

High Wycombe Circuit (23/27)

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Plan of Services for March—May 2017

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Dear Friends

As you worship together during the course of this service plan I shall be on Sabbatical for 3 months. It is eight years since my last Sabbatical so I am certainly looking forward to this time away from normal duties!

Sabbaticals operate on the biblical principle of Creation from the book of Genesis from where we pick up the rhythm of activity and creativity followed by rest on the seventh day. It is a principle which we should follow throughout our lives to remain healthy and whole and so that we do not become burnt out through endless activity.

So a sabbatical is a time for rest, recreation and renewal. During this time I shall be spending time on a silent retreat in North Wales focusing on John's Gospel. I will be participating in a short course at Sarum College in Salisbury entitled, "Reimagining the Church in the context of our Contemporary Culture."

Following some time abroad with Pam visiting in part the work of a Christian Children's Home, I will be spending a week in focused prayer at a Prayer Centre in Cornwall. The three months will end at the Hay Festival in Wales.

I will be away for about half the time and at home for the remainder reading into the subject of Growing Churches with some time too to make short visits to particular churches and projects. There will be space too for time with family and friends who often get neglected somewhat in the busy pace of Church life.

I aim to feed in much of what I discover to the Circuit on my return and hope that some of this will be of relevance to us all as we seek to work and witness together more closely in Jesus's name to our rapidly changing world.

In my absence from 6th March to 5th June the acting Superintendent will be John Richey and the Staff Team will be covering for me together over this time pastorally and in other ways.

I am very grateful to all my colleagues and the Circuit Leadership Team and, in particular, to David Duxbury for co-ordinating my Sabbatical Support Team as the plans for this time have come together.

While I am away there will be an important session at Marlow Methodist Church on Sunday 19th March led by Mike Bossingham of Family Friendly Churches. Mike will lead morning worship that day at Marlow and there will then be a lunch at 12.30 for which you do need to book followed by an inspiring afternoon on this important subject starting at 2pm. Do come along and encourage others to join you!

I am pleased that there has been a good group engaging with the course on Worship and the leading of Local Arrangement services led by Pam Sweet. Thanks so much to Pam for leading this so well.

As you may know the sessions on Pastoral Care have been postponed until the autumn after my return to work. Details of the new dates will be sent out to Churches soon.

For now I trust that you will know God's blessing deeply over this next three months and that our churches will be encouraged as we open our hearts to grow in love and hope together in Christ's name!

Every blessing

Nick

Circuit Matters

Dates for your diaries

Encircled in Care

Pastoral Training has been postponed until September 2017.

Family Friendly Churches Training

Visit by Mike Bossingham to Marlow Methodist Church on Sun 19th March 2017. freespirit worship in the morning, training on Family Friendly Churches—2-5pm. Fantastic 4 course lunch available at MMC in between!

The PowerPoint Courses held in 2016 will be run again some time after Easter 2017. More details to follow soon.

