



'BEING CHURCH'

TADCASTER METHODIST CIRCUIT

Sunday 15th November 2020

Dear friends, I'm following on from Sue's message in last week's newsletter.

One of the questions the media have been asking is,
"what was the last thing you bought before lockdown?"

As we have 10 family birthdays throughout November(!) plus a couple of friends', birthday cards were on my list to purchase, write and post! Plus, a new baby birth card; as we received the precious gift of a fourth grandchild, a granddaughter, on the 3rd.



The small contacts we can make with each other make all the difference during lockdown, don't they? It's so easy to rush off an email, but I have to remind myself...and I hope you do too...to pick up the telephone or send a card in the post! It will be appreciated much more than an email. Connectedness...how do we connect with each other...how do we connect to God?

It was a shame that we had to close our churches again, especially as some were either getting into a weekly or fortnightly routine of church services or were just about to start. But even though our buildings are closed, we are still very much a worshipping community and there are things going on that are not seen in church; but the Good News of Jesus is being shared in other ways. Have you joined a prayer group? There is one on Tuesday morning and another on Wednesday evening, both online by Zoom, and you can also join by telephone. Circuit staff are meeting regularly, and plans are under way for a Circuit Bible Study in Advent... details overleaf. Various people are connecting with members via pastoral telephone calls, through prayer chains, and of course we are sharing in worship through the online services and the emailed and posted weekly newsletter. If we each held a ribbon and passed it onto the people we were contacting, there would be a tangled web across the Circuit! Forget the internet 'web', it's a 'prayer web'!

Our prayers and our contact with others are very important, even more so just now as we become aware of the difficulties some people who we know, or in our communities, may be facing during lockdown.

One of the readings for today is 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11. Verse 11 says this:

"And so encourage one another and help one another, just as you are now doing."

Can you brighten someone's lockdown experience?

What Good News do you have to share? Do you know someone who may like to hear it?

Go on...pick up the phone...write a card.... God bless *Rev Ann*



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Advent Bible Study

We are running a Circuit Bible study, over four Tuesdays in Advent, based on Tom Wright's book, *"Advent for everyone - a journey with the Apostles"*.



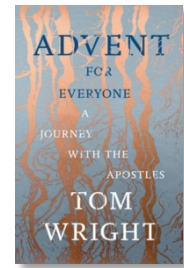
Each session, via Zoom, will run from 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

Week 1 (01/12) - **'Thankfulness'** led by Rev Steve

Week 2 (08/12) - **'Patience'** led by Eileen (Donald to Zoom host)

Week 3 (15/12) - **'Humility'** led by Donald

Week 4 (22/12) - **'Joy'** led by Rev Ann



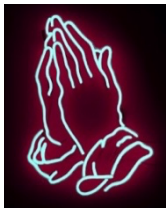
If you would like to join us please contact the session leader for Zoom details.

A call to pray through November for our nation.

Every Thursday, at 6pm, our District Chair, Revd Leslie Newton, will lead us in 15 minutes of prayer.

This will be live on the District FaceBook page which can be found via this link.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/YorkshireNorthandEastMethodists/permalink/2788921361378258/?comment_id=2792334751036919



YEAR OF PRAYER Wetherby, and Tadcaster Churches are hosting weekly Prayer Meetings to which we all are invited to join in with. They are taking place, on Zoom, as follows:

Wetherby: Every Wednesday, 7pm – 7.20pm

Please contact Revd Ann for the Zoom log on details for the week.

Tadcaster: Every Tuesday, 9.30am – 10am (join from 9.15am)

Please contact Eileen Clarkson for the Zoom log on details.

Worshipping together - Online:

This week we have a Circuit Reflection, 'Use It or Lose It' (based on the parable of the talents).



from Penny Harrison, a Worship Leader, based in East Keswick.

This will be available early Sunday morning, on [Boston Spa MC](#), and [Tadcaster Circuit](#) websites, as well as all of our Facebook pages.

Worshipping together – Offline Service sheet attached.

Please join us, to feel part of something larger – physically apart, but spiritually together!



On BBC:

Radio 4 Sunday at 8:10 am, Sunday Worship ['It's Complicated'](#)



The Rev Dr Doug Gay, Principal of Trinity College, Glasgow, and Rev Dr Carolyn Kelly, Chaplain to Glasgow University, explore the mixed feelings experienced when faith has to reckon with the complexities of life.

1:15 pm, on **BBC1**, Songs of Praise ['Aled Jones's Faith Journey'](#)

Aled Jones is back on home turf in north Wales as he takes a journey exploring how his faith has shaped his life and his singing. Aled also picks the hymns in the programme.

