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The **Methodist Church**

South Warwickshire Circuit

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Superintendent Minister: Rev Dr Iain Ballard

Dear Friends

In today's gospel we see the moment when the three most trusted disciples, Peter, James and John, look at the transfigured Jesus and realise that they are looking into the face of God. They see the mystery so central to Christian faith 'Our God contracted to a span incomprehensibly made man'. Up to this point they have been enthralled, challenged and perplexed by Jesus' teaching, amazed and drawn by the miracles he performed but now they glimpse the glory of God present on earth, in Jesus. They hear the voice of God saying 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' It is an experience they will never forget, it informs their discipleship, and it will fortify them when faced with trouble. (See 2 Peter 1:16-21). It is no wonder the disciples want to prolong the experience and gaze on the glory by building shelters. However, the disciples can't box in God - the experience is dynamic. I am sure that it is no accident that Luke sets this heavenly vision alongside the story of the healing of the boy who is in the grip of an unclean spirit. The mountain top experiences encourage, inform and fortify all concerned but God incarnate leads his disciples down the mountain and has his feet placed firmly on the earth where, in a transformative way, he engages with those who seek him out.

Thank God for the moments of glimpsed glory and insight experienced by the disciples and any moments of glimpsed glory and insight which we have experienced in our own faith journey. Thank God, then informed and fortified by them engage with the ongoing, earthed ministry of Christ.

every blessing

Rev Audrey Simpson

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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=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.

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, 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