

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 December–February 2018/19

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A Letter from our Superintendent Rev. Nick Thompson

Dear Friends

I am very pleased to welcome you to another Circuit Plan. I hope you will join me in praying for the services contained within it over these three months and for all those who lead our worship. It's an important time through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany and on in to the New Year and I hope that we all be inspired and encouraged on this journey and know ourselves strengthened in God's love through the coming of Jesus.

You will notice that there are less evening services on this Plan. Continuing the trend in Churches right across the country, Flackwell Heath and Holmer Green have decided to reduce the occasions on which they gather for worship on Sunday evenings. However, there will always be at least one service in the evening somewhere in the Circuit.

Cryers Hill continue to meet weekly then and Holmer Green and Marlow Bottom host services on the second Sunday evenings. Flackwell Heath host the innovative Celebrate Services on 4th Sundays and will sometimes meet for Local Arrangements when the Spirit leads an individual or group to lead worship.

Around Christmas there will be other special services too of course. I know that some cannot always attend worship on Sunday mornings so do attend elsewhere in the Circuit later in the day if there isn't a service where you attend normally. We live in a compact Circuit and nowhere is very far away. You will receive a warm welcome when you do!

In other news the Circuit has been very pleased to hear that we have been successful in our application for a Probationer Appointment next year to work in Wesley and The Avenue in the Town Centre and some of the more urban areas of High Wycombe. Our application was considered to be one of the strongest put forward by any Circuit and was commended for its emphasis on Mission and Team Working. This does not completely guarantee a successful match but the likelihood is strong. Please do pray that an appointment is made successfully and that the person called into our Circuit will bring new energy and inspiration to us following their time of training.

We have been very pleased to welcome Vida and Richard to the Circuit and both have settled well. I have been very pleased to hear how well they have both been received and how their ministries are being appreciated!

Circuit Matters

Circuit Service—Sunday 3rd February 3.30pm—The Avenue

Congratulation to Lesley Hatton who will be recognised as a fully accredited Local Preacher at this Circuit Service, which will be followed by tea.

Circuit Meeting - Tuesday March 12th @ Holmer Green, 7.30pm for 7.45pm

Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting – Wednesday December 12th @ The Avenue, 7.45 for 8.00pm, Thursday 21st March, 7.45pm for 8.00pm

Bible Month Training Evening On Colossians— Tuesday 19th March, 7.30pm, The Avenue Methodist Church led by Rev Dr Robert G. Bates and Adam Sanders, Regional Learning and Development Officer Discipleship and Evangelism, The Connexional Team. Worship Leaders, Preachers, Presbyters, Study Group leaders and any one interested are all invited. The training evening on Jonah for Bible Month 2018 was enjoyed by all!

Bible Month June 2019 - Colossians

Bible Month is an opportunity for churches and individuals to spend four-weeks engaging solely with one book of the Bible. For 2019, the renowned theologian and British New Testament scholar James D G Dunn will be writing notes on the book of Colossians.

The aim of Bible Month is to improve biblical literacy and engagement within churches.

The Bible Month magazine is a resource which brings a book of the Bible to life within churches and smaller Christian groups. Each annual magazine includes Bible notes, preaching ideas, small group material and ideas for children and young people. This year's publication, which will be available online, will bring its readers a deeper understanding of scripture and encourage group Bible study.

Alongside the magazine and online resources, training days give participants a deeper insight into the biblical book being studied and opportunities to delve further into preaching and small groups.

Lectionary YEAR C December 2018– February 2019

Dec 2nd Advent 1: Jeremiah 33:14-16: Psalm 25:1-10 : 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13: Luke 21:25-36

9th Dec Advent 2: Baruch 5:1-9: or Malachi 3:1-4: Canticle: Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79): Philippians 1:3-11: Luke 3:1-6

16th Dec Advent 3: Zephaniah 3:14-20: Canticle Isaiah 12:2-6: Philippians 4:4-7: Luke 3:7-18

23rd Dec Advent 4: Micah 5:2-5a: Canticle: Magnificat (Luke 1:46b-55) or Psalm 80:1-7: Hebrews 10:5-10: Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

