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The **Methodist Church**

South Warwickshire Circuit

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Friends

As you may be aware we are at the start of Christian Aid week. In their reflection booklet Christian Aid offer us the following Bible passage today:

"This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you" John 15:12

If you were able to join in last week's Circuit Service you will recall the readings, talk, hymns and worship songs we heard and reflected on about loving your neighbour.

As part of loving our neighbours throughout the world, especially this week, we are not only asked to donate to support the work of Christian Aid but also to pray for all the events and services happening in Christian Aid Week whether they be face to face or online.

Sometimes we may find it hard to pray when we are not in fellowship or do not have a prayer to follow. A few years ago, in a Sunday Morning service I attended, all members of the congregation were presented with a teaspoon - TSP. What was this for? What were we going to be asked to do with it? So many uses for a simple little teaspoon; stirring, measuring, eating, art projects, sculptures, the spoons game (a favourite in my house) to name a few. But for us on that Sunday morning its sole use was as an aid to prayer, and what a simple and effective aid it can be.

So, TSP: T reminds us to be thankful, S reminds us to say sorry and P is for any please prayers.

I know where my little teaspoon is, not in the kitchen, and its sole use is for the purpose it was given to me - prayer. When I see it, it not only reminds me to pray but not to forget my thanks and sorry prayers. Perhaps you will find the TSP useful in your own prayers.

Christian Aid offer us their own prayer for the start of Christian Aid week which I share below, maybe we can add our own personal TSP prayers to this.

We pray:

May the spirit of joyful giving transform communities
across this nation and the world
this Christian Aid Week.
Amen.

Miranda Tarrant (Circuit Steward)

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, eg Methodist Central Hall (London) streams worship each Sunday at 11:00 am (<https://mchw.live/>)

Circuit Service

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

Please access the YouTube video by clicking the following link or typing it into your browser:

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=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.

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>

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 zoom meetings are now protected by password – please contact Michael Sharman (see below) for the password. 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.
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