

High Wycombe Circuit (23/27)

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Plan of Services for September–October 2020

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A Letter from our Superintendent Rev. Nick Thompson

Dear Friends,

Welcome to another Circuit Plan for these next three months. We do not know what these months will bring in terms of the development of the coronavirus pandemic but it may well be that we can begin to gather again in our churches over this time and to worship God in a physical way as well as online. Conversations are ongoing in our Churches as we hold this time in prayer and seek to discern what it is that God wants for us and the communities which we serve in his name.

Government guidance says that we can begin to worship in our buildings again from now but with inevitable restrictions on numbers. We long to be together in fellowship but we cannot do so fully as rightly we observe social distancing. We cannot sing as we love to do so in services. It may be that some of our churches will decide not to reopen just yet and for many of us online worship has brought a new found creativity to come before God in new ways. Certainly, our online services continue to attract new people to worship – some of whom would not want to come into a physical building – and we will keep these services alongside our other worship. We have the challenge to grow through both as we become what some call a new Hybrid Church.

As some of us may return into our Churches we know that we cannot just go back to the way things were before these times. We have learnt new things and had time to reflect on what God is calling us to leave behind too.

Life moves on at pace. It has been a time of sudden changes. The weather has been extreme at times with blazing sunshine and heavy showers. Overseas travel opened up and then shut down again especially for those wanting to travel to Spain. Face coverings are now obligatory in shops and from this Sunday in places of worship too. These

restrictions reflect a wider concern for a second spike of the virus and for some this brings new anxiety and fear.

As churches we must continue to support and love one another and our communities, bearing one another's burdens. We are one body before God as 1 Corinthians 12 reminds us – all parts need one another and work together under Christ who is the head.

It may be really tough to begin worshipping together again and yet face so many restrictions. However, we need to continue to look ahead. Our longing for some of us to get back to normal is a natural one, but we have a long road ahead of us and none of us knows what normal may look like in 6 months or 6 years time.

As we travel faithfully and hopefully as a Circuit, we will be picking up the "God For All" initiative which was passed at Conference this summer. This says that the Methodist Church in Britain is called to be a growing, evangelistic, inclusive Church of Gospel people who speak of, listen for and live out the goodness of a God for all people.

Like a tree planted by the water (Psalm 1:3, Jeremiah 17:8) the Church rooted in God will grow naturally in courage, life and beauty.

There are eight commitments which we are encouraged to explore over the next 5 years with a focus in the next year on just one or two. The first commitment is to be Centred in God which may sound really obvious but which gives us the opportunity to be renewed in his love and grace as we begin the next chapter of our lives together.

I am praying for us all and all our churches in their rich diversity. Richard Goldstraw reminded us at Circuit Leadership Team that he sees different signs of God's Spirit at work in each of our Churches and this is an encouragement to us all!

May we trust in God through these months and allow him to lead and guide us in all things as we worship, serve and reach out to others and tell our stories of faith and wonder in our uncertain world.

