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The **Methodist Church**

**South Warwickshire Circuit**

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Christ is Risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

Dear Friends

Today we hear another wonderful Easter story from the gospels. Like the person who wrote today's 'Worship at Home' sheet I hear absolution being offered to Peter for his denial of Jesus. I hear too the reticence in Peter to accept forgiveness and perhaps his reluctance to forgive himself. Maybe you can identify with Peter's feeling that his error was so profound that he couldn't let it go. If Peter had held on too tightly to the weight of guilt for his denial he may have been hampered in his work as an apostle.

In 'The Book of Forgiving' Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho Andrea Tutu address the importance of letting go in order to begin again:

*'We can so easily make ourselves victims of our own thoughts and feelings of guilt and shame for what we have done. Make no mistake, we must be accountable for our actions, but when we stay stuck in the unhappy story of what we have done – when we make an identity out of our past actions – we deny ourselves the gift of transformation. We can all learn from the mistakes of our past. Learning from the past is not the same as being held hostage by what we have done. At some stage we must let go of the past and begin again. We have said repeatedly that no one is undeserving of forgiveness, and this includes you.'*

Every time we accept forgiveness, we experience something of the new life of Easter.

Every blessing  
Audrey Simpson

**Reminder: Dial – a – Prayer, Methodist Church**

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514  
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Listen to news: 0808 281

**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/>)  
Livestreaming of worship takes place at other venues associated with the Connexion – see <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/> for more details.

**Circuit Service**

The Circuit now provides a pre-recorded service each month (on the first Sunday of the month), 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://tinyurl.com/SWCplaylist)

