

High Wycombe Circuit (23/27)

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Plan of Services for June—August 2021

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A Letter from our Superintendent

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this Plan of Services from June to August 2021!

Firstly we remember our good friend and colleague, Georgina, as she is both received into Full Connexion in the Methodist Church and ordained at Shirley Methodist Church in Birmingham on 27th June! We pray for Georgina as she prepares for this momentous day. We have been blessed richly by her ministry here through the Circuit and we know that God will continue to work powerfully and graciously through Georgina in the years ahead.

After such a hard year apart this quarter sees all our Churches beginning to come back together in our Churches again in some form. And yet we are changed profoundly. God has been shaping us as Churches through this time to look again at who we are in Him and how we serve our world. We are not returning just to carry on as we were before.

This Plan reflects that. We have been worshipping online through much of the past year and we will continue to do so in different and yet complementary ways as we go forward. So I have given priority to the services from Wesley and Marlow so that the worship from there can be live streamed and pre-recorded respectively each week. We continue to offer worship far beyond our Church buildings in this way and we can be much more creative too in how services are put together for the glory of God and the building up of his people. We must never forget our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ wherever people are. Services will continue on Zoom also in the evenings from Flackwell Heath.

During this next quarter we will be reviewing all these services to reflect on all we have learned and what we need to prioritise going forward for the growth of God's Kingdom.

For gathered worship this quarter we have not found it easy to fill the appointments. All our staff are taking significant amounts of leave after more than a year of restrictions. We all need rest and refreshment and we trust that we will come back with renewed energy to serve once again across the Circuit. Also a number of our preachers

are not available this quarter to take services - some through ill health. Our prayers and love are especially with Peter Stevens through this time. We have been so blessed over many years by our dear friend Revd Angela Singleton who has stepped down from her preaching ministry in the Circuit during lockdown. Angela candidated for the Presbyteral Ministry from this Circuit to serve the wider Methodist Church and continues as a Supernumerary Minister here in High Wycombe. We continue to pray for Angela and thank God for her always.

We have also heard the very sad news of the death of Tony Cooper who has been very faithful in his preaching in the Circuit and far beyond for many years. Our prayers are with all our friends at Cryers Hill as they mourn his loss but also give thanks for his life.

Finally I want to invite everyone across our Churches to our Circuit Service on July 11th at Marlow Rugby Club. This will be an outdoor service when we pray for good summer weather! But if the weather isn't great the service will be broadcast into our cars. A group has started to plan for the service which will involve all our churches and ministers and will be a great opportunity to come together as a Circuit to give thanks to God after such a difficult year of separation. So watch this space! Keep the date and be prepared to be encouraged. We will hear stories of hope and faithfulness from across the Circuit and beyond.

We hope people will stay afterwards to enjoy a picnic and a Hog Roast and time by the river in this beautiful location! We will be sending out much more information about the day very soon.

Every blessing, Nick

Circuit Matters

Circuit Meeting - 7th July 7.45pm via Zoom.

Circuit Service - 11th July 10.30am Open Air at Marlow Rugby Club Car Park, Riverwoods Drive, Marlow **SL71QU**. Parking in Rugby Club Car Park. A great opportunity to come together as a circuit as we come out of lock down, for a service of thanksgiving, renewal and rededication. With inspiring stories from across and uplifting worship, followed by a picnic with a Hog Roast. Each church will be contacted by Carolyn Luscombe for numbers wishing to attend the services as well as numbers wishing to come for the picnic too.

Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting – Thursday June 10th 7.30pm via Zoom.

Q4	June 2021				July 2021				August 2021				
	6th Jun	13th Jun MHA	20th Jun	27th Jun	4th Jul	11th Jul	18th Jul	25th Jul	1st Aug	8th Aug	15th Aug	22nd Aug	29th Aug
Marlow WL 10.30am B 6.30pm	Goldstraw	Garde	Hatton freespirit	Thompson HC Cel @ Flackwell Z	Thompson	Thompson / Garde Marlow RFC CS	N Sweet freespirit	Garde	Thompson HC	Goldstraw	Bondzi-Simpson	C Luscombe	LA
Marlow Bottom 11.00am 6.30pm	Lantern Team	Lantern Team	Lantern Team	Lantern Team	Lantern Team	10.30am Marlow RFC CS	Thompson HC	Lantern Team	Lantern Team	Lantern Team	Lantern Team	Lantern Team	Thompson
Flackwell Heath 11.00am 6.30pm WL	Freshare LA	Thompson HC Freshare Z Bondzi-Simpson	C Luscombe Freshare Z Goldstraw	Garde Cel Z	Freshare Z Goldstraw	10.30am Marlow RFC CS	Goldstraw Freshare Z Thompson	Thompson LA Cel	Green Freshare Z Bondzi-Simpson	Thompson HC Freshare Z LA	C Luscombe Freshare Z LA	N Sweet Freshare Z Bondzi-Simpson	Freshare Z LA
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Wesley WL 10.30am LS	Green BM	Bondzi-Simpson HC/BM	Goldstraw BM	LA BM	Green	10.30am Marlow RFC CS	Bolton HC	C Luscombe	Goldstraw	Bondzi-Simpson HC/ClimS	LA	Bondzi-Simpson	Hatton
The Avenue WL 10.30am 6.30pm	Bondzi-Simpson HC/BM	LA	Green	Lovell	Bondzi-Simpson HC	10.30am Marlow RFC CS	LA	LA	Bondzi-Simpson HC/ClimS	C Luscombe	Hatton	LA	N Sweet
Cryers Hill 10.30am 6.00pm	LA Spooner	Foday HC Bolton	Crowle Foday HC	Billitt Spooner	C Luscombe Rose	Crowle 10.30am Marlow RFC LA CS	Foday HC Spooner	Green Thompson	Sitford Billitt	LA Bondzi-Simpson	Bolton HC Spooner	LA Rose	LA Sitford
Holmer Green 10.30am	LA	C Luscombe	Thompson	Ofori- Attah HC	LA	10.30am Marlow RFC CS	Green	LA	LA	Bolton HC	Green	Lovell	Goldstraw
Tylers Green 10.45am	LA	Green	Foday HC	C Luscombe	Goldstraw	10.30am Marlow RFC CS	LA	LA	C Luscombe	N Sweet	Crowle	LA	Green
Downley 10.00am	Foday HC	Holt	LA	Green	Foday HC	10.30am Marlow RFC CS	LA	LA	Viney	Green	N Sweet	Green	LA

