

High Wycombe Circuit (23/27)

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Plan of Services for March—May 2019

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A Letter from our Superintendent Rev. Nick Thompson

Dear Friends

In our services during this Plan we journey through arguably the most important seasons of the Christian Year. During March and April, we will travel through Lent to Easter and beyond. There will be extra services in Holy Week in many of our Churches.

On the Wednesday of that week, Mike Hall will lead a Tenebrae Service at Flackwell Heath and I will lead a similar service at Marlow on Maundy Thursday. Tenebrae means shadows and recalls the dark places where those who would kill Jesus plotted and his night time vigil in Gethsemane as he prayed so passionately before his arrest. At these services a candle is extinguished after every reading and the people are plunged eventually into darkness. We cannot celebrate the wonders of Easter Day without journeying first with Jesus into these dark places.

Wherever you are in the Circuit I encourage you to travel through this time with courage and hope to discover afresh the Good News of God at work in our world.

Meanwhile we have some significant Good News for our Circuit! I wrote last time of our hopes for the appointment of a Probationer Presbyter from next September. You may have heard already that Georgina Bondzi-Simpson has been appointed to us to work with us here. Georgina has visited the Circuit with members of her family and we were all delighted to meet with them. It is clear that Georgina will bring great gifts to us here as she works with us all particularly through Wesley and the Avenue. Do pray for her as she completes her studies at Queen's College in Birmingham.

On the Plan you will notice the rearranged service for the Admission of Lesley Hatton as a Local Preacher. This had to be postponed because of the icy winter weather and will now take place on 24th March at the Avenue at 3pm. Please do come along to support Lesley on that afternoon and to thank God for the gifts given to us all in his service.

Finally, for now, as we prepare for all that lies ahead, a prayer for us all from Stephen Cottrell in his book of Lent and Holy Week Meditations –

“The Things he Carried”:-

“Loving God,

Your Son Jesus Christ carried us to the cross

And shed his blood for us and brought us into new community with you:

Help us to follow in his way,

Deny ourselves and take up the cross he gives us,

That the world may learn his way of peace;

May his life and purposes be alive in us this day,

And may we be alive in him;

And when our hearts are broken,

And when the burdens of this life feel too great to bear,

Take us to the cross,

And enable us to see there the great weight that Jesus carried;

For here we receive the affirmation of your love,

The assurance of your promise,

And the strength to persevere.

For we ask it in his name.

Amen.”

Every blessing, Nick

High Wycombe Methodist Circuit Lent Lunches 12.00-2.00pm

- Tylers Green 9th March
- Holmer Green 16th March
- Downley 23rd March
- The Avenue 30th March
- Cryers Hill 6 April

Q3 2018-2019	March 2019					April 2019							May 2019			
	3rd March Transfiguration	10th March Lent 1	17th March Lent 2	24th March Lent 3	31st March Mothering	7th April Passion	14th April Palm	17th April	18th April Maundy Thurs	19th April Good Friday	21st April Easter	28th April	5th May	12th May Christian Aid	19th May	26th May Aldersgate
Marlow WL 9.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Thompson SL 10.45am Thompson HC	Manthorpe freespirit C. Luscombe HC @ MB	Strata Leprosy Mission 3.30pm CS @ The Avenue Be Still @ MB	Garde Cel @ Flackwell	Thompson SL 10.45am Thompson HC	Green HC @ MB		8.00pm Thompson Tenebrae	11.15 am CTiM US Thompson	Goldstraw AAW	Garde Cel @ Flackwell	Thompson SL 10.45am Garde HC@MB	LA Thompson AGCM	Thompson AGCM	Thompson HC Cel @ F'well	
Marlow Bottom 9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	@ St. Mary's HC Lantern	Thompson Lantern @ St. Mary's S. Vunipola HC	@ St. Mary's HC Lantern N. Sweet Lantern @ St. Mary's HC 3.30pm CS @ The Avenue Be Still LA	No Service Bap Thompson US	@ St. Marys HC Lantern N. Sweet Thompson HC	Thompson Lantern @ St. Mary's Thompson HC		8.00pm Tenebrae @ Marlow		@ St. Mary's HC Lantern HC	S. Vunipola HC Community Service from St. Mary's	@ St. Marys HC Lantern HC	Thompson Lantern @ St. Mary's S. Vunipola HC	@ St. Mary's HC Lantern HC	Sparks Lantern Lovell @ St. Marys Be Still @ St. Mary's	
Flackwell Heath WL 11.00am 6.30pm	Goldstraw AAW	Newman	Thompson HC P. Sweet 3.30pm CS @ The Avenue	Lovell Bull US/Cel	C. Luscombe AAW	Singleton HC	8.00pm Hall HC Tenebrae	US @ PC	9.30am Meditation Thompson	8.30am Thompson HC 11.00am Thompson 6.30pm US@PC	Bolton Thompson Cel	Newman AAW	Thompson HC	Newman	Manthorpe Goldstraw Cel	
Wesley WL 10.30am	Bolton	Singleton HC	Goldstraw Bap Stevens 3.30pm CS @ The Avenue	LA	Green	Sparks		7.30pm Goldstraw	10.00am Goldstraw	Bolton HC	Thompson AGCM	Goldstraw	Green	Singleton HC	Goldstraw	
Cryers Hill 10.30am 6.00pm	Section Service @ Holmer Green HC Hall	Sitford Hargrove	Orange Bolton	Cooper 3.30pm CS @ The Avenue HC	Crowle Thompson	LA Spooner	Taylor Orange		Music for Easter	Cooper	Foday HC Hall	C.Luscombe Foday	Billitt Sitford	N. Sweet Rose	Foday HC Hargrove	
Holmer Green 9.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Section Service Foday HC 7.00pm ACTS @ Baptists Foday	SL Hall	Bolton	Thompson 3.30pm CS @ The Avenue	Singleton	Foday 7.00pm ACTS @ Baptist Foday HC	SL Hall HC		ACTS@ Angli- cans	Singleton HC	Manthorpe	Foday HC 7.00pm ACTS @ Baptist Hall	SL Orange	Hatton		
The Avenue WL 10.30am 6.30pm	S. Vunipola HC	Lovell SL	Cooper	3.30pm CS Thompson	S. Vunipola Cel @ Flackwell	Goldstraw	S. Vunipola SL		10.30am S.Vunipola followed by Walk of Wit- ness	S. Vunipola US/HC	Hatton Cel @ F'well	S. Vunipola HC	C. Luscombe SL	LS. Vunipola Bap	Hargrove Cel @ F'well	
Stokenchurch WL 9.30am 10.45am	Hargrove	N.Sweet US@PC AAW	S. Vunipola HC	S. Vunipola 3.30pm CS @ The Avenue	Green	S. Vunipola HC	@ PC			Hargrove	C.Luscombe	LA	US@PC Hatton AAW	Cooper	Bolton HC	
Tylers Green WL 10.45am	10.30 am Section Service @ Holmer Green HC	Stevens	Foday HC	Foday 3.30pm CS @ The Avenue	Sparks	LA	Foday	7.00pm Bring & Share Sup- per HC Singleton		Foday HC	Stevens	Carter	Foday HC	Hargrove	P.Sweet	
Downley WL 9.30am 10.00am	10.30 am Section Service @ Holmer Green HC	S.Vunipola	Foday HC	Taylor 3.30pm CS @ The Avenue	Goldstraw	LA Craft Club	Hargrove			Foday HC	Hargrove	N. Sweet Craft Club	Taylor	Foday HC	S.Vunipola	

