

Accredited Local Preachers

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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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Plan of Services for March—May 2021

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A Letter from our Acting Superintendent

Rev. Vida Foday

Dear friends,

It never ever crossed my mind that I would find myself deputising for our dear Superintendent, Nick - who is currently on sick leave. Our prayers continue for God's healing on him. Sincere thanks to the Reverend Canon Helen Cameron (our Chair of District), Nigel, and colleagues (Richard, Georgina, Alan, Angela and Mike) for their support and encouragement in taking on this temporary role. My thanks also go the Circuit for their supportive prayer.

This time last year, Nick's letter in the plan discussed what lay ahead for the circuit and encouraged us to use the experiences of the past to help us plan our future. Little did he know that the experiences of the present were about to dictate our plans for the future! The year 2020, 'a year like no other', will not easily be forgotten, especially by those of us who have no experience of pandemics nor the associated series of lockdown restrictions, and their subsequent effects on humanity. It is my prayer that we put it all behind us and hope for a Spirit-filled 2021 year - and there is much we can put behind us.

A Brexit deal has been achieved by the Prime Minister Boris Johnson, two Covid-19 vaccines are now available and being administered to the public and more are on their way. All of which gives us hope that with God's help, this pandemic will be overcome. At the time of writing the nation continues to be in lock down and we await more guidance from the government in the weeks to come. So, we hope and we wait, and in doing so we are reminded of these words from Micah.

Micah:7:7: "But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Saviour; my God will hear me."

Micah demonstrates what it takes to maintain hope in uncertain times – just as we are presently experiencing in our 21st century world.

Circuit Matters

Circuit Meeting - Tuesday 16th March 7.45pm via Zoom.

Circuit Service—11th July

Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting – Thursday 11th March 8.00pm via Zoom; June 10th 8.00pm via Zoom or at the Avenue.

A Message From Our Senior Circuit Steward - Nigel Sweet

Dear friends, this plan is for the whole of March—May and completes the first plan we issued from March—April 4th only. Although we are still in the pandemic we have been able to tentatively plan and hopefully plan the rest of April and May with most churches opening after Easter.

During the quarter our on-line worship will continue with streamed services from Marlow & Wesley plus the Zoomed evening 'freshare' & 'Celebrate' services from Flackwell Heath. In addition there are live streamed and Zoom services planned by the Lantern church for the Marlow Bottom community in March.

One other change to the plan will be seen in the planning of on-line services which will be run by newly formed 'Lent Teams' to be broadcast from Marlow during March This is an initiative from our staff which will see an across-circuit team responsible for planning and implementing themed services through Lent culminating in an Easter Day service. This will be very much a trial and the team involved will be welcoming feedback and a full evaluation of how things have gone will be part of that trial.

We are blessed with a very high standard of on-line and Zoom worship across the circuit and our thanks go to the Marlow and Wesley teams, particularly Tim Ashburner and David Sparks, and all those involved with organising and managing our Zoom meetings. The result appears to be higher attendance at worship, prayer meetings and discussion groups than before lock-down. Up to the 7th March, Marlow had broadcast 68 services, totalling 77 hours - 11mins of programming, with an average watch, per Sunday, of 216 live each Sunday rising to 492 on catch-up, within the following week. The fact that God's word is being received by greater numbers has led Marlow and Wesley to commit to continuing to broadcast/ live stream respectively once we can again meet in our churches after Easter. There will be further discussion about broadcasting once the pandemic is over no doubt.

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, 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

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 broadcast from Wesley Methodist Church is 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 **children's activities** available to accompany services.

'Watching', 'Waiting', 'Praying' and 'Remembering' are key words to hold on to in such times as these; remembering that our hope in God is the only strategy that can help us cope with the present circumstances this pandemic has brought to us.

With love and every blessing

Vida

Lectionary March—May 2021 Year B

7th Mar: Lent 3: Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19 1 Cor 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

14th Mar: Lent 4: Num 21:4-9 Ps 107:1-3, 17-22 Eph 2:1-10 Jn 3:14-21 **or for MOTHERING SUNDAY:** Ex 2:1-10 or 1 Sam1:20-28 Ps 34:11-20/Ps 127:1-4 2 Cor 1:3-7/Col 3:12-17 Lke 2:33-35 or Jn 19:25-27

21st Mar: Lent 5 / Passion: 1 Jer 31:31-34 Ps51:1-12/Ps 119:9-16 Heb 5:5-10 Jn 12:20-33

28th Mar: Lent 6 / Palm Sunday: Mk 11:1-11/Jn 12:12-16 Ps 118:1-2, 19-29;

29th Mar: Monday in Holy Week: Is 42:1-9 Ps 36:5-11 Heb 9:11-15 Jn 12:1-11

30th Mar: Tuesday in Holy Week: Is 49:1-7 Ps 71:1-14 1 Cor 1:18-31 Jn 12:20-36

31st Mar: Wednesday in Holy Week: Is 50:4-9a Ps 70 Heb 12:1-3 Jn 13:21-32

1st Apr: Maundy Thursday Ex 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14 Ps 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Cor 1:23-26 Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35

