

17th April 2022


The **Methodist Church**

South Warwickshire Circuit

Registered charity no. 1154830

Superintendent Minister: Rev Dr Iain Ballard

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Easter should be for us a season of lows and highs. Being faced with the reality of Jesus' death on the cross should take us into a place of deep sadness and mourning, as well as to the depths of self-examination. He died for our sins; we need him to die on the cross. We are members of the crowd who shouted crucify him!

Because of the events of Easter Sunday, Good Friday is not the end, it is a new glorious God filled beginning. One full of new possibilities that isn't just life after death but is life in all its' fullness. The events of Easter Sunday change the lives of those who found the empty tomb forever. They can't forget what they have seen, even when threatened with their own lives. The whole created order has been changed as has our relationship with the God who created us and who has worked throughout history to bring about our salvation. The depths of darkness have been replaced with the bright lights and celebrations of Easter.

Allow yourselves to experience the pain of loss, the difficulty in self-examination and the challenge in living as those set free from sin and hatred. Become those who have instead started to walk in the light of the love of Christ. Walk upright as those who know no shame because Christ has declared us worthy. Walk hand in hand with our parent God who did all this for us.

Richest blessings,

Iain

See what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes
Tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

Reminder: Dial – a – Prayer, Methodist Church

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514
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Listen to news: 0808 281

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/>)
Livestreaming of worship takes place at other venues associated with the Connexion – see <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/> for more details.

Circuit Service

The Circuit now provides a pre-recorded service each month (on the first Sunday of the month), 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=...)

or if this doesn't work, try the long version:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzyDSCOYMtQvpCroUvxxjE93MqkTWQomY>

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

Additional pre-recorded services will be provided by the Circuit for special feasts (Easter, Christmas etc)

A full text of the pre-recorded 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.

In intervening weeks, the Circuit will be using the service provided by the Methodist Church.

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.

Rev Dr Iain Ballard	07368 875790	iain.ballard@methodist.org.uk
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(Day off – Friday)

Rev Sally Jones	01926 740846	sally.jones@methodist.org.uk
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(Day off – Monday;

Study day – Friday)

Rev. Jeongsook Kim	<i>Rev Jeongsook is on sabbatical until 31st May 2022</i>	
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(Day off – Tuesday)

Rev. Audrey Simpson	01789 267971	revaes@gmail.com
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(Day off – Friday)

Rev. Jemima Strain	07969 345389	
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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*

