

High Wycombe Circuit (23/27)

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Plan of Services for December 2020—February 2021

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A Letter from our Superintendent Rev. Nick Thompson

Dear Friends

As we begin another quarter of services across our Churches we do so with much uncertainty once again as to what our worship will look like across Advent, Christmas and beyond.

As I write we are just beginning another period of national lockdown which is due to end on December 2nd but in the grip of a rising second wave of the Coronavirus we don't know that for sure.

This lockdown of course is rather different to the first one as for some life does not feel so very different. Unlike in the Spring, schools, colleges and universities are still open. There is no restriction on the number of times each day that we can leave our houses - assuming we are able to and wish to do so within the guidelines. Our churches must be closed for public worship but we may open them for private prayer and three of our Churches are looking to do so.

Our online services have continued through the more relaxed summer months even as many of our churches have reopened and these continue through lockdown of course. They continue to be valued by many in the Circuit and far beyond and I am sure we will carry on with this new found ministry long into the future as other Circuits and Churches are planning to do.

Overall our liberty has been restricted for the sake of others and rightly so. We are ever mindful of the care we exercise to our neighbours and we seek to protect them as we care for ourselves too.

We recognise however that lockdown in November is not easy. Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote to his parents in November 1943 from prison saying, "Now the dismal autumn days have begun and one has to try to get light from within." We remember more than ever this year that it is when the darkness is deepest that the light of Christ shines most brightly.

Whether we are worshipping in churches through this Plan or online we will be together in seeking the Light of Christ shining in the darkness and remembering the Hope which this brings.

So may God bless each service and each time we pray. It is good that we are offering times to pray as a Circuit through lockdown on Thursday lunchtimes at 12.45pm. The first gathering begins on Zoom in 40 minutes and I am looking forward to that so much today!

During Advent we will have a series of four midweek reflections too prepared by folk across the Circuit. I hope that these will be opportunities for encouragement and inspiration too as we journey through this most rich of seasons.

Let's use this time of uncertainty to pray increasingly and to remain faithful especially in praying for each other and everyone who needs to know the love of Jesus Christ as we wait for his coming.

Every blessing, Nick

Circuit Matters

Circuit Meeting - 7.30 for 7.45pm Tues 16th March 2021 Location/ Zoom to be confirmed.

Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting –Wednesday 2nd December 7.45 for 8.00pm via Zoom.

Christmas Eve and New Years Eve Reflections

Following on from his successful Holy Week Reflections Jon Garde will be leading a reflection on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve . They will be available from early evening (TBC) and late evening respectively, under 'Home' www.highwycombemethodist.org.uk and under 'Services' on www.marlowfm.co.uk/mmctv

An Advent Prayer

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.

God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this Advent time.

Source: www.faithandworship.com

Q2		December 2020						
		6th Dec Advent 2	13th Dec Advent 3	20th Dec Advent 4	24th Dec Xmas Eve	25th Dec Xmas Day	27th Dec	3rd Jan
Marlow WL	10.30am 6.30pm	Garde	Nativity LA	Thompson CS	4.00pm Christingle Z Garde Xmas Reflection Online Time TBC	Thompson Family Service	Manthorpe	Thompson CV/H
Marlow Bottom	11.00am	Trad @ St. Mary's Thompson HC	Cont @ St. Mary's Angli- can Preacher 6.00pm Com- fort Service @ St. Mary's	Trad Anglican Preacher		10.30am LA	Trad Thompson HC	Trad @ St. Mary's Anglican Preach- er
Flackwell Heath WL	6.30pm	Freshare Z Thompson	4.00pm Christingle Z Thompson	4.00pm Z CS N. Sweet		10.30am @ Marlow	No Service	CV Thompson
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Wesley WL	10.30am	Goldstraw	B. Sparks	Bondzi- Simpson CS	11.15pm Bondzi—Simpson Midnight Service HC	10.00am Family Service Bondzi-Simpson	Green	Bondzi—Simpson HC/C
The Avenue WL	10.30am 6.30pm	C. Luscombe	Bondzi—Simp- son CS	Goldstraw 5.30pm Carols Z		10.30am Family Service Bondzi-Simpson	B.Sparks	C. Luscombe
Cryers Hill	10.30am 6.00pm	Bondzi—Simp- son HC Spooner	Billitt Foday	Crowle Bolton T		10.00am Foday	Hatton LA	Stevens Rose
Holmer Green	10.30am	Orange	Thompson	Foday HC		N. Sweet	No Service	Green
WL Tylers Green	10.45am	Foday HC	Stevens	Green		10.00am Stevens	No Service	Goldstraw
Downley	10.00am	Hatton	Foday HC	C. Lusoomb		10.00am Goldstraw 11.00am Goldstraw	No Service	Foday HC/C

