

High Wycombe Circuit (23/27)

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Plan of Services for December 2019—February 2020

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A Letter from our Superintendent Rev. Nick Thompson

Dear All,

Welcome to another Circuit Plan. Our services over this quarter take us through the seasons of Advent and Christmas when we have an opportunity to worship in different ways and when we welcome many from across the Community. May we know God's blessing through this time and a deepening of our faith and our love for Jesus who comes to us as the Light of the World!

In the New Year we will be holding our Covenant Services as we rededicate ourselves to God in a time of new beginnings and possibilities. Thanks to all those who are leading worship within the Circuit through these weeks. And our prayers go to those who are unable to preach this quarter – Peter Green, Beryl Taylor, Roberta Lunt, Neil Manthorpe and Tony Cooper.

The Methodist Conference this year spent a lot of time discussing the report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group, "God in Love Unites Us." The report and its resolutions are now to be discussed in our Circuits and then voted on by the District Synods in the spring. A report will then be sent back to the Methodist Conference for a decision next July.

We have a major opportunity to engage with all this in our Circuit on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at the Avenue Church between 10.30am and 3pm when Rev Helen Cameron, our Chair of the Northampton District, will come to lead us through the report and we can have a time of discussion and raise our questions together. I hope that as many as possible will come on that day. It is important that we read the Report beforehand and look at the Study material prepared also.

You will see a separate notice elsewhere in the Plan with the links for this and we hope to order the Reports and Study Guides for you all if you aren't able to access them directly. You may find the Report challenging or refreshing. You may agree with much of it or disagree with the findings but I ask you to read the whole Report with an open mind and a prayerful heart. Obviously, some will not be able to be present on 8th January, especially those who are working, so we want to take the conversation into our local churches following the Consultation and also to spend some time at our Circuit Meeting on 17th March at Marlow discussing this. Please hold the whole process in prayer. The Methodist Church acknowledges that we live with "contrary convictions" on these matters so it is essential that we conduct our conversations in a loving, respectful and prayerful manner.

Meanwhile I hope you will join me in praying for all the services on this Plan and I trust that you will have a blessed Advent and Christmas!

Every blessing,

Nick

Circuit Meeting -

Tuesday 17th March 7.30pm for 7.45pm at Marlow

Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting

Wednesday 11th December 7.45pm for 8.00pm at the Avenue

District Consultation on the Methodist Church and Relationships - 'God In Love Unites Us' - Report Wednesday 8th January 10.30am—3.00pm @ The Avenue

This important day will be led by Rev. Helen Cameron, Chair of the Northampton Methodist District. Helen will present an overview of the 'God in Love Unites Us' report and we will be invited to discuss the issues and ask questions. Please do come along,

Please make every effort to read the 'God in Love Unites Us' report before the meeting.

All resources including a study guide can be:

(i) found on the Methodist Church website on the Methodist Church website www.org.methodist.org.uk/MandRGodinLoveUnitesUs19.

(ii) obtained from the Methodist Publishing House on 08450178220 and ask for ref: MAR01-CT-19 for the God In Love Unites Us report; and MAR02-CT-19 for the God In Love Unites Us study guide.

(iii) obtained by contacting Carolyn Luscombe on 01491 410693; pa@marlowmethodistchurch.org.uk, for a copy of either report.

Following the meeting there will be opportunities for further discussions in our individual churches and at the Circuit Meeting on 17th March at the Avenue 7.30pm-for 7.45pm.

