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The **Methodist Church**

South Warwickshire Circuit

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As I write this, I find myself thinking back to the days when my children were much younger and we enjoyed going to Easter People. We'd bundle excitedly out of the Easter Sunday service and into our pre-packed car to set off for Llandudno or Torquay. We'd have a fun day on the beach before throwing ourselves wholeheartedly into all the six-day event offered. Along with thousands of others, we were inspired, motivated, educated and energised. Farewell hugs with new found friends saw us off on our way home after a rousing final service on the Sunday.

How different things are this year! But yet, God is with us and His Spirit can still inspire and energise us as we join or watch an online service on our own from our homes. The power of it may just be less apparent to us.

We are close now to being able to resume 'actual' services, though still under Covid restrictions. Hugs are further off, but how lovely it will be when we can put an arm around an old friend.

Until then, may the joy of Easter sustain us.

*Janet Mee, Circuit Steward*

### **Run the Wall**

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped me raise funds for The Amos Trust as they seek to rebuild an illegally demolished home in Palestine. On Friday 26th March I ran 10.5km and then on Palm Sunday, I made a second circuit of the donkey shaped route with my Nordic walking poles, to make a half marathon distance. The Bethlehem marathon has to be run within Area A, the 26% of the West Bank that is under Palestinian control. This means the route is only 10.5 km. Runners therefore have to make repeated circuits of the hilly route, hence my desire to make two circuits. The Amos Trust has so far raised over £45,000 with the 400 plus runners like me effectively running the 750km length of the Separation barrier an amazing 8 time! Thank you for helping me raise over £800 (and counting). So many people gave anonymously so I cannot thank you personally. It has meant so much to me to have your support. Thank you.

Reverend Rachel Hextall

### **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 the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday mornings at: <https://www.facebook.com/Birminghammethodistdistrict/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=PLzyDSCOYMtQvpCroUvvxjE93MqkTWQomY) or if this doesn't work, try the long version:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzyDSCOYMtQvpCroUvvxjE93MqkTWQomY>

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 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*