

# High Wycombe Circuit (23/27)

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## Plan of Services for December 2017– February 2018

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

Dear All

This new plan of services begins in December at the start of Advent and takes us through Christmas and Epiphany to the beginning of Lent. This period marks some of the most important times in the Christian year as we grow in faith together in worship.

I hope we are sustained and strengthened as we worship God over this time.

In the midst of this you may be aware of forthcoming staff changes in the Circuit. As I write today the Methodist Church's Stationing Group are meeting to seek to match Circuit Presbyteral appointments with the Presbyters available. We will hear shortly if we have a match here for someone to come into the Circuit to take over from John Richey. You will be aware too that Ruth Richey has been chosen to become the new Deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order from next September. As we are saddened to lose Ruth here we are aware how much she has to offer the Church on a wider stage and we pray for her and John as she prepares to leave us.

We are working now on a profile for a new Deacon to come into the Circuit next year to replace Ruth and it is exciting to look forward to a new person coming with fresh gifts to build on Ruth's rich time with us here. However John and Ruth are still very much with us for now for which we are very thankful!

In this and so many things it is good to remember that we will soon be in Advent and into a season of expectation, hope and anticipation. Christmas too is a season of dreams where the deepest dream of all humanity meets God's own dream for his world in the coming of Jesus. Like the windows of an Advent Calendar we will be led closer and closer to the mystery that is born in Bethlehem – the hope of the World.

I hope that you find real blessing and encouragement through this season and that you will join me in praying for the whole Circuit through this time that we will be transformed by God as we worship and serve him in our communities and through the world.

Every blessing

Nick

## An Iona Christmas Carol

1. Who would think that what was needed  
To transform and save the earth  
Might not be a plan or army.  
Proud in purpose, proved in worth?  
Who would think, despite derision,  
That a child might lead the way?  
*God surprises earth with heaven,  
Coming here on Christmas Day.*

2. Shepherds watch and wise men wonder,  
Monarchs scorn and angels sing;  
Such a place as none would reckon  
Hosts a holy helpless thing.  
Stable beasts and by-passed strangers  
Watch a baby laid in hay;  
*God surprises earth with heaven,  
Coming here on Christmas Day.*

3. Centuries of skill and science  
Span the past from which we move,  
Yet experience questions whether,  
With such progress, we improve.  
While the human lot we ponder,  
Lest our hopes and humour fray,  
*God surprises earth with heaven,  
Coming here on Christmas Day.*

Q2 Dec — Feb 2017-18	December 2017						January 2018				February 2018			
	3rd Dec Advent 1	10th Dec Advent 2	17th Dec Advent 3	24th Dec Advent 4	25th Dec Christmas	31st Dec New Y's Eve	7th Jan	14th Jan	21st Jan	28th Jan	4th Feb	11th Feb	18th Feb Lent 1	25th Feb Lent 2
Marlow WL	9.30am 10.30am 6.30pm Thompson SL 10.45am Thompson HC LA CW	Green HC @ Marlow Bottom	LA Nativity Thompson Carols by Candle Light	R.Richey 5.30pm Thompson Christingle 11.15pm Thompson	10.30am Thompson AAW	LA	Thompson 10.45am Thompson SL HC/CV	N. Sweet	freespirit Puppets 4 All	Thompson Cel @ Flack- well heath	C. Luscombe 10.45am J. Richey SL HC	Bolton HC @ Marlow Bottom	freespirit R.Richey	Luscombe Cel @ Flack- well Heath
Marlow Bottom	9.30am 10.30am 6.30pm @ St. Mary's HC 11.00am Lantern	R.Richey J.Richey HC	Thompson 11.00am Lantern @ St Mary's HC	Hargrove	N&P Sweet	Thompson HC/US	@ St. Mary's 11.00am Lantern HC	Thompson HC/ CV No Service	Thompson 11.00am Lantern @ St. Mary's HC	Hatton	@ St. Mary's 11.00am Lantern HC	LA S.Vunipola HC	Singleton 11.00am L'tern @ St. Mary's HC	Thompson HC
Flackwell Heath WL	11.00am 6.30pm Toys & Gifts P. Sweet AAW Thompson	S.Vunipola US @ Christchurch 'Rock the Manger' HC	4.00pm Thompson CS	4.00pm Christingle/ Nativity Thompson	10.30am R.Richey AAW	Green	12—12.30pm Final Alpha 3.00pm Thompson HC/ CV	Stevens FS	LA SL J. Richey	Luscombe Thompson Cel	N. Sweet AAW S.Vunipola	Thompson FS	Lovell J. Richey SL HC	LA S.Vunipola Cel
Wesley WL	10.30am 6.30pm Stevens	Thompson HC	Bolton CS LA 11.15pm Bolton HC	LA	Bolton	Sparks	Singleton HC/ CV	Bolton	LA	R.Richey	Cameron HC	Green	LA	Newman
Cryers Hill	10.30am 6.00pm Green Hargrove	Luscombe S.Vunipola	Singleton 3.00pm CS HC	Bolton LA CS	10.00am Cooper	LA Hargrove	P. Sweet Cooper	LA Taylor	Hargrove S.Vunipola	S.Vunipola J.Richey HC	Billitt Hargrove	S.Vunipola Thompson HC	Stevens Hargrove	Holmes Spooner
Holmer Green	9.30am 10.30am 6.00pm Singleton HC S.Vunipola	SL R.Richey	Newman LA CS	J.Richey Christingle No Service	J.Richey	10.45 ACTS @ Holmer Green Baptist Church No Service	Green S. Vunipola	SL J. Richey HC	LA Lunt	J.Richey HC S.Vunipola	10.45am Section Service @ Tylers Green LA	SL J.Richey	Sparks S.Vunipola	S. Vunipola Thompson HC
The Avenue WL	10.30am 6.30pm S.Vunipola HC	Lunt	S.Vunipola AAW	Cooper 5.00pm Christingle R. Richey	LA	LA	S.Vunipola HC	R.Richey SL	Thompson	N. Sweet	S.Vunipola HC	Hatton SL	S. Vunipola	Cooper
Stokenchurch WL	9.30am 6.30pm LA Advent CS	Hargrove US @ PC	US @ PC	R.Richey US	US @ PC	US @ PC	Cooper	S.Vunipola US/ HC/ CV	US @PC	Stevens	Newman	N. Sweet US @ PC	Cooper	Green
Lane End	11.15am 6.30pm		4.00pm S.Vunipola Carols by Candle Light US											
WL Tylers Green	10.45am J.Richey HC	Sparks	LA CS	No Service	10.00am Stevens	Stevens	LA	J. Richey HC	Lunt	Singleton	Section Service Tear Fund	LA	P. Sweet	J.Richey HC
Downley WL	9.30am 10.00am 6.30pm N.Sweet Craft Club	J. Richey HC	Taylor CS	Holmes	Hargrove	LA	J.Richey Craft Club HC	Luscombe	S.Vunipola	N. Sweet	Craft Club 10-12 10.45am Section Service @ Tylers Green	J.Richey HC	Hargrove	LA
Naphill	10.30am 6.30pm Lovell	LA CS	J.Richey HC @ RAF J.Richey 4.00pm @ Village Hall	@ RAF	@ RAF	Cooper	LA	Taylor	J.Richey HC	Cooper	10.45am Section Service @ Tylers Green	R.Richey	J.Richey HC	LA

