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The **Methodist Church**

South Warwickshire Circuit

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Superintendent Minister: Rev Dr Iain Ballard

There were many useful resources produced by Thy Kingdom Come, the prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. One I found most inspiring was a reflection by Phoebe Parkin, Methodist Youth President, on how in her own faith journey it was nature that brought her closer to God. And that was not just the beauty and awe of creation, but the order and logic as well and the realisation that she was not separate from God's creation, but a part of it. Phoebe says she finds the 'listening part' of prayer more difficult, but that walking through nature, being within God's creation makes it is so much easier to forget the business of life and just be in the presence of God. Her full reflection is captured in this video:

<https://vimeo.com/539154199/e4d95602ad>. A transcription of this video is attached to this letter for those without internet access.

'Prayer walking' is something I've found myself doing on my morning commute from front door to front door while working from home. Whatever the weather, it sets me up for the day ahead.

Janet Mee, Circuit Steward

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, eg Methodist Central Hall (London) streams worship each Sunday at 11:00 am (<https://mchw.live/>)

Circuit Service

The Circuit continues to provide a pre-recorded service each week, 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

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.

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

Website: 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 zoom meetings are now protected by password – please contact Michael Sharman (see below) for the password.

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