2nd Apr: Good Friday Is: 52:13 – 53:12 Ps 22 Heb 10:16-25/ 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1 – 19:42

3rd Apr: Holy Saturday: Job 14:1-14/Lam 3:1-9, 19-24 Ps 31:1-4, 15-16 1 Pet 4:1-8 Mat 27:57-66/ Jn 19:38-42

4th April: Easter Day: Ats 10:34-43/ Is 25:6-9 Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Cor 15:1-11/ Acts 10:34-43 Jn 20:1-18/Mk 16:1-8

11th April: Acts 4:32-35 Ps 133 1 Jn 1:1 – 2:2 Jn 20:19-31

18th April: Acts 3:12-19 Ps 4 1 Jn 3:1-7 Lke 24:36b-48

25th April: Acts 4:5-12 Ps 23 1 Jn 3:16-24 Jn 10:11-18

2nd May: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 22:25-31 1 Jn 4:7-21 Jn 15:1-8

9th May: Acts 10:44-48 Ps 98 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 15:9-176

16th May: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Ps 1 1 Jn 5:9-13 Jn 17:6-19

23rd May: Pentecost Acts 2:1-21/ Ez 37:1-14 Ps 104:24-34, 35b Rom 8:22-27/ Acts 2:1-21 Jn 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Jn

| Q3 | March 2021 | | | | | April 2021 | | | | | May 2021 | | | | |
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| | 7th Mar Lent 3 | 14th Mar Mothering | 21st Mar Passion | 28th Mar Palm Sunday | 1st April Maundy Thursday | 2nd Apr Good Friday | 4th Apr Easter | 11th Apr | 18th Apr | 25th Apr | 2nd May | 9th May | 16th May | 23rd May Pentecost | 30th May Trinity |
| Marlow WL 10.30am 6.30pm | Lent Team Goldstraw B | Lent Team Bondzi-Simpson B | Lent Team Lovell B | Lent Team Foday B Cel @ Flackwell Z | 7.00pm Garde Tenebrae Z | No Service | Lent Team Thompson HC B | Goldstraw | Garde freespirit | Thompson AGCM Cel @ F'well Z | Garde | Thompson HC Christian Aid | Hatton freespirit | Garde | Thompson |
| Marlow Bottom 11.00am 6.30pm | Trad Anglican Preacher LS | Cont Anglican Preacher Z | Trad Thompson LS | Cont Anglican Preacher Z Cel @ Flackwell Z | No Service | No Service | Anglican Preacher LS | Anglican Preacher LS | Anglican Preacher LS | Watts AGCM Cel @ F'well Z | Anglican Preacher LS | Anglican Preacher LS | N. Sweet AAW Z | Anglican Preacher LS | Anglican Preacher LS Cel @ F'well Z |
| Flackwell Heath WL 6.30pm | Foday Freshare Z | Goldstraw Freshare Z | Bondzi-Simpson Freshare Z | Thompson Cel Z | No Service | 9.30 Meditation LA Z | No Service | Bondzi-Simpson Freshare Z | LA Freshare Z | Alexander Cel Z | Thompson Freshare Z | LA Freshare Z | Bolton T Thompson Freshare Z | Thompson 2.00pm CV/ HC | Hatton N. Sweet Cel Z |
| Stokenchurch | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wesley WL 10.30am | Bolton B | Green B | B.Sparks B | Bondzi-Simpson B | 7.30pm B/US Bondzi -Simpson | 10.00am Reflection Bondzi-Simpson B | Goldstraw B | Hatton | Green | Bondzi-Simpson | Bondzi-Simpson HC | N. Sweet | Thompson | Goldstraw | LA |
| The Avenue WL 10.30am 6.30pm | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | Bondzi-Simpson M/HC | Thompson | Bondzi-Simpson | Goldstraw Cel @ F'well Z | Bolton T | Bondzi-Simpson M/HC | C. Luscombe | Alexander | Hurst Cel @ F'well Z |
| 10.30am Cryers Hill | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | Siftord | Billitt Rose | Foday HC Bolton T | Hurst Foday HC | Green Spoonner | Crowle Bondzi-Simpson | Foday HC Sitford | Green Rose | LA Foday HC |
| Holmer Green 10.30am | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | Foday HC | B.Sparks | LA | Hatton | Foday HC | Bolton T | Green | Stevens | Foday HC |
| Tylers Green 10.45am | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | Green | Alexander | Stevens | Foday HC | Thompson | Green | Goldstraw | Foday HC | Green |
| Downley 10.00am | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | No Service | N Sweet | Foday HC | C Luscombe | Stevens | Lovell | Foday HC | Bondzi-Simpson | C. Luscombe | Goldstraw |

AAW—All Age Worship, AGCM—Annual General Church Meeting, B—Broadcast online, Cel—Celebrate Service, Cont—Contemporary Service; CS— Carol Service, CV—Covenant Service, HC—Holy Communion, LA—Local Arrangement, LS—Live Stream; M— Membership Service, SL—Sunday Live, T - Transport Needed, TBC—To Be confirmed, Trad—Traditional Service; 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 April—plan@highwycombemethodist.org.uk, 01491 410693**