



27th September 2020

The **Methodist Church**

South Warwickshire Circuit

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Superintendent Minister: Rev Dr Iain Ballard

Greetings from the South Warwickshire Circuit! I hope you are managing with the latest Covid rule changes on meeting with others. If you are struggling please do contact your minister or local pastoral network, who are here to help and provide mutual support. We give thanks for them and all those seeking to help others. One thing the pandemic has reminded me of is the need to be more thankful for what we have, rather than irritated at what we have not. I realise I have taken for granted the freedom to meet with who I like, when I like.

I have just received my copy of 2020/21 Prayer Handbook. The Methodist Conference has declared 2020/21 to be a Year of Prayer. Some people find prayer comes naturally and easily – they can pray any time any place and it's as natural as breathing. Others find it difficult to get started. The Prayer Handbook is a useful resource. It gives prayers for each day of the month – and bible readings and hymns too. It also signposts online guidance about how to pray (Methodist.org.uk/yearofprayer). This year it focuses on the environment, our place within it, and our responsibilities as stewards of the planet. Having just seen the latest David Attenborough documentary "Extinction: The Facts" this is very timely. If you'd like a copy of the handbook please contact Kate Tennyson in the Circuit Resource Centre (07578 640013, swc.katetennyson@gmail.com) who can order one for you, or direct to Methodist Publishing (0845 017 8220, <https://www.methodistpublishing.org.uk/>).

LP Accreditation Service: Sunday 27th September 10:30 am

This long-delayed service will be to formally accredit Peter Selby as a Local Preacher. It will be at Dale Street, Leamington Spa at 10:30 am, and it will be livestreamed on Dale Street's YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRs2w53AgYWC6l4wGVdI2cg/>

This livestreamed service will be a Circuit service and will be shown at the other churches in the Circuit which are open.

Reminder: Dial – a – Prayer, Methodist Church

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

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.

Sunday Worship

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, 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=PLzyDSCOYMtQvpCroUv vxjE93MqkTWQomY>

And if you watch regularly, do consider subscribing to 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.

Circuit Resource Centre, Wellesbourne Methodist Church, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne, CV35 9LR

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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)*

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