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The **Methodist Church**

South Warwickshire Circuit

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Some years ago my wife and I were in Northern France. We were impressed by the magnificent flower displays outside not only the florists but also other shops and supermarkets. The following day we saw them all disappear and reappear in the local cemeteries and churchyards. It was of course 1 November, All Saints Day.

We usually think of saints as people who have been picked out as having led perfect lives, centred on Christ. Yet in another sense we are all saints and I do not just mean those who have infinite patience. Paul writing to all the Christians in Rome, not just a few, calls them saints who are loved by God.

So this Sunday we think of those who have gone before us and now know eternal rest and joy and we remember too that God's Kingdom has begun already on earth and that we are part of it. We have the blessing of knowing Jesus' promises for us. Yet as saints we recognise that life will not be easy or without challenge. Our battle for a straightforward life is all too well evident at the present time. Often our 'traditional' saints had some kind of vision and we can share that experience as we envisage how the new normal can come about. Our church services this week are different but, at the same time, the same. We offer praise and thanks to God for the way He has led saints in the past and those yet to come, and for His encouragement for us, his saints today.

As Paul said to the Roman saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Russell Blackwell (LP Meeting Secretary)*

**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, 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>

If you regularly watch the Circuit Service, 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](http://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.

**TakeTime Meditations:** Join us on a five week journey to discover the power of Christian mindfulness meditation. Taketime meditations use your imagination to provide a calm, comfortable space in which to meet God. The mediations run for 5 weeks starting on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 3 pm. Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87486210132?pwd=ZU0weXQ3cUlxVlBjemt6dlErMjhKQT09> . Please contact Graeme Russell on [swc.graemerussell@gmail.com](mailto:swc.graemerussell@gmail.com) if you would 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*