



4th April 2021 (Easter Sunday)

The **Methodist Church**

South Warwickshire Circuit

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A few days ago I sat in front of my laptop trying to complete the Census. I find it interesting that when we count people, we ask a particular set of questions, including about employment status. As a Methodist Minister the question makes me smile, I am neither an employee nor am I unemployed and so there wasn't a box for me to tick. At a similar time I heard the comments of one of the leading epidemiologists who suggested that even after everyone has been offered a vaccine we should be able to continue wearing masks and some level of social distancing because even with these the economy would be able to open. As I reflected on these two independent things I noticed that value was being placed on the economy, or our contribution towards it. What was being neglected were our needs as social beings who long to interact, to see and be physically present to each other. Instead we were being reduced to our economic value, a price tag? So I reflected further what is my value? Obviously I could sit and try to work out what my economic value is to society or even the country in which I live. I could try to determine what my value is to my family and friends. Yet as we celebrate Easter I am reminded that where my value is at its highest and truest is the value placed on me by God. Easter Sunday is the culmination of the events of Jesus life and ministry and especially Holy Week. My value is that God loves me enough to die on a cross for me, to bear and risk it all for my sake and to not even count the cost. In doing so Christ wins the victory over not only our sin but over death itself. That is not only my true value but your true value. Though we cannot yet fully return to our buildings to celebrate together I hope that you find space, time and energy to celebrate all that Christ has done for us.

Alleluia, he is risen!

Iain Ballard

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:

[tinyurl.com/SWCplaylist](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzyDSCOYMtQvpCroUvvxjE93MqkTWQomY) or if this doesn't work, try the long version:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzyDSCOYMtQsCToUfQ3sforT5J7geU2-D>

If you regularly watch the Circuit Service, do consider subscribing to the Channel.

Rev Jemima, Michael Sharman & Graeme Russell have created **Family Worship Time** video which is available from 9:15 am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month through our YouTube Channel –

and can be accessed here: [tinyurl.com/SWC-FWT](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzyDSCOYMtQsCToUfQ3sforT5J7geU2-D) again if this doesn't work, try the longer version:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzyDSCOYMtQsCToUfQ3sforT5J7geU2-D>

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)

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.

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