# 1st May 2022



# **South Warwickshire Circuit**

Registered charity no. 1154830

Superintendent Minister: Rev Dr Iain Ballard

Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia

**Dear Friends** 

Today we hear another wonderful Easter story from the gospels. Like the person who wrote today's 'Worship at Home' sheet I hear absolution being offered to Peter for his denial of Jesus. I hear too the reticence in Peter to accept forgiveness and perhaps his reluctance to forgive himself. Maybe you can identify with Peter's feeling that his error was so profound that he couldn't let it go. If Peter had held on too tightly to the weight of guilt for his denial he may have been hampered in his work as an apostle.

In 'The Book of Forgiving' Demond Tutu and his daughter Mfho Andrea Tutu address the importance of letting go in order to begin again:

'We can so easily make ourselves victims of our own thoughts and feelings of guilt and shame for what we have done. Make no mistake, we must be accountable for our actions, but when we stay stuck in the unhappy story of what we have done – when we make an identity out of our past actions – we deny ourselves the gift of transformation. We can all learn from the mistakes of our past. Learning from the past is not the same as being held hostage by what we have done. At some stage we must let go of the past and begin again. We have said repeatedly that no one is undeserving of forgiveness, and this includes you.'

Every time we accept forgiveness, we experience something of the new life of Easter.

Every blessing Audrey Simpson

Reminder: Dial – a – Prayer, Methodist Church

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

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#### **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 (<a href="https://mchw.live/">https://mchw.live/</a>)
Livestreaming of worship takes place at other venues associated with the Connexion – see <a href="https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/">https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/</a> 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 or if this doesn't work, try the long version:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzyDSCOYMtQvpCroUvvxjE93MgkTWQomY\_

If you regularly watch the Circuit Service, do consider subscribing to the Channel.

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SW.Methodist/">https://www.facebook.com/SW.Methodist/</a>

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

<u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/328494818</u> - all zoom meetings are now protected by password – please contact Tony Parkinson on 01926 778646 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.** 

# **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