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The Methodist Church

South Warwickshire Circuit

Registered charity no. 1154830

Superintendent Minister: Rev Dr Iain Ballard

Dear Friends,

What does it mean to live 'A Methodist Way of Life'? As part of its campaign with that name, the Methodist Church is posting a simple daily challenge via its social media channels throughout January.

As the campaign states, in response to God's unconditional love, there are 12 things that we do individually and together as we grow as followers of Jesus, which help us to worship God, serve others, be evangelistic, and learn and care together. These are:

- **Pray** daily
- **Worship** with others regularly
- Look and **listen** for God in Scripture and the world
- **Care** for ourselves and those around us
- **Learn** more about our faith
- **Practise** hospitality and generosity
- **Serve** by helping people in our communities and beyond
- Care for **creation** and all God's gifts
- **Challenge** injustice
- **Speak** of the love of God
- **Live** in a way that draws others to Jesus
- **Share** our faith with others

Examples of daily challenges so far are:

Pray for something you are thankful for from the past year, challenging though it may have been

Take time to find five beautiful things in nature.

Meeting these small challenges can help embed them in us so that our daily life becomes A Methodist Way of Life. For those not online, an extra challenge could be to make up your own small daily challenge based on the 12 actions.

Information about the campaign, commitments and challenges is here:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/19302/mwol-a6-booklet-1020.pdf>

and the daily challenges are posted on Twitter by @MethodistGB

By the time you read this it may seem a bit late for setting a New Year's resolution, but I think following A Methodist Way of Life would be a good one.

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.

District Messages: The Birmingham District puts out a message each week on their YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC65eOm7QtM4Wu1R6jTI7frw>

or you can search on YouTube for *Birmingham Methodist District*. We also have it up on our website.

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, 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