25th Dec Christmas Day: Any of the following for the evening of Christmas Eve and 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

30th Dec: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26: Psalm 148: Colossians 3:12-17: Luke 2:41-52

Jan 6th Epiphany: Jeremiah 31: 7-14: Psalm 147: 12-20; Ephesians 1: 3-14; John 1: (1-9) 10-18

Jan 13 Epiphany (Baptism of Jesus): Isaiah 43: 1-7: Psalm 29: Acts 8: 14-17 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Jan20th: Isaiah 62: 1-5: Psalm 36: 5-10: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11

Jan27th: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10: Psalm 19: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a: Luke 4: 14-21

Feb3rd: Jeremiah 1: 4-10: Psalm 71: 1-6: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13: Luke 4: 21-30

Feb10th: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13): Psalm 138: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11: Luke 5:1-11

Feb17th: Jeremiah 17: 5-10: Psalm 1: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20: Luke 6: 17-26

Feb24th: Genesis 45: 3-11,15: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50: Luke 6:27-38

In a time of change and transition God speaks to us through the Bible. In Isaiah 43 we hear God's calling as we read, "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?" One of the new things that God is doing is calling all of us to a deeper discipleship.

Over the years the Church has come to think wrongly that true vocation is something we find primarily in those of us who are ordained. As the number of ordained vocations lessens, we are being reminded of the richness of those who exercise a ministry as Lay People as Preachers, Worship Leaders, Community Workers, Family Workers and in numerous ways across our Churches and in the wider world.

This move of God to rediscover the gifts of Lay people reminds us strongly of the original Methodist movement with its emphasis on small groups of ordinary Christians seeking to live faithfully as disciples in a challenging world. Early Methodists were mostly lay people and many of them were from the edges of society.

At the heart of God's call John Wesley saw the love of God reaching out to ordinary working people who were then almost completely untouched by the Church. Responding to God's call happens when we react to God's love by giving back to God all that we are and all that we have.

On February 3rd we will be very pleased to celebrate with Lesley Hatton as she becomes a fully accredited Local Preacher. Lesley shared with us at our last Preachers' Meeting on her understanding of John Wesley's Sermon, "The Almost Christian." She reminded us then of Wesley's expectation that sincere Christians have heard and answered God's call to holiness echoing Isaiah with a resounding, "Here I am. Lord, send me!"

This is despite our feelings of inadequacy. When we open ourselves to God's leading in all of our lives incredible things can follow!

I pray that we will all grow and be encouraged in the months ahead in our worship, prayers and service. When we place Jesus at the heart of all that we are and do and take new risks for him we will find ourselves blessed in ways that we might scarcely imagine. May all of us discover a new sense of hope through this time and on in to the future.

