



The Methodist Church

High Wycombe Circuit (23/27)

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Plan of Services - December 2015 to February 2016

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Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your warm welcome to Pam and me as we arrived in High Wycombe in the summer. You have made us feel very much at home!

Already just a few weeks into our time here the Circuit is looking to the future and seeking to discern God's guidance for the way we work together. You probably know that Mike Hill will be retiring from the Circuit after 8 years of much valued ministry next summer and will not be replaced in the Staff Team.

Therefore there is an opportunity for us to review our working. John Richey led a very interesting evening at The Avenue in October as he reflected back on his recent sabbatical when he explored the concept of Team Ministry in different contexts around the Methodist Connexion. He found some places where this was not working well but one example in Darlington where new and creative ways of working together appear to be re-energising the Circuit in its call to mission, nurture and worship.

We as a Circuit are looking at some of the issues which these new developments have raised in Darlington. We are not looking to recreate their experience here precisely but seeing how we might be able to grow and find new inspiration, as they have done, as we look at ways in which our Church members and Ordained Staff can work better together.

We are beginning this time by asking our Churches to pray and discuss together over the next few months as we ask ourselves some pertinent questions. How might the concept of Team Ministry address the needs of our Circuit? What do we want from our ministers, both presbyteral and diaconal, now and into the future to promote a new sense of mission?

This will hopefully lead to some interesting questions about our priorities and vision as Churches in the Circuit seeking to engage with the people around us. How is God leading us to be better disciples of Jesus Christ in the 21st Century?

There will be opportunities in all our churches to engage in this conversation in a range of meetings, house groups, prayer groups and services and I hope that all of us will pray through these questions at home too.

This is just the first step of a journey for us all as we wait on God's Word. At our March Circuit meeting we will listen to the responses from all our churches and bring plans for the near future as to how we will work together from next September and hopefully lay the foundations for the years ahead too. May God surprise and renew us as we share together through this time!

God Bless

Nick

Some diary dates

Circuit Meetings:

Wednesday 9th March 2016

Tuesday 5th July 2016

Tuesday 20th September 2016

District Synod:

Saturday 23rd April 2016

Saturday 17th September 2016

Preachers and Leaders of Worship Meetings:

Wednesday 9th December 2015

Tuesday 15th March 2016

Thursday 223rd June 2016

Meeting for Church Treasurers:

Monday 1st February 2016 at 8pm

2015-16 (Q2)	December				January					February			
	6 Advent 2	13 Advent 3	20 Advent 4	27	3	10	17	24 Christian Unity	31	7	14 Lent 1	21 Lent 2	28 Lent 3
WL 9.30am Marlow 10.30am 6.30pm	Thompson SL Thompson HC Orange	SL HC Orange	LA Nativity	Singleton	R Richey SL Hatton	SL Cov Thompson	AAW Taylor	Grenyer	Thompson SL F Vunipola	Stevens	P Sweet AAW Thompson HC	HC Circuit Service	Thompson HC HC
WL 9.30am Marlow Bottom 10.30am 6.30pm	C Luscombe	N Sweet Thompson HC	Thompson HC US 11am Lantern @ St Mary's	St Mary's HC	Thompson Cov	Grenyer	St Mary's HC 11am Lantern Orange	Lunt	St Mary's HC 11am Lantern Thompson HC	Taylor	Thompson HC Circuit Service	Thompson HC 11am Lantern @ St Mary's	Lovell
WL 11.00am Flackwell Heath 6.30pm	P Sweet Thompson HC	Thompson SL LA	Orange 4pm Thompson Carols	LA	Bolton	R Richey SL LA	No Service 3pm Thompson Cov	Hill R Richey Celeb	Hatton Christ Church US	C Luscombe Thompson HC	Thompson SL LA	Lunt Circuit Service	Hurst Thompson Celeb
WL 10.30am Wesley 6.30pm	R Richey 4pm R Richey Salt Shaker	J Richey HC	R Richey Bapt LA Carols	Stevens	Green 4pm R Richey Salt Shaker	J Richey Cov	Crowle J Richey HC	J Richey	Singleton	Bolton 4pm R Richey Salt Shaker	J Richey HC	LA Circuit Service	Sparks
10.30am Cryers Hill 6.00pm	Hurst J Richey	Stevens Hall	J Richey HC 3pm LA Carols	LA	Lunt J Richey	Cooper Thompson	J Richey Cov Bolton	Green Hall	P Sweet Hargrove	Orange J Richey HC	Crowle S Vunipola	R Richey Circuit Service	J Richey Hall
9.30am Holmer Green 10.30am 6.00pm	J Richey HC Hall	LA SL Green	Lunt LA Carols	Thompson	J Richey Cov S Vunipola	LA SL J Richey Reflect	C Luscombe Hall	R Richey CTIHG Anglican	Stevens S Vunipola	J Richey HC Bolton	LA SL J Richey HC	J Richey Circuit Service	N Sweet J Richey Reflect
WL 10.30am The Avenue 6.00pm	LA	Hargrove S Vunipola Carols	S Vunipola	S Vunipola HC	S Vunipola Cov	N Sweet SL	S Vunipola	Cooper 4.30 S Vunipola	Sparks	S Vunipola HC	R Richey SL	S Vunipola 4pm Thompson CS	LA
WL 9.30am Stokenchurch pm	Hatton	S Vunipola HC	Crowle	Parish Church US	LA	S Vunipola Cov US Parish Church	Lunt	Hurst US	Hargrove	N Sweet	S Vunipola HC	Parish Church US Circuit Service	S Vunipola
11.15am Lane End pm	Hatton	S Vunipola HC	4pm S Vunipola Carols	LA	Singleton	S Vunipola Cov	Stevens	Jennings US S Vunipola	Hargrove	N Sweet	S Vunipola HC	Cooper Circuit Service	S Vunipola
WL 10.45am Tylers Green pm	Lunt	Bolton HC T	LA Carols	No service	Stevens	Hill Cov	R Richey	Lovell	J Richey	Hill HC	LA	Orange Circuit Service	Green
WL 9.30am Downley 10.00am pm	Hill HC Craft Club	Hill Carols	Green	Taylor	Hill	WYFC Craft Club	Hill Cov	Hargrove	Thompson	LA Craft Club	Hurst	Hill HC Circuit Service	F Vunipola
Naphill 11.00am pm	Hill Bapt	Singleton HC	Green 4pm Hill V Carols	LA	Hill Cov	Orange	N Sweet	Singleton	Thompson	Hargrove	Cooper	Hill HC Circuit Service	Holmes