Q3 Mar– May	March 2017				April 2017					May 2017				
	5th Mar 1st Lent	12th Mar 2nd Lent	19th Mar 3rd Lent	26th Mar Mothering	2nd April	9th April Palm	14th April Good Friday	16th April Easter	23rd April	30th April	7th May	14th May Christian Aid	21st May	28th May
Marlow WL 9.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	10.45 LA Activate	J.Richey HC Activate	Bossingham Freespirit Activate	S. Vunipola Activate	R.Richey SL 10.45am R. Richey	Stevens	11.00 CTIM	Hargrove HC LA	LA Activate	J.Richey AGCM Activate	Hatton SL 10.45 am Campbell Activate	Christian Aid LA	K. Kingston Freespirit Activate 6.00pm CS @ Tylers Green	LA
Marlow Bottom 9.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	HC @ St. Mary's 11.00am Lantern	R.Richey S. Vunipola HC	Watts HC 11.00am Lantern @ St. Mary's	US @ St Mary's 10.00am	HC @ St. Mary's 11.00am Lantern	P. Sweet J. Richey HC		Watts HC 11.00am Lantern St Mary's	Hurst	LA	HC @ St. Mary's 11.00am Lan- tern	Newman Hall HC	S.Vunipola HC 11.00 Lan @ StM 6.00pm CS @ Tylers Green	Hargrove HC
Flackwell Heath WL 11.00am 6.30pm	Sparks S. Vunipola	Courtney HC LA	R. Richey SL J. Richey	R.Richey S. Vunipola Cel	Singleton S. Vunipola HC	Crowle LA	9.30am Meditation	8.30 Singleton HC 11.00am Singleton AAW 6.30pm@ PC Souter SoP	S. Vunipola Hall	LA AGM Bull US Cel	Sweets Hall HC	Christian Aid LA	R. Richey SL 6.00pm CS @ Tylers Green	Courtney/Souter HC S. Vunipola Cel
Wesley WL 10.30am 6.00pm	Newman	Singleton HC	Green	LA	B. Sparks	D. Sparks		R.Richey Ex HC	Sweets	LA AGCM	Stevens	R. Richey	Green 6.00pm CS @ Tylers Green	J. Richey HC
Cryers Hill 10.30am 6.00pm	S. Vunipola J. Richey	LA R.Richey	Crowle S. Vunipola	Green Hall	LA Tester	S. Vunipola Taylor	8.00pm Music For Easter	8.30am S. Vunipola HC Bolton	LA Hargrove	Holmes Spoonier	Cooper Billit	C. Luscombe J. Richey	Hurst 6.00pm CS @ Tylers Green	Sweets Hall
Holmer Green 9.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Lovell 7.00pm Prayer & Praise @ Baptist	SL J. Richey	J. Richey BB Family Service Hall	Stevens Taylor	N. Sweet J. Richey HC	SL Hargrove	9.30 am Wlk of Witness Start @ Angli- can. 10.30am Serv @ Baptist	5.45 am Sunrise Service 10.30am Stevens	Seaton HC S. Vunipola	Cooper Hall	Choir J.Richey	SL Taylor	J. Richey HC Section Service 6.00pm CS @ Tylers Green	S. Vunipola J. Richey
The Avenue WL 10.30am	LA	C. Luscombe SL	S.Vunipola HC	Hatton	Cooper	R. Richey SL	10.00am Ser followed by CT WlkWitness	10.30 am S. Vunipo- la HC	Singleton	C. Luscombe	LA	N.Sweet SL	S.Vunipola HC 6.00pm CS @ Tylers Green	R. Richey
Stokenchurch WL 9.30am	Hargrove	Green @ PC	K. Kingston	J. Richey	S.Vunipola HC	LA		Cooper	S.Vunipola US @ PC HC	Stevens	S.Vunipola HC	Hargrove @ PC	Newman 6.00pm CS @ Tylers Green	LA
Lane End WL 11.15am 10.45am 6.00pm	N or P Sweet	S.Vunipola US HC	10.30am @ Avenue Vunipola HC	P. Sweet	S. Vunipola	3.00pm S.Vunipola Café Style		10.30 am S.Vunipola @ Avenue HC	Green	Taylor	Singleton	S.Vunipola US HC	Hatton 6.00pm CS @Tylers Green	LA
Tylers Green 10.45am 6.00pm	Hatton	Stevens	LA	Taylor	Lovell	J.Richey HC		Sweets	Sparks	LA	J.Richey HC	Crowle	10.30 @ Holmer Green S. Vunipola CS	Stevens
Downley WL 9.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	J. Richey HC Craft Club	R. Richey	N. Sweet	LA	Stevens Craft Club	Taylor		5.45 am @ St.Jms 9.30am J. Richey HC	Cooper	Hargrove	LA Craft Club	Taylor	10.30 @ Holmer Green CS @ Tylers Grn	Green
Naphill 10.30am 6.00pm	Hall HC LA	W.Y.F.C	C. Luscombe	J.Richey	Singleton		RAF Base HC	Newman	S. Vunipola	Hurst	J.Richey	10.30 @ Holmer Green CS @ Tylers Grn	Holmes Green	