B—Broadcast online, BM—Bible Month; Cel—Celebrate Service, ClimS—Climate Sunday; Cont—Contemporary Service; CS Circuit Service, HC—Holy Communion, LA—Local Arrangement, LS—Live Stream; M—Membership Service, SL—Sunday Live, T - Transport Needed, WL—Worship Leader available, WYFC—Wycombe Youth For Christ, US—United Service, Z-Zoom Service. **NB Information from the churches and preachers for the next plan should be with Carolyn Luscombe by Friday 9th July—plan@highwycombemethodist.org.uk, 01491 410693**

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>

Circuit On Line Services Continuing

For the foreseeable future services are available on line from both Wesley and Marlow Methodist Church for all the High Wycombe Circuit, with grateful thanks to all who have made this possible. Links to both these services are on the circuit website at <https://www.highwycombemethodist.org.uk>

The Circuit Service broadcast from Marlow starts from 10:15am from

www.marlowtv.co.uk repeated at 6.30pm

www.marlowfm.co.uk/mmctv repeated at 6.30pm

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/marlowmethodistchurch>

<https://www.facebook.com/HighWycombeMethodists>

It can also be viewed at later times. Orders of services on

www.marlowmethodistchurch.org.uk

Please note sometimes services are prevented from being watched later due to circumstances beyond our control.

The Circuit Service broadcast from Wesley Methodist Church is live coverage of the service and viewable via YouTube at <https://bit.ly/WesleyHWYT> 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 **Family Activities** available to accompany services.

Broadcast Services Update

Services have been broadcast from Marlow and Wesley churches since March 2020 during the pandemic.

As of May 23rd:

There have been 78 services broadcast from Marlow with an average number of views within 14 days of 602.

There have been 60 services broadcast from Wesley with an average number of views within 14 days of 94.

The actual average length of time people view the online services is shorter than the length of the service. Although it is not a direct comparison, it is interesting to note that the October 2019 count statistics show that 325 people attended whole (as in 60 minutes) High Wycombe Circuit churches weekly.

It is clear that we can be grateful to God that the Broadcast services are reaching many more people, who would not usually engage in live worship by attending Sunday morning worship in our churches. The reasons for this have not been analysed but could be because of: ease—switching on a computer is easier than getting to church; time flexibility; lack of viewer mobility/ access; lack of need to socialise with anyone; growing awareness of their need for God in the pandemic; or whatever.

We are very grateful to both Tim Ashburner and David Sparks from Marlow and Wesley Churches respectively for their weekly huge time commitment to the broadcasting of these services, and to all the preachers, worship leaders, readers, actors, musicians and church stewards who have overcome technical barriers to produce the 138 services and continue to do so.

Lectionary June—August 2021 Year B

6th Jun: 1 Sam 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15) Ps 138 2 Cor 4:13 – 5:1 Mk 3:20-35

13th Jun: 1 Sam 15:34 – 16:13 Ps 20 2 Cor 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17 Mk 4:26-34 **20th Jun:** 1 Sam 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 Ps 9:9-20 or 1 Sam 17:57 – 18:5, 10-16 Ps 133 2 Cor 6:1-13 Mk 4:35-41

27th Jun: 2 Sam 1:1, 17-27 Ps 130 2 Cor 8:7-15 Mk 5:21-43

4th Jul: 2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10 Ps 48 2 Cor 12:2-10 Mk 6:1-13 Related Ez 2:1-5 Ps 123 2 Cor 12:2-10 Mk 6:1-138

11th Jul: 2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19 Ps 24 Eph 1:3-14 Mk 6:14-29

18th Jul: 2 Sam 7:1-14a Ps 89:20-37 Eph 2:11-22 Mk 6:30-34, 53-56

25th Jul: 2 Sam 11:1-15 Ps 14 Eph 3:14-21 Jn 6:1-21

1st Aug: 2 Sam 11:26 – 12:13a Ps 51:1-12 Eph 4:1-16 Jn 6:24-35

8th Aug: 2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Ps 130 Eph 4:25 – 5:2 Jn 6:35, 41-51

15th Aug: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Ps 111 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58

22nd Aug: 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 Ps 84 Eph 6:10-20 Jn 6:56-69

29th Aug: Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Ps 45:1-2, 6-9 Jms 1:17-27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Accredited Local Preachers

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* Not preaching this quarter

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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