Q2 2019-2020	December 2019							January 2020				February 2020			
	1st Dec Advent 1	8th Dec Advent 2	15th Dec Advent 3	22nd Dec Advent 4	24th Dec Christmas Eve	25th Dec Christmas Day	29th Dec	5th Jan	12th Jan	19th Jan Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	26th Jan	2nd Feb	9th Feb	16th Feb	23rd Feb
Marlow WL	9.30am 10.30am Thompson SL 10.45am Thompson HC	Orange HC @ Marlow Bottom	Nativity Garde	P. Sweet Thompson Car S	4.00pm Thompson Christingle 11.30pm Thompson HC	LA	Thompson	Goldstraw SL 10.45am Thompson CV HC	Garde	Hatton freespirit @URC US	Thompson Cel @ Flack- Well Heath Be Still@ MB	Thompson SL 10.45am Thompson HC	Garde HC @ Marlow Bottom	freespirit N. Sweet	Bondzi- Simpson Cel @ Flackwell Heath
Marlow Bottom WL	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm @ St. Mary's HC Anglican Preacher	Foday 4.00pm @ St. Mary's Christingle Bondzi- Simpson HC	@ St. Mary's HC Watts	Thompson HC Community Service from St. Mary's @ St. Mary's Car S	3.30pm and 4.30pm Crib Services @St. Mary's	@ St. Mary's HC 10.30am Thompson	Joint Service @ St. Mary's HC	@ St. Mary's HC Anglican Preacher	Thompson HC CV @ St. Mary's AAW No HC	@ St. Mary's HC Watts @ URC US	Orange @ St. Mary's Lovell AAW @ St. Mary's Be Still	@ St. Mary's HC N. Sweet Thompson HC	Thompson @ St. Mary's AAW Thompson HC	@ St. Mary's HC Watts Community Service from St. Mary's	Thompson HC
Flackwell Heath WL	10.00am 11.00am 6.30pm Freshare Toys and Gifts C. Luscombe AAW	Freshare Thompson HC	Freshare 4.00pm Thompson Car S	4.00pm Christingle Thompson		10.30am N.Sweet AAW	Freshare LA	2.00pm HC CV Thompson	Freshare P. Sweet	Freshare Thompson	Freshare Newman Thompson Cel	Freshare Hatton AAW	Freshare Newman	Freshare Singleton	Freshare Thompson HC Bondzi-Simpson Cel
Wesley WL	10.30am Goldstraw	Bondzi- Simpson HC	Crowle	Bondzi-Simpson Car S	11.15 pm Bondzi- Simp- son HC	10.00am Goldstraw	Bolton T	Sparks	Bondzi-Simpson HC CV	Goldstraw	Singleton	Stevens	Bondzi-Simpson HC	Bondzi-Simpson Bap	LA
The Avenue WL	10.30am 6.30pm Bondzi-Simpson HC	C. Luscombe SL	Goldstraw 6.00pm Bondzi- Simpson Car S	Lovell	5.00pm Christingle Goldstraw	10.30am Bondzi- Simpson	LA	Bondzi-Simpson HC CV	C.Luscombe SL	Crowle	Hargrove	Bondzi- Simpson HC	Hatton SL	Hurst T	Stevens
Cryers Hill WL	10.30am 6.00pm LA Spoooner	Hurst T Foday HC	Sitford Foday	Hargrove 3.00pm Car S Foday	Foday Carols	10.00am Bolton T	Hargrove Foday	Billitt Bondzi - Simpson	Stevens Thompson	Hurst T Foday	Foday HC CV Orange	Sparks Bolton T	Stevens Spoooner	Crowle Foday	Foday HC Sitford
Holmer Green WL	9.30am 10.30am 6.00pm Singleton HC	SL Orange	Bondzi - Simpson	C. Luscombe Foday Car S	4.00pm Foday Christingle	Hatton	Foday ACTS US with Baptists	Foday HC CV 7.00pm Foday ACTS @ Baptists	SL Bondzi- Simpson	N. Sweet	C. Luscombe 7.00pm Foday ACTS @ Baptists	SL Foday	Foday HC	Sparks	
Tylers Green WL	10.45am N. Sweet	Stevens	Thompson HC	Foday/LA Car S		Foday	Stevens	Singleton	LA	Foday HC CV	Bondzi- Simpson	Foday	Foday HC	Bolton T	P. Sweet
Downley WL	9.30am 10.00am Wycombe Youth For Christ Thompson	Advent Gift Sunday Thompson	Foday HC Car S	Orange		Hargrove	LA	Stevens Craft Club	Foday HC CV	Hargrove	Bondzi- Simpson	Foday HC Craft Club	C. Luscombe	Goldstraw	N. Sweet

AAW—All Age Worship, Bap—Baptism, CA— Church Anniversary, Car S—Carol Service; Cel—Celebrate Service, CV—Covenant Service, HC—Holy Communion, LA—Local Arrangement, SL—Sunday Live, T - Transport Needed, WL—Worship Leader available, US—United Service.

