

Pentecost Sunday

Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Greetings in the name of the risen Christ. As the weeks go on the temptation to want things back to normal grows. In my daily trips to care for my father and the occasions when I am leading funerals, I have certainly noticed a large increase in folk out and about. We have seen stories and images of large numbers at beauty spots including beaches and other open spaces. I noticed that the police have had to close the car park at Hatton locks due to excessive use. This, in turn, has closed the little cafe along the canal simply because too many people are trying to use it at the same time. Are we a people of drought or flood, all or nothing, abstinence or excess?

I want to make a plea for moderation. Moderation in all things. It seems to me that in getting used to new ways of living, taking things slowly, going gently, being prepared to stop and rethink will have to be our watchwords. As the scriptures record, the day of Pentecost spoke, literally, to the need for excess that seems to have always been part of the human soul. There will be peaks of human, and divine, experience. But in order for us to have peaks we know too that there will be troughs, valleys as it were. Times when we must take things more gently, for the good of our soul and the well being of the common good. Elsewhere in scripture and in Christian experiences, the presence of God is a still, small voice. It is that voice many are listening to nowadays. May God bless you as the days grow longer.

Reminder: Dial – a – Prayer, Methodist Church

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

Sunday Worship

Birmingham District Live-streamed service 10:30 am <https://www.facebook.com/Birminghammethodistdistrict/live>

South Warwickshire Circuit recorded service

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9E0b5XWCv-SB0co6kiL5AyIbMJ77Q_MN

TV & radio opportunities for worship:

Radio 4, Sunday Worship, Sunday 8:10am,

Radio 4 Long Wave, Daily Service, 9.45am Mon-Fri,

Radio 3, Choral Evensong, Sunday 3pm.

BBC 1, Sunday Worship, Sunday 10.45am,

BBC 1, Songs of Praise, Sunday 1:15pm

Pastoral Support

A reminder that if you are in pastoral need of any kind please contact your own Minister direct by email or phone.

We may also be able to arrange practical help with shopping and so on. Our details are below.

If in any doubt, please contact Rev. Peter Powers and he will link you up with help locally to you.

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There are plenty of opportunities to join in worship if you have the internet. We are encouraging everyone to link up with the live stream worship being offered by the Birmingham District via FaceBook on Sunday mornings at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Birminghammethodistdistrict/>

In addition, we will be offering services online on the Circuit's own FaceBook page and on YouTube. The links are

below: https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=142865293925553&id=110929903785759

A full text of this service is also available at this link and is being sent by post to all those people who do not use the Internet so they can join in too. These two worship opportunities will be available and sent to you every Sunday.

We will be offering worship in a similar way each Sunday as the health crisis continues.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

Keep safe. Keep caring. Keep praying. With every blessing to you and yours.

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