

SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

Whilst going through some old papers I recently found my note to preach, which was issued to me by Rev Keith Marsden some 26 years ago. I know I don't look old enough! Along with it were some letters I've accumulated since then. Some of these offered support, others congratulations on being accredited and some applying a boot to my backside, encouraging me to get on with Faith and Worship. Going through these letters brought back memories of particular services and of the different places where I've preached. Yet it was only on Monday that I took the most difficult service of my preaching life. It was the funeral service of a little girl. To say the service was filled with emotion is rather an understatement at times my eyes filled with tears and my voice trembled. Yet during that service we drew comfort and strength from some familiar words. These were the same words that little girl heard (and almost certainly didn't understand) at her infant Baptism:

Name

for you Jesus Christ came into the world;
for you he lived and showed God's love;
for you he suffered death on the Cross;
for you he triumphed over death,
rising to newness of life;
for you he prays at God's right hand:
all this for you,
before you could know anything of it.

What wonderful words declaring all that Christ has done and is doing for us. These are words declaring the good news of the gospel, that we are loved by God!

In its blandest form the Preaching Plan is simply a rota of who will be taking a service in which building on what date. Nothing more than details of who is where and when. I believe that the Plan is much more than that. It is an invitation to gather, physically or online, to worship God. What could be more important to us as the disciples of Christ? It is an obligation on those of us who, Read, Lead Worship, Preach or Preside at the Sacraments, to declare again God's love for God's people. It is taking those words of the Baptismal service and making them a reality for the people gathered both in that act of worship, and beyond. It is a privilege to be able to declare to all who would hear, the Good News of Christ, '... all this for you...'

May I invite you over the three months of this plan to daily read those words with one change to what is printed in the worship book:

Name

for me Jesus Christ came into the world;
for me he lived and showed God's love;
for me he suffered death on the Cross;
for me he triumphed over death,
rising to newness of life;
for me he prays at God's right hand:
all this for me,
before I could know anything of it.

May you be blessed this summer,

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		June 6th Eco Sunday	June 13th	June 20th	June 27th	July 4th	July 11th	July 18th	July 25th	August 1st	August 8th	August 15th	August 22nd	August 29th
Alternatives can be found at www.methodist.org.uk (search for LECTIONARY)		1 Sam'l 8:4-11, 16-20 Psalm 138 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1 Mark 3:20-35	1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 Mark 4:26-34	1 Samuel 17:32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 Psalm 133 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Eph'ns 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	2 Sam'l 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Eph'ns 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	2 Sam'l 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Eph'ns 3:14-21 John 6:1-21	2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a Psalm 51:1-12 Eph'ns 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 Eph'ns 4:25 - 5:2 John 6:35, 41-51	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Eph'ns 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 Eph'ns 6:10-20 John 6:56-69	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Ps 45:1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Internet Services														
Pastoral Letter	9:00 am	Wilde	McBratney	Miranda Tarrant	B Greenwood	Ballard	Strain	Janet Mee	Simpson	Ballard	Wilde	Kim	Pethick	Janet Mee
Worship Leader	9:00 am	Evans	Saxton	Sharman	Mortimer	Gallacher	Aldridge	Saxton	Weir	Sharman	Gallacher	Saxton	Weston	Evans
Readings	9:00 am	Whitnash / Cubbington	Dale Street / Fenny Compton	Henley / Kenilworth	Kineton / Mickleton	Evans / Radford Road	Stockton / Stratford	Tysoe / Warwick	Welford / Wellesbourne	Whitnash / Stratford	Cubbington / Dale Street	Fenny Compton / Henley	Kenilworth / Kineton	Mickleton / Radford Road
Sermon	9:00 am	B Greenwood	Mortimer	Blackwell	Strain	A Howe	Blackwell	Bullivant	Pethick	Saxton	Kim	Aldridge	A Howe	Simpson
Church services														
Kenilworth	10:00 am	Hextall	Church	LA	Ballard S	Ballard GCM	Rowland	Pethick	Ballard S	Cave	Hollowell R	Hill	Ballard S	Mason
Stockton (LEP)	10:30 am		Ballard S				Ballard S				Simpson S			
Warwick	10:30 am	B Greenwood S LST	Hill LST	Strain NYNC LST	B Greenwood S LST	D Greenwood S LST		Hextall NYNC LST	Weston R LST	LA LST	Graeme Russell LST	Cave NYNC LST	Mason S LST	S Brown LST
Warwick	4:30 pm						3:00 Strain CIR							
Wellesbourne	10:30 am			B Greenwood S			B Greenwood S				Cave			
Whitnash	10:30 am		B Greenwood S		J Gardner SD	B Greenwood S			4:00 G Howe SD		Harris S		4:00 Bullivant SD	
Cubbington	10:30 am	Kim S		Kim	Selby	Harris S	Blackwell	Dobson	Hill	Kim S	LA	Kim	Pethick	Weston R
Dale Street	9:15 am	G Howe		Weir		Sharman		G Howe						
Dale Street	10:30 am	Lloyd LST	Kim S LST	Flood LST	Church LST	Hill LST	S Brown LST	Ballard LST	Kim S LST	Blackwell LST	Kim S LST	LA LST	Wilde LST	Cave LST
Henley in Arden	10:30 am	Simpson S	Aldridge Tm	Ballard Tm	Strain Tm	Simpson S	Simpson Tm	Flood Tm	S Brown Tm	Simpson S	Metcalf Tm	Selby Tm	Tm LA	Bullivant Tm
Stratford on Avon	10:30 am	Flood LST	Simpson LST	Clewlows S LST	Bullivant LST	S Brown LST	Mason LST	Simpson S LST	Cave LST	S Brown LST	Pethick LST	Simpson S LST	LA LST	Dobson
Radford Road	10:30 am	Strain S				Strain S	Hollowell R	Rowland	Church	Fitton	Church S	Flood	LA	Ballard
Bidford on Avon	10:30 am				Hextall S				McBratney S				Simpson S	@ Kineton RMS
Mickleton	11:00 am	Ballard		McBratney S		Cooper		McBratney S		McBratney		Mason S		10:30 @ Kineton RMS
Tysoe	10:30 am	There are no services planned for Tysoe this quarter												
Welford on Avon	11:00 am		McBratney S				McBratney S					Clewlows S		10:30 @ Kineton RMS
Fenny Compton	10:30 am	Coleman R	Rowland S	Selby	Neal	Coleman R	LA	Fitton	Wilde S	Ballard S	Flood	G Howe	M Clarke	@ Kineton RMS
Kineton	10:30 am		Hollowell R	@ St Peter's	Wilde S		J Gardner	@ St Peter's	Rowland S		Phipps	@ St Peter's	Clewlows S	Wilde RMS

At present, services at Methodist Homes are only for residents

CIR	Circuit Service	LST	Live Streamed	RMS	Rural Mission Service	Tm	Teams
GCM	General Church Meeting	NYNC	Not Your Normal Church	S	Holy Communion		
LA	Local Arrangement	R	Reader Service	SD	Something Different		