AAW—All Age Worship, B—Baptism, CS—Carol Service, Cel—Celebrate Service, CV—Covenant Service, CW—Contemplative Worship, HC—Holy Communion, ,  
LA—Local Arrangement, PC—Parish Church, SL—Sunday Live, 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 12th January—plan@highwycombmethodist.org.uk

# Circuit Matters

**Circuit Meeting** - Tuesday 13th March, Wesley, 7.30pm for 7.45pm.

**Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting**—Wednesday 6th December, 7.45—8.00pm, The Avenue; Tuesday 20th March , The Avenue 7.45pm for 8.00pm.

**Circuit Treasurer's Meeting**—February 6th , The Avenue, 8.00pm.

## **ENCIRCLED *in care*** Pastoral Training

Last two sessions of the 5 session Circuit course to develop caring relationships in church and community at Marlow Methodist Church on the following Saturdays @ 9.30am-1.00pm.

13th January—Pastoral Course 4—Across the generations

24th February—Pastoral Course 5—Loss and Bereavement

To book contact Judith Elliot, judiell@gmail.com 01628 471744

## **Contemplative Worship at Marlow**

Over the past year-and-a-half, we have been meeting on a Thursday lunchtime, each month, for a more contemplative style of prayer and worship, than we usually experience on a Sunday morning . At the beginning of September we added a quarterly evening service, and the first used music and prayers from Taize. At the beginning of Advent we will meet to mark the start of this season of expectation, and then each Thursday lunchtime - Sunday 3rd December at 6.30pm, Thursdays 7th, 14th and 21st December at 12.30pm. All are welcome.

## **Circuit Service—*Advance Notice***

We are hoping to hold a Circuit Covenant Service in early September 2018 to mark the beginning of the Methodist Year.

### **Worship: Leading and Preaching Summer School at Cliff College 6-10th August 2017**

Are you interested in training to be a worship leader or preacher? If so there is a crash course available to help you get started!

The first part of the new Leading Worship and Preaching course helps people to train to be Worship Leaders and can be undertaken solely for that purpose (Modules 1-4) and is now available as a 4 day residential!

If you are studying to become a Methodist Local Preacher or Worship Leader, or want a refresher course for your worship and preaching after some years of service in these roles then the **'Worship: Leading and Preaching'** Summer School is for you! Open to all aged 18 years +.

The **'Worship: Leading and Preaching'** Summer School is designed specifically for those who are currently training to be Worship Leaders and Preachers. During the week, the sessions will be based on the "Explore" material in Worship Leading and Preaching, and will assume that students have completed the "Prepare" sections prior to the Summer School. Opportunities for discussion about building portfolios and other aspects of the course will also be available, and we will share worship and fellowship together. Three streams will be provided for Worship: Leading & Preaching, covering (i) Modules 1 & 2, (ii) Modules 3 & 4, and (iii) Modules 5 & 6.

Please contact Nick Thompson if you are interested in undertaking this training.

*Modules 7 & 8 will be covered in a new Spring School in early 2019 to allow all modules on the Worship Leaders and Preachers course to be delivered at Cliff. Please watch out for dates and details for this new event on [www.cliffcollege.ac.uk](http://www.cliffcollege.ac.uk)*

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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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