

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

This Sunday we will celebrate the incredible work of MHA, (Methodist Homes for the Aged). In the last 75 years, it has grown to become the largest charitable provider of care in the country, something that all Methodists can rightly be proud of. We are especially grateful for their work and ministry at this time of pandemic, since they are at the frontline of caring for some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. We will pray for them, and for the dedicated staff who are, daily, putting their personal safety at risk to fulfill their calling.

It is fitting that two of the readings set for this Sunday are about hospitality and welcoming strangers and foreigners, something that lies at the very heart of the Christian gospel. We cannot but have been moved and angered by the responses to the death of George Floyd over the past few days. It is a reminder, if we needed one, of the way that Black, Asian and minority ethnic people have too often been treated in our own country and even in our churches. Many black Methodists have stories to tell of being turned away from Churches on arrival in the UK, or of being denied positions of leadership or responsibility. Too often the call to welcome the stranger has gone unheard and we have been content to maintain structures that actively discriminate. #Black Lives Matter is a prophetic call to the Church to fully embrace the gospel that lifts up the lowly and humbles the powerful.

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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