Benin but also takes part in the general rota. Most are married and have their wives/husbands and children with them. It's a joy to work with this big group of young Christian doctors and a huge, overflowing answer to years of prayer - almost the cup runneth over. Thank you for your prayers.

Also I am selfishly grateful that my work now is very easy -for past two weeks I have been mainly in the outpatient clinic with most afternoons off. And no on-call - so nights and weekends free. The Lord tempers the wind to the shorn lamb.

After prayers of thanks, please pray for spiritual and material protection for the hospital and the project. Success in the work of God's people encourages attack from the opposition and so this is also a vulnerable time..