AAW—All Age Worship, AGM –Annual General Meeting, AGCM—Annual General Council Meeting, CTIM—Churches Together, in Marlow, CS –Circuit Service; Cel—Celebrate Service, HC—Holy Communion, ExHC—Extended Holy Communion,

LA—Local Arrangement, PC—Parish Church, SoP—Songs of Praise, SL—Sunday Live, WL—Worship Leader available, W.Y.F.C—Wycombe Youth For Christ, US—United Service.

NB Information from the churches and preachers for the next plan should be with Carolyn Luscombe by Friday 7th April—plan@highwycombemethodist.org.uk

Lectionary Readings March—May 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

March

5 the March - First Sunday in Lent—Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

12th March—Second Sunday in Lent - Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

19th March—Third Sunday in Lent— Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

26th March—Fourth Sunday in Lent—1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23 *or* Prayer of Manasseh 1-15; Psalm 31:1-8 (9-16); John 9:1-41

or for MOTHERING SUNDAY— Exodus 2:1-10 *or* 1 Samuel 1:20-28; Psalm 34:11-20 *or* Psalm 127:1-4; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 *or* Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:33-35 *or* John 19:25-27

April

2nd April—Fifth Sunday in Lent—Passion—Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

9th April—Sixth Sunday in Lent-Palm—Entry into Jerusalem—Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Passion—Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 *or* Matthew 27:11-54

14th April—Good Friday— Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 *or* Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1 – 19:42

16th April—Easter Day—Acts 10:34-43 *or* Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 *or* Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 *or* Matthew 28:1-10

23rd April - Second Sunday of Easter - Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

30th April—Third Sunday of Easter—Acts 2:14a, 36-4; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-3

May

7th May—Fourth Sunday of Easter—Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

14th May—Fifth Sunday of Easter—Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

21st May—Sixth Sunday of Easter—Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

28th May—Seventh Sunday of Easter - Sunday in Ascensiontide —Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Key Dates For High Wycombe Methodist Circuit

Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting—Wednesday 8th March @ The Avenue 7.45pm for 8.00pm; Tuesday 27th June -7.45pm for 8.00pm

Easter Offering Circuit Service—Join together with the whole Circuit in worship at Tylers Green Methodist Church on the evening Sunday 28th May 2017, @ 6.00pm. We are delighted that the Easter offering money goes to the Methodist Church World Mission Fund, which supports overseas work in many ways.

Circuit Meeting—Wednesday 15th March @ Marlow Methodist Church - 7.30pm for 7.45pm

Circuit Church Additional Lent and Easter Services/ Lunches

12th March—Tenebrae 8.00pm @ Flackwell Heath Methodist Church

Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches have been arranged for the following Saturday dates, venues and times, - from 12.00 noon to 2.00 PM and all are welcome

04th March - Downley Methodist Church

11th March - Stokenchurch @ Parish Church, Church Street

18th March - Lane End Village Hall

25th March - Naphill Methodist Church

01st April -----

08th April - Tylers Green Methodist Church

Each church to choose a charity to send to for the donations received.

For more details, and perhaps to book, please contact Margaret Bracey (01494 563337).

Maundy Thursday—Tylers Green—7.00pm led by Rev Angela Singleton

- The Avenue—7.00pm Tongan Foot Washing Service led by Rev Singa Vunipola
- Wesley—Joint service at the URC 7.30pm led by Rev Terry Hinks
- Marlow & Marlow Bottom—Tenebrae—details to follow

Good Friday

Naphill—10.30am led by Rev Mike Hall.
Hot cross buns, tea and coffee to follow

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