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The **Methodist Church**

South Warwickshire Circuit

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**"all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full"**

Matthew 14:20

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew's brief account of the feeding of the 5,000. He was writing for a Jewish audience and the reference to 12 baskets is understood to refer to the 12 tribes of Israel, i.e. the whole of the nation. (The understanding that the good news is for the whole world came later.)

As we continue to worship at home, as we begin to think about what our services will look like in the future with no singing, no coffee, no touching and no communion, we have a challenge and an opportunity. Will we carry on in the same way or will we provide food "for all"? We know that our online services and the printed text have been enjoyed by many who are no longer able to attend. They are also watched by many whom we have never met in person, who have yet to bravely enter our imposing doors. We need to continue to reach out to them all. 'Black Lives Matter' gives us an additional challenge: are our services designed just for people like us? Do we reach out to all cultures, all generations?

Jesus fed "ALL". So should we seek to do.

### Sunday Worship and Daily Prayers

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/live>

#### **Change of YouTube account:**

Please note, the Circuit now has its own YouTube account (it's no longer piggy-backing off Peter's), which means that the URL has changed. Please access the YouTube video by clicking the following link or typing it into your browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzyDSCOYMtQvpCroUvvxjE93MqkTWQomY>

In addition, we will be offering services online on the Circuit's own FaceBook page or via the website:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SW.Methodist/>

Website: [www.methodist-swc.org.uk](http://www.methodist-swc.org.uk)

A full text of this service is available at this FaceBook link and on the website, and is being sent by post to all those people who do not use the Internet so they can join in too. These 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.

#### **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  
*(The times of the TV services can alter, please check the times)*

**Daily prayers** at 10am are led by members of the circuit via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/328494818> Please contact Michael Sharman on 07412 401988 if you'd like help getting in.

#### **Reminder: Dial – a – Prayer, Methodist Church**

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

## 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. Audrey Simpson and she will link you up with help locally to you.**

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

*The Ministers and Stewards of the South Warwickshire Methodist Circuit of Churches*