Every blessing, Nick

| Q2 2018-2019 | December 2018 | | | | | | | January 2019 | | | | February 2019 | | | | |
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| | 2nd Dec Advent 1 | 9th Dec Advent 2 | 16th Dec Advent 3 | 23rd Dec Advent 4 | 24th Dec Christmas Eve | 25th Dec Christmas Day | 30th Dec | 6th Jan | 13th Jan | 20th Jan | 27th Jan | 3rd Feb | 10th Feb | 17th Feb | 24th Feb | |
| Marlow WL | 9.30am 10.30am Thompson SL 10.45am Thompson 6.30pm | Cameron HC | Nativity LA | Bolton T | 4.00pm Thompson Christingle 11.15pm Thompson HC | LA | Manthorpe | Thompson SL 10.45am HC Thompson | Sparks | freespirit N. Sweet 6.45pm US Newfield CC | Thompson Cel @ F'well | Thompson SL 10.45am HC Thompson 3.30pm CS@ Avenue HC @ MB | Goldstraw freespirit Hatton | | | Manthorpe Cel @ F'well |
| Marlow Bottom WL | 9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm | @ St.Mary's HC Lantern Service @ St. Mary's Lantern Thompson HC | @ St.Mary's HC Lantern Service Lovell | Thompson HC Community Service from St.Mary's | | 10.30am LA TBC | US @ St. Marys N.Sweet | @ St.Mary's HC Lantern Ser- vice @ St.Mary's Lantern | Thompson CV/ HC @ St.Mary's Lantern | @ St.Mary's HC Lantern Service | Manthorpe T @ St. Mary's Lantern N.Sweet @St. Mary's Be Still | @ St.Mary's HC Lantern Service 3.30pm CS@ Avenue Thompson HC | N. Sweet @ St. Mary's Lantern Thompson HC | @ St.Mary's HC Lantern Ser- vice Thompson | Singleton HC Community Service from St.Mary's Cel @ F'well | |
| Flackwell Heath WL | 11.00am 6.30pm | Toys & Gift Service C. Luscombe AAW | Thompson HC 4.00pm Thompson Car S | 4.00pm Thompson Chirstingle | | 10.30am Thompson | F. Vunipola | 3.00pm HC/CV Thompson | Bolton T | Hatton | S.Vunipola C. Luscombe Cel | C. Luscombe AAW 3.30pm CS@ Avenue | Thompson HC LA | | P. Sweet S. Vunipola Cel | |
| Wesley WL | 10.30am | Goldstraw | Singleton HC Sparks Car S | Green | 11.15pm Bolton HC | 10.00am Goldstraw | Goldstraw | Bolton CV/HC | Orange | Thompson | MHA LA | Bolton 3.30pm CS@ Avenue | Singleton HC S. Vunipola | | Goldstraw | |
| Cryers Hill WL | 10.30am 6.00pm | P.Sweet Hargrove | Sitford Hall | Thompson HC S. Vunipola | C. Luscombe 3.00pm Foday Car S | 6.00pm Singing Group Carols | 9.30am Cooper | LA Hall | Foday HC/CV Green | Crowle Billit | Green Hargrove | Holmes Foday | Foday HC 3.30pm CS@ Avenue Rose S. Vunipola | Bolton T Spooners | Cooper Sitford | |
| Holmer Green WL | 9.30am 10.30am 6.00pm | Stevens 7.00pm ACTS @ Baptists | SL Lunt | Foday HC Car S LA | 4.00pm Foday Christingle | 9.30am Bolton T | 10.45am Foday ACTS @ Baptists | Goldstraw 7.00pm ACTS @ Baptists | SL Hall | S. Vunipola | Foday HC Orange 3.30pm CS@ Avenue Hall | | SL LA | | Foday HC | |
| The Avenue WL | 10.30am 6.30pm | S.Vunipola HC Orange | S.Vunipola Family Car S | LA | 5.00pm Christingle S. Vunipola | S. Vunipola | Thompson | S. Vunipola HC | N. Sweet SL | Hargrove | Crowle Cel @ F'well | S. Vunipola HC 3.30pm CS Thompson | C.Luscombe SL Lovell | | Cooper Cel @ F'Well | |
| Stokenchurch WL | 9.30am | US@PC | US @ PC Bishop Of Oxford | Goldstraw | S.Vunipola HC | No Service | No Service | Green | US @ PC S. Vunipola CV/HC | Lunt | Goldstraw | Stevens 3.30pm CS@ Avenue | US @ PC S. Vunipola | Hargrove | S.Vunipola HC | |
| Wesley Tylers Green | 10.45am | Green | Foday HC Car S | LA LA | | 10.00am Foday AAW | No Service | Stevens | Cooper | Foday HC | Lunt | Goldstraw 3.30pm CS@ Avenue | Sparks | Foday HC | Crowle | |
| Downley WL | 9.30am 10.00am | Foday HC Craft Club | Green | Foday Car S | Hargrove | | 10.00am Hargrove | Thompson | Singleton Craft Club | Foday HC | Cooper | Stevens Hargrove Craft Club 3.30pm CS@ Avenue | Foday HC Green | | LA | |

AAW—All Age Worship, Cel—Celebrate Service, Car S—Carol Service, CS—Circuit Service, CV—Covenant Service, HC—Holy Communion,

LA—Local Arrangement, MHA—Methodist Homes for the Aged, , PC—Parish Church, SL—Sunday Live, T - Transport Needed, 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 11 January —plan@highwycombemethodist.org.uk, 01491 410693