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The **Methodist Church**

South Warwickshire Circuit

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‘Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.’ Matthew 13:52

I wonder if you are one of those people experiencing a staycation this summer? Staying at home instead of being away somewhere else. It may have been something you were instructed to do or you simply choose it because it seemed sensible. Either way it can seem rather depressing. Just when you had a plan in mind, you were disappointed to find that it was not possible and situations seemed to be changing from moment to moment. A break away could increase vulnerability to Coronavirus and to say nothing of unexpected quarantine following a trip.

Nevertheless there are some benefits from staying at home, particularly in the good weather we have been having. No travel inconvenience with stuffy atmospheres on public transport (sorry about the bus pass!). Everyone speaks English when you want something or have a problem. What’s more you can order all your favourite food without someone else saying “That’s not what they eat round here!” And best of all, there are surprises and delights to be discovered ‘just round the corner’ nearby; places you meant to go to or opportunities you meant to take and which somehow never happened.

Staycations can be times of opportunity when you look round your neighbourhood with fresh eyes. You have the opportunity to support local activities and businesses and to use those things stored away, almost lost.

Maybe staycations can relate to churches too. They can look harder at their surroundings. They can ask themselves how they work with their community. They can ask, like the parable, what opportunity there is for new skills to join old skills from the storecupboard.

Have a happy staycation! Let’s rejoice at God’s creation right where we are and seize the opportunities that brings.

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 Sunday mornings at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Birminghammethodistdistrict/live>

Change of YouTube account:

Please note, the Circuit now has its own YouTube account (it’s no longer piggy-backing off Peter’s), which means that the URL has changed. Please access the YouTube video by clicking the following link or typing it into your browser:

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

Do consider following the channel.

In addition, we will be offering services online on the Circuit’s own FaceBook page or via the Website:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SW.Methodist/>

Website: www.methodist-swc.org.uk

A full text of this service is available at this FaceBook link and 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> 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. Audrey Simpson and she 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