

# High Wycombe Circuit (23/27)

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## Plan of Services for December 2016—February 2017

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## **A Letter from our Superintendent Rev. Nick Thompson**

Dear Friends

I am pleased to be writing in this new edition of the Circuit Plan. As we worship over these three months I pray that we will know God's blessing upon us. In our journey through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany and beyond, I trust we will find real inspiration and strength.

At Flackwell Heath the church members have been reviewing their worship together. One key factor that they have identified is their sense of expectation and preparation before they come to services. Do we just arrive at Church to receive something or do we come in a state of expectation having prayed deeply before we set off from home? They have agreed also to send out an e mail to the congregation in advance of all the services with the readings so that everyone can prepare in this way too. This might be an idea for others to explore as well.

On the last plan we had lots of Local Arrangements following the retirement of Mike Hill and the unavailability of other preachers for a variety of reasons. I asked our preachers if they were able to offer more appointments on this plan after the right prayerful consideration and I am so pleased that many have done just that! Therefore there are certainly less Local Arrangements this time but we still have some inevitably.

In the New Year, as you will see on another page, the Circuit is putting on a short course on leading LA's. Do try to attend these sessions if you can. We hope that people will bring lots of questions and ideas and that together our churches will be built up with all that we share together over these weeks and that we will approach these services with much more confidence and as a real opportunity to grow.

We are putting a lot of energy into training opportunities over the next months as we seek to build up our gifts across the Circuit. This will help us all in our aim to work together in teams. I hope that different people in the churches will take up the opportunities provided and that we become better equipped to serve God and our communities in the process.

As we travel first in to Advent in our services may we know a real sense of expectation in our waiting for the coming of Jesus in to our world and at the

**God Bless**

**Nick**

## **Circuit Matters**

*Dates for your diaries – we have a busy 2017!*

### **Encircled in Care**

Pastoral Training being hosted initially at Marlow Methodist Church on Saturday mornings between 10.00am and 1.00pm. Courses planned so far are:

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2017	Foundation course
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Prayer and visiting
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017	Care across the generations
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	Loss and bereavement

### **Multimedia Training**

Visit by Mike Bossingham to Marlow Methodist Church on Sun 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Worship in the morning, training on the use of multimedia in family worship in the afternoon. Lunch available at MMC in between!

**The PowerPoint Courses** held earlier this year will be run again some time after Easter 2017.

### **'Oh good! We've got an LA!'**

A series of workshops encouraging churches to look forward to having a Local Arrangement. Lots of tips and advice on putting together a Local Arrangement. To be held at The Avenue Methodist Church on Saturday mornings between 10.00am and 12noon on the following dates:

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017

and

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017

*More details on all these events will be circulated later, in the meantime please put these dates in your diary now!*