NB Information from the churches and preachers for the next plan should be with Carolyn Luscombe by Friday 10th January—plan@highwycombemethodist.org.uk, 01491 410693

Living & Dying Well Course

You are warmly invited to join us on a course, which started on 31st October 2019 and continues through to July 2020, at The Avenue on Wednesdays from 2.45pm(refreshments) 3-4.30pm, for 'Living and Dying Well' afternoons. These afternoons will be monthly and will begin with refreshments and then move into a short time of worship and then it will be over to our speaker to lead the rest of the meeting. There will be time for Q&A's.

We invite you to bring with you a thought about what helps you to live well – e.g. – your exercise class; your choir; your diet; aromatherapy; reflexology; yoga; a brisk walk with the dog; U3A; your worshipping community; volunteering; regular trips to the cinema or theatre; – you get the gist!

We all want to live well and fall back into the arms of our creator gently. Most people are put off by the Dying Well section but I can assure you from previous experience of leading an afternoon that it was a heart-warming and Holy time.

Future Dates: Wednesday 11th December; Wednesday 15th January; Wednesday 12th February; Wednesday 11th March; Wednesday 8th April; Wednesday 13th May; Wednesday 10th June; Wednesday 8th July.

Suggested Themes – Living well in retirement; Living with loss – bereavement; Eating well; Living well with complimentary therapies – Reiki, Aromatherapy, Magnetix; Living well with a disability; Living well in old age with Age Concern; Living well with depression and mental illness; Living well with a life limiting illness (a speaker from the Butterfly Hospice – South Bucks); Living well in relationships perhaps when we are the primary carer for a loved one. The Living and Dying Well group from Ealing will come and share with us their experience of meeting.

From Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson and Deacon Richard Goldstraw

Advent

The Methodist Church theme for this year's Advent Offering for the Mission in Britain Fund is 'Homelessness & Hospitality'. Please see the link below for more information and resources

www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/support-our-work/advent-offering-2019

Overleaf are a couple of prayers from the Advent Offering Liturgy.

Jesus calls

Come sit beside me, come eat my bread, come share my cushion so soft for your head.

Come where the weary, the lost and forlorn long for a smile or a word of their own.

Here's where you'll find me, just being with them, look and you'll see me, for I'm one of them.

We too, loving Jesus, come seeking to find you close beside us so caring and kind.

Amen

A Prayer of Intercession

Loving God, we hear the cry of the one who said, "I am not a beggar", because that is not how he wanted to be seen. He wanted to have a real life restored to him.

We pray for those who long to have a sense of their own worth once again and to have a future.

We hear the voice of the homeless woman who said: "Give us a chance! Just say 'Hi'."

We pray for those whose lives have been disrupted in one way or another and have lost everything: home, family and livelihood.

We hear the dream of the woman who wanted a fresh start making her own living.

We pray for those trapped in mental health issues that have destroyed their opportunities.

We hear the words of the person needing a smile, who needs to know they are welcome and not a burden.

We pray for immigrants trying to find work, make a living and find a new home of safety and hope.

We hear the thanks of the man whose self-destructive life was transformed by the opportunity to find Christ.

We pray for all those who search for meaning in a life destroyed by drugs and alcohol.

Thank you for your witnesses who sit beside those in despair and offer your love and your hope.

The Lord hears our prayer. Thanks be to God. **Amen.** In our prayers and in our giving, may we help that work to grow and to meet even more needs.

Especially, we pray for the faithfulness and the worship that is a core part of our community. As they bless, may they receive blessings

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Responsibility for finding substitute preachers lies with the preacher concerned **and not** with the Superintendent. He should however be informed of any changes that occur.

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