Every blessing, Nick

Q1	September 2020				October 2020				November 2020					
	6th Sept	13th Sept Education	20th Sept	27th Sept	4th Oct	11th Oct	18th Oct	25th Oct	1st Nov	8th Nov Remembrance	15th Nov	22nd Nov	29th Nov Advent 1	
Marlow WL	9.30am 10.30am Garde SL 10.45am Thompson HC	Manthorpe T Freepirit Garde	Thompson HF	Thompson SL 10.45am LA	US with URC Holy Habits Garde HC @ MB	Freepirit Hatton	Thompson HC	Goldstraw SL 10.45am Garde 3.00pm AS CS @ The Avenue	10.45am The Causeway Thompson HC @ MB	Freepirit N. Sweet	Thompson HC	Garde		
	6.30pm	HC @ MB	Cel @ Flackwell				Cel @ Flackwell				Cel @ Flackwell			
Marlow Bottom	9.30am 11.00am No Services	@ St. Mary's AAW	Traditional Ser- vice @ St. Mary's Anglican Preacher HC	@ St. Mary's Lovell HF	Traditional Service Anglican Preacher HC	@ St. Mary's AAW	Traditional Service Thompson @ St. Mary's HC	Anglican Preacher	@ St. Mary's HC 10.30am Service @ Burford School	@ St. Mary's HC Anglican Preacher	Thompson @ St.,Mary's AAW HC N. Sweet LA Be Still	@ St. Mary's Joint Service		
	6.30pm	Thompson HC	@ St. Mary's Be Still			Thompson HC			Thompson HC					
Flackwell Heath WL	10.00am 11.00am Freshare Goldstraw AAW	Freshare Thompson HC	Freshare C. Luscombe	Freshare Bolton T	Freshare C. Luscombe HF AAW	Freshare Thompson HC	Freshare Stevens	Freshare Goldstraw	Freshare LA AAW 3.00pm AS CS @ The Avenue	Freshare @ War Memorial Time?	Freshare Thompson HC	Freshare Manthorpe T Bondzi-Simpson Cel	Freshare Bondzi-Simpson Thompson US with Christ C	
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Wesley WL	10.30am Bolton T	Goldstraw	Thompson HC	Bondzi-Simpson HF	Goldstraw	Bondzi-Simpson HC	Green	Bondzi-Simpson AGCM	LA 3.00pm AS CS @ The Avenue	Sparks	Bondzi-Simpson HC	Bondzi-Simpson CA	Green	
The Avenue WL	10.30am Bondzi-Simpson HC	C. Luscombe SL	Bondzi-Simpson HF	Hurst T	Bondzi-Simpson HC	Hatton SL	Bondzi-Simpson AGCM	LA Cel @ Flackwell	Bondzi-Simpson HC 3.00pm AS CS Bondzi -Simpson Goldstraw	Goldstraw SL	Stevens	Bolton T	Thompson Cel @ Flackwell	
Cryers Hill	10.30am Foday HC	Bondzi-Simpson	LA HF?	Crowle	Foday HC	Hurst T	C. Luscombe	Hurst T	Foday HC 3.00pm AS CS @ The Avenue Foday	Crowle	G. Luscombe	Sitford	Foday	
	6.00pm	Bolton T	Spooner	Foday	Sitford	Bondzi-Simpson	Billitt	Foday HC	Rose	Bondzi-Simpson	Thompson	Foday HC	Rose	
Holmer Green WL	9.30am 10.30am Stevens	SL Goldstraw	Foday HF	N. Sweet	SL LA	Foday HC	Hattpon 3.00pm AS CS @ The Avenue	SL Foday HC	SL C.Luscombe	Foday HC	Foday HC	Crowle		
Tylers Green	10.45am Hatton	LA	Foday HC	LA HF	Stevens	Manthorpe	Foday HC	Green	C. Luscombe 3.00pm AS CS @ The Avenue	Foday HC	Bolton T	Goldstraw	Stevens	
Downley	10.00am 10.00 - 12.00pm	N. Sweet Craft Club	Foday HC	LA	Goldstraw	Green Craft Club	Foday HF	Thompson HC	Stevens	Green Craft Club 3.00pm AS CS @ The Avenue	Bondzi-Simpson	Foday HC	Stevens	N.Sweet

AAW—All Age Worship, AGCM—Annual General Council Meeting, AS—All Souls Service, CA—Church Anniversary, Cel—Celebrate Service, HC—Holy Communion, HF—Harvest Festival, 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 2nd October—plan@highwycombemethodist.org.uk, 01491 410693**
Ministers Rest Day@ Nick Thompson—Friday; Vida Foday—Friday; Richard Goldstraw—Saturday; Georgina Bondzi- Simpson—Monday & Study Day—Thursday