Q2 Dec—Feb		December 2016					January 2017					February 2017			
		4th Advent 2	11th Advent 3	18th Advent 4	24th Christmas E	25th Christmas	1st	8th	15th	22nd Homeless	29th	5th	12th Racial Justice	19th	26th
Marlow WL	9.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Thompson SL 10.45am HC Thompson Activate	K. Kingston	Nativity LA Thompson Carols by Candlelight	4.00pm Thomp- son Christingle 11.15pm Thompson HC	10.30am LA	10.45am Green	Thompson CV HC HC @ MB Activate	N. Sweet freespirit Activate	C. Luscombe Cel @ Flackwell Activate	Thompson Activate	Thompson SL 10.45am Chawner HC Activate	Thompson HC@MB	R.Richey freespirit	11.00am Circuit Service John Hampden School Activate
	9.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	St Mary's US HC 11.00am Lantern	R. Richey J. Richey HC	Thompson HC 11.00am @ St Mary's Lantern		Thompson	St Mary's US HC 11.00am Lantern	P. Sweet Hall HC	Singleton HC 11.00am Lantern @ St Mary's	Thompson CV HC LA	St. Mary's HC 11.00am Thompson Lantern	Stevens Thompson HC	Thompson HC 11.00am Lantern @ St Mary's	11.00am Circuit Service John Hampden School	
Flackwell Heath WL	11.00am 6.30pm	P. Sweet AAW Hall HC	No Service 4.00pm Christingle Thompson	No Service 4.00pm Car		10.30am N & P Sweet	Lunt No service	No Service 3.00pm Thompson CV HC	Crowle LA	Cooper J.Richey Cel Thompson US Christchurch	Stevens Newman LA	R.Richey SL LA	Thompson HC Green	11.00am Circuit Service John Hampden School	
	10.30am	Singleton HC C. Luscombe	Car LA 11.15pm R. Richey ExHC	10.00am R. Richey	Sparks	Stevens	Thompson CV HC LA	4.00pm R. Richey	S.Vunipola J.Richey HC	Sparks Lunt	11.00am Circuit Service John Hampden				
Cryers Hill	10.30am 6.00pm	Lunt LA	N. Sweet Hatton	3.00pm Car Singing Group	6.00pm Carols & Mince Pies LA	10.00am Bolton	Cooper LA	C. Luscombe S. Vunipola CV HC	Stevens Hall	McInnes S.Vunipola	S. Vunipola HC J.Richey	Cooper Taylor	Crowle Hall	11.00am Circuit Service John Hampden Hargrove	
	9.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Stevens 3.00pm J.Richey BB & GB No Service	Taylor	J. Richey HC J. Richey Carols By Candlelight	4.00pm J.Richey Christingle 11.00pm J. Richey US @ Penn Street	9.30am Green Family Service	US@ Baptist Church No Service	SL Newman J. Richey HC	R.Richey S. Vunipola Hall	LA Hargrove J.Richey CV HC	Cooper Hargrove	J.Richey S. Vunipola	J. Richey HC S. Vunipola	11.00am Circuit Service John Hampden School Green	
The Avenue WL	10.30am	S. Vunipola HC Newman	Cooper	5.00pm R. Richey 5 Live	Sparks	LA	R. Richey SL	S. Vunipola HC CV	Green LA	Lovall Hatton SL	S. Vunipola HC	11.00am Circuit Service John Hampden			
	9.30am	Lovall	S. Vunipola	K. Kingston Car	@ Parish Church US	S. Vunipola US CV HC	Hargrove US @ Parish Church Family Service	LA	@ Parish Church US	J. Richey HC C.Luscombe	Taylor US @ Parish Church Family Service	@ Parish US	11.00am Circuit Service John Hampden		
Lane End WL	11.15am 10.45am	No Service Green	S. Vunipola HC US J. Richey HC	No Service 4.00pm Singleton Car	9.30am US	LA	S. Vunipola US CV HC	Hatton	S. Vunipola US Green	Hargrove S. Vunipola US HC	LA	11.00am Circuit Service John Hampden School			
	10.45am	Green	J. Richey HC Car LA	10.00am Stevens	No Service	LA	J.Richey CV HC	Hargrove	N. Sweet	R.Richey J.Richey	Singleton	11.00am Circuit Service John Hampden			
Downley WL	9.30am 10.00am	J. Richey Car Craft Club	Thompson HC Viney	J. Richey	Taylor	Cooper Craft Club	C. Luscombe	J.Richey CV HC	Hatton Craft Club	LA	P.Sweet Hargrove	11.00am Circuit Service John Hampden			
	10.30am	C. Luscombe	B. Sparks	Crowle	4.00pm @ RAF Base Hall	10.00am @ RAF Base Hall	9.45am @ RAF Base Hall	J. Richey CV HC	Taylor	Cooper	Lunt	LA	Singleton HC LA	11.00am Circuit Service John Hampden	

AAW—All Age Worship, Bap—Baptism, CA—Church Anniversary, Car—Carol Service; CV—Covenant; Cel—Celebrate Service, HC—Holy Communion, ExHC—Extended Holy Communion, LA—Local Arrangement, SL—Sunday Live, T—Transport required, 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 6th January—plan@highwycombemethodist.org.uk**

## **Lectionary Readings December 2016—February 2017**

Here are the morning readings for each Sunday this quarter. Please refer to the Methodist Worship Book for all readings ( Year A), or [www.methodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.methodistchurch.org.uk)

### **First Sunday of Advent: 27 November**

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

### **Second Sunday of Advent: 4 December**

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

### **Third Sunday of Advent: 11 December**

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent:18 December**

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

### **Christmas Eve/ Christmas Day: 24th/25 December**

1. Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

2. Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20

3. Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14 (has to be used)

### **Second Sunday of Christmas:1 January**

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18

### **8th January**

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

### **15th January**

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

### **22nd January**

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

### **29th January**

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Philemon 1-16; Matthew 5:1-12

## **Lectionary Readings Continued**

### **5th February**

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16);

Matthew 5:13-20

### **12th February**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *or* Sirach/Ecclesiastes 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

### **19th February**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians: 3:10-11, 16-23;  
Matthew 5:38-48; Mark 2:1-12

### **26 February**

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; *or* Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

## **Key Dates For High Wycombe Methodist Circuit**

**Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting**—Wednesday 7th December @ The Avenue 7.45pm for 8.00pm

### **Reimagine Forum 4th February—Northampton Methodist District Event**

Saturday 4th February 10.00am—4.00pm @ Daventry Methodist Church, Daventry NN11 4FB. Booking via [Northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/mission/reimagine-forum.php](http://Northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/mission/reimagine-forum.php) : Tel: 01509 828020

**Church Treasurers Meeting**—Tuesday 7th February at the Avenue

**Circuit Service of Celebration**—Join together with the whole Circuit in worship at John Hampden School on the morning of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 11.00am. There will be a circuit choir and music group. Part of the morning will be in one of four different activities which you can choose from: Bible study, messy church, discussion and led prayer! Parking is free and the service will be followed by refreshments. *More details after Christmas.*

***Please note this in your diary now.***

**Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting**—Wednesday 8th March @ the Avenue, 7.45pm for 8.00pm

**Circuit Meeting**—Wednesday 15th March @ Marlow 7.30pm for 7,45pm

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