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The **Methodist Church** 

South Warwickshire Circuit

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In Jemima's letter last week, she ended by saying that her prayer was that children and grandchildren would know the transforming love of God as in Ephesians 3.

Have you noticed that Paul talks about the love of God being **wide, long, high and deep**. 4 Dimensions!! We live, very much, in a three-dimensional world. Our opportunity is to discover what God has for us in all his fulness here and now and in His 4th dimension.

As we remember loved ones this week, we give thanks for all they mean and have meant to us. We give thanks for the things we have and the provisions that are made for us. We give ourselves again to loving those who are close to us and those who we may not be able to be with for some time.

Giving thanks is one of our opportunities to enter into the 4th dimension. It can be really difficult to do in the circumstances that we find ourselves. Let us encourage one another in any way that we can during the coming weeks.

I spoke on Sunday at Stratford and said I felt like Paul in Romans encouraging them to use the gifts that God had given them. I suggested an up to date version of Romans 12 v 12ff:

If you serve – do just that

If you teach – then be a teacher

If you are able to encourage – then be an encourager

If you are a giver – then give as generously as you can.

If:

You are good on the phone then phone people up

You are good at e mailing then e mail them

You are good at writing letters then use the post

You are good with technology then use your gift.

As we pray, there will be opportunities for us in the coming days to do each of the above. There are a number of opportunities listed at the bottom of this letter to both give and enter into the fourth dimension.

Please do read them all and carefully consider which ones you can "give" yourself to. Remember it may be God's opportunity for you to enter into His "4th dimension"

My love comes to you all with this letter.

Graham Howe

Reminder: Dial – a – Prayer, Methodist Church Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514 Listen
to news: 0808 281 2478

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 the 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings at: <https://www.facebook.com/Birminghammethodistdistrict/live>

Circuit Service

The Circuit continues to provide a pre-recorded service each week, via YouTube, Facebook and our website – see below for details:

Change of YouTube account:

Please note, the Circuit now has its own YouTube account, 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> If you regularly watch the Circuit Service, do consider subscribing to the Channel.

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

Website: www.methodist-swc.org.uk

A full text of this service is available 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)

Dale Street are offering prayers via Zoom on a Wednesday morning 11am for the 4 week of lockdown. For details of how to connect to these ring 07716 202209

Daily prayers at 10am are led by members of the circuit via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/328494818> All members of the Circuit are invited to join, **you do not need a zoom account to join**. You can also join by **telephone**. Please contact Michael Sharman on 07412 401988 if you'd like help getting in.

TakeTime Meditations: Join us on a five week journey to discover the power of Christian mindfulness meditation. Taketime meditations use your imagination to provide a calm, comfortable space in which to meet God. The meditations run for 5 weeks starting on Thursday 29th October 2020 at 3 pm. Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87486210132?pwd=ZU0weXQ3cUlxVlBjemt6dErmMjhKQT09> . Please contact Graeme Russell on swc.graemerussell@gmail.com if you would like help getting in.

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 Dr Iain Ballard and he 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