AAW—All Age Worship, Cel—Celebrate Service, Cont—Contemporary Service; CS— Carol Service, CV—Covenant Service, HC— Traditional Service; WL—Worship Leader available, WYFC—Wycombe Youth For Christ, US—United Service., Z-Zoom Service.
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January 2021

February 2021

	10th Jan	17th Jan	24th Jan	31st Jan	7th Feb	14th Feb	21st Feb Lent 1	28th Feb Lent 2
IC	Garde	Freepirit Garde	Hurst Cel Flackwell Z	Thompson	Thompson HC	Garde	Freepirit Hatton	Thompson Cel Flackwell Z
h-	Cont @ St. Mary's AAW Anglican Preacher	Thompson CV/HC	Cont Anglican Preacher Cel Z Flackwell	Trad @ St,Mary's Anglican Preacher	Cont @ St. Mary's AAW Anglican Preacher	Trad Anglican Preacher HC	Cont Lovell	Trad @ St. Mary's Anglican Preacher Cel Flackwell Z
Z	Freshare Thompson Z	Freshare Goldstraw Z	Cel Thompson Z	Freshare Bondzi-Simpson Z	Freshare LA Z	Freshare Thompson Z	Freshare Bondzi-Simpson Z	Cel Garde Z
on CV	Goldstraw	Bondzi- Simpson	Thompson	Stevens	Bondzi-Simpson HC	Manthorpe	Goldstraw	Bondzi-Simpson
CV	Bondzi-Simpson HC/ CV	N.Sweet	Bondzi-Simpson Cel Z Flackwell	Hatton	Crowle	LA	Bondzi- Simpson HC	Goldstraw Cel Flackwell Z
Foday	Sitford	C.Luscombe Bondzi- Simpson	Bolton T HC/ CV LA	Green Thompson	Hurst Bondzi-Simpson	Thompson Rose	Foday HC Spooner	Green Sitford
Foday	Foday HC/ CV	Goldstraw	Manthorpe T	Bondzi-Simpson	Stevens	Bolton T HC	B.Sparks	N.Sweet
CV	Thompson	Foday HC/ CV	Goldstraw	N.Sweet	Green	Bondzi-Simpson	Stevens	Foday HC
CV	Crowle	Green	Viney	WYFC	Bolton T HC	Goldstraw	N.Sweet	C. Luscombe

—Holy Communion, LA—Local Arrangement, SL—Sunday Live, T - Transport Needed, TBC—To Be confirmed, Trad—
NB Information from the churches and preachers for the next plan should be with Carolyn Luscombe by Friday 8th

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/01494512277>; office@onecantrust.org.uk; Office & store address: 11B Duke Street, High Wycombe, HP13 6EB; <https://onecantrust.org.uk>

On Line Services During Restrictions

For the foreseeable future services are available on line from both Wesley and Marlow Methodist Church for all the High Wycombe Circuit to watch. We are very grateful to all who have made this possible. You can find the links to both these services from the circuit website under 'Home'
'www.highwycombemethodist.org.uk

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

Instructions for telephone access to the circuit service:

Dial 0203 481 5240

You will be asked for the meeting ID (552 544 0941) followed by the # (hash) key

Then you will then be asked for a participant ID - just press # again.

If you make a mistake in the numbers, hang up and try again.

If the audio is poor, hang-up and dial again.

If audio is still poor, try another number (0203 051 2874 or 0203 481 5237 or 0203 901 7895).

Contact John Cookson on 01494 565964 or t_j_cookson@hotmail.com if you require any help.

The Circuit Service shown from Wesley Methodist Church is viewable via YouTube and posted at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0G1DdgptnR-2wRKgjwiW3A> 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.

Circuit Matters

Circuit Meeting - 7.30 for 7.45pm at xxxx or via Zoom.

Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting –Wednesday 2nd December 7.45 for 8.00pm via Zoom.

Lectionary December 2020—February 2021 Year B

6th Dec: Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8

13th Dec: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 or Cantic: Magnificat (Luke 1:46b -55) 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

20th Dec: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Cantic: Magnificat (Luke 1:46b-55) or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Day 25th Dec: Any of the following sets of readings may be used on the evening of Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. Set III should be used at some service during the celebration. I Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20) II Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20 III Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14 2 First Sunday of Christmas

27th Dec: Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40

31st Dec: Deuteronomy 8:1-20 or Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 Psalm 8 or Psalm 90 Revelation 21:1-6a Matthew 25:31-46 or Luke 12:13-21 or Luke 12:35-50 S

3rd Jan: Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147: 12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9) 10-18 or Sirach/Ecclesiasticus 24:1-12 Cantic: Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9) 10-18

10th Jan: Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 Jan 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51

24th Jan: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20 3

31st Jan: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28

7th Feb: Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

14th Feb: 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

21st Feb: Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15

28th Feb: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

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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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