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The **Methodist Church**

South Warwickshire Circuit

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Superintendent Minister: Rev Dr Iain Ballard

While I'm one of the ministers stationed in the circuit, I don't have pastoral charge of any churches. That's because my role is as Free Church Chaplain at the University of Warwick, where I serve alongside other chaplains from different Christian and Faith traditions. In common with most walks of life, the last year or so has been a strange time to be a University Chaplain. We're blessed at Warwick to have a good chaplaincy building at the heart of campus, with room for worship and prayer, study, socialising, making food and drink, conversations private and shared and more besides. Our motto of Faith, Food and Friendship gives a clear picture of the kind of community that we aspire to be, across staff and students and our many faith traditions. But of course Covid restrictions swept much of this away and we were left, as many were, wondering how to sustain our life as a community when our normal patterns were no longer possible. More than a year on, we've learned a great deal and creating community is still one of our key aims in ministering at the heart of the University.

On this Trinity Sunday, we reflect again on the nature of God as Trinity, a community of persons if you like. One way of looking at this is to say that because God exists eternally as three persons, bound together in perfect love, God gives us a vision of community. God doesn't just call us to relationship; God is relationship. The miracle of grace is that that relationship is not closed but open: God calls each of us to share in that love that is at God's heart. In our discipleship, in our communities, in our churches, we are called to embody that love and to share it. The ways we can do that can and will change but we can be assured that God's ever-loving nature will never change. God was love in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever.

*Teach us, O God, to know you as three persons yet one God,
to rejoice in your love and to show it in our lives,
through Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Revd Mark Rowland

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:

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=PLzyDSCOYMtQvpCroUvxxjE93MqkTWQomY) or if this doesn't work, try the long version:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzyDSCOYMtQvpCroUvxxjE93MqkTWQomY>

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 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.

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