**WL - Worship Leader available LA - Local Arrangement T - Transport may be required HC - Holy Communion CS - Circuit Service US - United Service
AAW - All Age Worship SL - Sunday Live Celeb - Celebrate Service BS - Bible Study CA - Church Anniversary
NB. Information from churches and preachers for the next plan must be with Rev Nick Thompson by Friday 8th January 2016**

	Christmas Services	
	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Marlow	5.00pm Live at 5 Rev N Thompson 11.15pm Rev N Thompson HC	10.30—LA
Marlow Bottom		10.30—Lovell
Flackwell Heath		10.30am—Rev N Thompson AAW
Wesley	11.15pm—Rev J Richey	10.00am—Mrs B Sparks FS
Cryers Hill	6.00pm—Mr T Cooper Carols & Mince Pies	9.30am—Rev J Richey
Holmer Green		9.30am—Mr P Green
The Avenue	5.00pm—Dcn R Richey Live at 5	10.30am—Rev S Vunipola
Stoken-church		No service
Lane End		9.30 Rev R Jennings US @ HT
Tylers Green		10.00am—Rev M Hill
Downley		10.00am—Rev G Hargrove
Naphill	7.00pm—Rev Mike Hill Holy Communion	No service

Fair Trade

On 25th September we learned that High Wycombe's Fairtrade Town status was renewed for the next two years. A year ago Wycombe became the 595th Fairtrade town in the UK, but that only lasted for one year. The renewal comes after demonstrating an ongoing commitment to Fair Trade in the town, including by community groups and churches. The commitment of the High Wycombe Circuit, and of each church in the circuit, contributed to the process.

Wycombe Homeless Connection

The Shelter season is on the horizon. In 2015 WHC helped 43 individuals with 873 bed-nights. Some forecasters are talking about a severe winter ahead, so they'll be there again to welcome people out of the cold and help them rebuild their lives.

By the time you read this the Big Sleepout 2015 will be nearly upon us. Following last year's capacity event, the Big Sleepout 2015 will happen on Friday 20th November in All Saints Churchyard. Read about this and more in the WHC October newsletter:

http://www.wyhoc.org.uk/docs/October_2015.pdf

One Can

Harvest is traditionally a time to give thanks for the food we have to eat. The season isn't over yet, but One Can Trust's Harvest Appeal 2015 has seen the biggest, most generous response since the food-bank launched in 2011. So thanks to all who have contributed.

Within a week of beginning the appeal, One Can had been contacted by schools, churches and a variety of other organisations and companies all of whom wanted to collect food for the bank. By the middle of October over 70 groups had already given food!

As a result, in addition to the stores at Big Yellow, One Can also used the reception at the Hub and a big room at Wesley Methodist Church. A separate location to receive, store and sort food, was temporarily set up in an empty shop in Micklefield which is actually part of another exciting venture by another charity in the community.

Accredited Local Preachers

1961*	Ralph Downes	
1961*	Michael E R Brittin	01494 713524
1964	Peter Green	01494 718985
1978	Peter Stevens	01494 815256
1980	Barbara Sparks	01494 563663
1983	Jeffrey Orange	01494 712072
1984	David Sparks	01494 563663
1987	Stewart Grenyer	07778 291400
1989*	Graham Luscombe	01491 410693
1991	Beryl Taylor	01494 638389
1992	Nigel Sweet	01628 440990
1996	Pamela Sweet	01628 440990
1996	Roberta Lunt	01494 442932
1996	Terry Hurst	07827 689614
2000	Ken Kingston	01494 533532
2000	Joanne Kingston	01494 533532
2015	Carolyn Luscombe	01491 410693

Local Preachers On Trial

Fe'ao Vunipola	01494 522768
Lesley Hatton	01494 449409
Linda Lovell	01628 471003
Margaret Newman	01494 713924

Other Regular Preachers

Alan Crowle	01628 634150
Rev Gregory Hargrove	01494 562655
Rev David Holmes	01628 486374
Tony Cooper	01494 715950

* 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.

Accredited Worship Leaders

Jenny Harding	Downley	01494 535507
Alan Kingsnorth	The Avenue	01494 473479
Jane Slater	Stokenchurch	01494 482880
Shirley Wallis	Flackwell Heath	01628 523022
Ken Wise	The Avenue	01494 439872
Geraldine Nelson	Tylers Green	01494 815631
Christine Oxy	Tylers Green	01494 814982

Worship Leaders In Training

Paddy Gallagher	Marlow	01628 486639
Richard Hoyle	Wesley	01494 713307
Wendy Moorin	Wesley	01494 533147
Sharon Dorme	Holmer Green	01494 716897
Richard Dorme	Holmer Green	01494 716897
Jackie Youens	Holmer Green	01494 714870
Lisa Hough	Holmer Green	01296 623063