Wycombe One Can Trust - Foodbank serving families in need

One Can Trust foodbank - Providing emergency food parcels to people in crisis in our community of High Wycombe, Marlow, and across South Bucks. The items we need most at the moment are: Meat Pies, Corned Beef, Other Tinned Veg – Carrots/green beans, Cook-in sauce (not tomato), Tinned fruit, Cereal, Sugar, Soap, Toilet Roll, Shampoo, Deodorant

THE WAREHOUSE IS OPEN FOR DONATIONS Monday – Friday FROM 10.00am- 12.00pm

One Can Trust is actively promoting a 2 metre 'social distancing' policy within its own warehousing facility and at our drop off point at our Duke Street warehouse. You can use the intercom door bell and leave your donation by the double doors, with no direct personal interaction. We are also delivering all food parcels directly to our clients to minimise risk. Another way to support our work is to make a cash donation. <https://onecantrust.org.uk/donate/donate-money/> 01494 512277; office@onecantrust.org.uk; Office & store address: 11B Duke Street, High Wycombe, HP13 6EB; <https://onecantrust.org.uk>

Services During Lock Down

As long as the Corona Virus lockdown continues services are available on line for all the High Wycombe Circuit churches family to join, from both Wesley and Marlow Methodist Church online. We are very grateful to all who have made this possible.

The Circuit Service broadcast from Marlow starts at 10.30am from

www.marlowfm.co.uk/mmctv and is universally distributed on Facebook and email.

It can also be viewed at later times. Orders of services on www.marlowmethodistchurch.org.uk

To dial into this service the Dial in numbers are: 0800 031 5718 (free from most home phones); 0800 260 5801 (free from most home phones); 0203 481 5240 (local rate)

The ID when prompted is 552 544 0941. And when prompted for participant number just press #

To listen by phone to the Circuit Service Broadcast from Marlow at The Avenue please contact John Cookson on 01494 565694 or t_j_cookson@hotmail.com for instructions to listen in.

The Circuit Service shown from Wesley Methodist Church. Viewable via You Tube and posted at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0G1DdgptnR-2wRKgjiW3A>

at 10.30am but can be viewed at anytime thereafter.

Preachers for the two services broadcast throughout the circuit will be advertised in notices along with details of children's activities available to accompany services.

Wednesday Weekly Series of 5-10minute Reflections

We hope to have some online midweek reflections during the Autumn so keep an eye on your church notices /circuit/ church website / Facebook page or email for details.

Services In This Quarter in Church Or Not?

Dear Friends

Please note that we have made this Plan in the midst of the ever-changing situation of the Coronavirus pandemic. Our churches are considering when or whether to reopen their buildings during this next quarter and taking on board all the restrictions that are imposed on public worship at the time. The Managing Trustees of each Church will decide in each case what is right for their Society and keep all things under review.

So, this Plan provides a basis for us to go forward but still leaves the flexibility of each Church to decide when or whether it should reopen.

Similarly, Preachers have given their dates to us in the usual way but each Preacher has the right not to take a particular service depending on their own concerns for safety or that of their household at any point on the Plan. Or they may offer to help a local congregation to prepare a service without actually being present themselves. Conversations about this are beginning already.

It may well be that Government guidance changes radically at a particular point and we will have to take this on board then.

We are committed to providing online worship through this time from Marlow and Wesley also and I will establish with the Staff and the CLT how best to resource this. We will however doubtless make good use of preachers who are not able to lead services in Church buildings or whose originally planned services are not in fact happening! Some Churches may choose to gather and watch one of the online services and so worship in this way as Cryers Hill have begun to do.

We will have a clearer idea by Circuit Meeting on 17th September as to the overall situation. Please do bear with us through these really unusual times and let's trust in God to lead us in the right ways through these months.

Every blessing

Nick

Circuit Meeting - Thursday 17th September 7.30 for 7.45pm at Holmer Green or via Zoom.

Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting –Thursday 10th September 7.45 for 8.00pm at the Avenue or via Zoom.

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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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