AAW—All Age Worship, AGCM—Church Annual General Meeting, Bap—Baptism, Cel—Celebrate Service, CS—Circuit Service, HC—Holy Communion, LA—Local Arrangement, 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 5th April —plan@highwycombemethodist.org.uk, 01491 410693

Lectionary YEAR C March—May 2019

Mar 3rd: Exodus 34:29-35: Ps 99: 2 Cor 3:12 – 4:2 :Lk 9:28-36 (37-43a)

Mar 10th: Lent 1: Deut 26:1-11: Ps 91:1-2, 9-16: Rom 10:8b-13: Lk 4:1-13

Mar 17th: Lent 2: Gen 15:1-12, 17-18 : Ps 27: Phil 3:17 – 4:1: Lk 13:31-35/ 9:28-36 (37-43a)

Mar 24th: Lent 3: Ish 55:1-9: Ps 63:1-8: 1 Cor 10:1-13: Lk 13:1-9

March 31st: Lent 4: Josh 5:9-12 : Ps 32 : 2 Cor 5:16-21 : Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32 /**MOTHERING SUNDAY** : Ex 2:1-10 or 1 Sam 1:20-28: Ps 34:11 -20 or Ps 127:1-4: 2 Cor 1:3-7 or Col 3:12-17: Lk 2:33-35 or Jn 19:25 -27

April 7th: Lent 5: Is 43:16-21: Ps126 : Phil 3:4b-14 : Jn 12:1-8

April 14th: Lent 6: Lk 19:28-40: Ps 118:1-2, 19-29: Is 50:4-9a: Ps 31:9-16: Phil 2:5-11: Lk 22:14 – 23:56 / 23:1-49

17th April: Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a: Ps 70: Heb 12:1-3 : Jn 13:21-32

18th April: Maundy Thursday : Ex 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14: Ps 116:1-2, 12-19: 1 Cor 11:23-26: Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35

19th April: Good Friday : Is 52:13 – 53:12: Ps 22: Heb 10:16-25: or Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9: Jn 18:1 – 19:42

21st April: Easter : Acts 10:34-43: or Is 65:17-25: Ps 118:1-2, 14-24: 1 Cor 15:19-26: or Acts 10:34-43 Jn 20:1-18 or Lk 24:1-12

28th April: Acts 5:27-32: Ps 118:14-29: or Ps 150: Rev 1:4-8: Jn 20:19-31

5th May: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) : Psalm 30: Revelation 5:11-14: John 21:1-19

12th May: Acts 9:36-43: Ps 23: Rev 7:9-17: John 10:22-30

19th May: Acts 11:1-18: Ps 148: Rev 21:1-6: Jn 13:31-35
or **Aldersgate Sunday** : Is 12:1-6 or Is 51:1-3, 7-11: Ps 130: Rom 5:1-11: or 2 Pet 1:1-11: Mk 12:28-37 :or Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

26th May: Acts 16:9-15: Ps 67: Rev 21:10, 22 – 22:5: Jn 14:23-29 or Jn 5:1-9

Circuit Matters

Circuit Service—Sunday 24th March, 3.30pm, The Avenue, Thompson, Admission of Lesley Hatton as Local Preacher, followed by tea.

Circuit Meeting - Tuesday 12th March 7.30 for 7.45pm at the Avenue

Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting – Tuesday 19 March 7.00pm—7.30pm, at the Avenue, to lead into the Bible Month Training on the same day—see below.

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.

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