



'BEING CHURCH'

TADCASTER METHODIST CIRCUIT
Sunday 21st February 2021



Dear friends,

Circuit Mission Strategy

I wonder what you're looking forward to in the weeks or months ahead? I know that I want to visit family as soon as I am able to. I doubt we'll be planning to go away on holiday this year, but who knows! I'm looking forward to being able to meet everyone in person in the Circuit. There are so many of you that I've not yet met, but it has been good to get to know those who have been able to join us online in worship and coffee chats, and meetings. Things have still been going on despite the pandemic, albeit in a different way. I am looking forward to some 'normality', but we wait to see what that will look like. I wonder what you are looking forward to. So many hopes and dreams...



I know that for a lot of people, their hopes and dreams have been dashed. Illnesses, deaths, businesses folded, job losses...the list goes on. That's why we're hoping, as a Circuit, to refocus our Mission. We recognise that we need time to lament for the things we have lost, for people who are no longer with us, over the pressures of the last 12 months. We hope to be able to reach out from the wilderness, as a prophetic people, to search out the lost, bring hope through God's Word, and serve the people within our church families and out in the community. We can pick up the



mission work that we have previously done, or are doing, and celebrate what we do well, and we can also review our mission plans – find out where things have changed, where God is at work in places we haven't looked before, and join in. This could be an exciting time for new mission opportunities, a time for listening to what God is saying to us, and positively move forward with a new strategy and Mission Policy.

As I write this, I've just received a free sample on the doorstep from a local bakery. There's a lesson here for us. How can we better serve our local community? It made me wonder how people know about God and our Church, if they are not approached by us?

There will be Circuit Mission Strategy news, and opportunities to join in, over the next few months – let's see where God takes us! I'm looking forward to this! Are you?



Jesus said to Peter a third time: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"
Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?"
And he said to him, "Lord you know everything; you know that I love you".
Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep..." John 21: 17

God bless, *Rev Ann*



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YEAR OF PRAYER Wetherby, and Tadcaster Churches are hosting weekly Prayer Meetings

Wetherby: Every Wednesday, 7pm – 7.20pm

All are invited to join us. Please contact Revd Ann for the Zoom log on details.

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

All are invited to join us. Please contact Eileen Clarkson for the Zoom log on details.

Worshipping Together - Online:

This week our Circuit Reflection is brought to us by Edward Blakey. This will be available from **7am Sunday morning**, on [Boston Spa MC](#), and [Tadcaster Circuit](#) websites, our Facebook pages, and via [Dial-a-Sermon 01937 228811](#)

On BBC:



Radio 4 Sunday at 8:10 am, Sunday Worship '**Lent 1 - Jesus and the Father: United**'

Marking the first Sunday in Lent, with Father Dermot Preston of St Aloysius' RC Church in Glasgow, and spirituality guide, Mary O'Duffin

BBC1, Songs of Praise '**Faith and Hospitality**'

Katherine Jenkins visits L'Abri fellowship in Hampshire to explore Christian faith and hospitality.

With music from Laura Wright and the Choir of Royal Holloway.



Lent Sessions: 4 sessions, via Zoom, all on a Monday evening, starting at 7:30 and finishing at 9:00.

1st March - Introduction to the **Methodist Way of Life**, and 'Worship'

8th March - 'Learning and Caring' 15th March - 'Service' 22nd March - 'Evangelism'

We will be using the **Methodist way of Life - "Finding the Way"** booklet, which can be found on

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/19583/mwol-finding-the-way-booklet-1120.pdf>



From 29th March Ann will lead a **Holy Week** programme based on 'The Nail', and we are considering Services for **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday**



A message, offering support, from Sheila Hollaway (Wetherby MC)

During these very strange times it has occurred to me that there may be people who are feeling isolated and very lonely. If you know of anyone who would appreciate getting a letter, whether they are able to reply or not, please could you let me know.

I used to be a letter writer for **Silverline** before they lost the funding for this service which was a great shame. **Sheila Hollaway**. (hollaway17@yahoo.co.uk)



Extraordinary Synod - God in Love Unites Us

An additional Synod is being held on the morning of Saturday 27 February to debate and vote on the resolutions contained within the **God in Love Unites Us** report.



Synod members have received a calling letter giving further information on this synod, including how voting will take place. Only synod members are eligible to vote on the resolutions, but all are welcome to join the meeting.

If you would like to attend, please contact the District Office for the Zoom link. (stating your name and circuit). The link to the report is here:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/marriage-and-relationships-2019/>

If you would like to explore this week's themes from **Mark 1: 9-15** (Beloved). You can find both



Adult and Children's worksheets on the BSMC Home Page: www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk

If you would like to explore deeper, there is also a **Bible Study** available from the same place.