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Plan of Services for Dec — Feb 2023

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A Letter from our Superintendent:

Dear Friends

I have just returned from a trip round the holy land. A truly amazing experience, walking in the footsteps of Christ and the Apostle Paul. I feel like it will take me many months to truly reflect on the experiences I had there. Sitting by the sea at Galilee, the smells, the heat, Paul and I, in a quiet place read the beatitudes together, the hustling people shut out for just a moment as we pictured Christ talking to his people while we stared out over the lake and the mist closed in. I bent down to smell the brightest flower I think I had ever seen. In that dry place something beautiful was growing and the perfume magnificent. Not what I was expecting at all. At the river Jordan, I was tired, the day long, I almost didn't get off the bus. I turned the corner and there before me, the most wonderful, lush river surrounded by trees and plants, with animals nearby. People were being baptised. Singing in a language unfamiliar to me. The sky broke from the storm for just a moment, and I caught a glimpse of what it might have been like for my Lord, that day. Not what I was expecting at all. At home news came that the prime minister had resigned, and Rishi Sunak is now the new prime minister, not what I was expecting at all. As we begin advent, we prepare for the coming of the Christ child, born to a virgin, foretold by an angel, not what she was expecting at all. In this time when things around us can feel unexpected, as they have in our country, the wider world, friends we need to remember we have a rock, a firm foundation on which we stand. Christ. The apostle Paul in Romans 8:39 Tells us; *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

I hope that the seasons of Advent, Christmas and the renewal that comes with the covenant services bring hope, peace, love and Joy into your heart and minds and that you have the opportunity to share your faith story with those who have yet to hear the Good news of Jesus – let your light shine!

God bless you all

Rev Kate Strange

Superintendent Minister High Wycombe Circuit

member of the Circuit staff and uses contemporary music coupled with an informal approach to worship.

In addition, the Flackwell Heath fellowship invite the Circuit to join them in their evening Zoom service **FreShare**. The idea of **FreSHare** is that everyone should come prepared to share something - it can be a song or Bible verse or poem or an opportunity to talk about how God has spoken to them in the past week, so it is very much an open sharing service without structure that lasts about an hour. It is moved and prompted by the Holy Spirit and rooted in prayer. Neil will send out a reminder each week and the Zoom link for the event is:

[https://zoom.us/j/95927239782?](https://zoom.us/j/95927239782?pwd=VTdodFo3ZmxTdmJ1TEdLUmQ0MHlsUT0)

[pwd=VTdodFo3ZmxTdmJ1TEdLUmQ0MHlsUT0](https://zoom.us/j/95927239782?pwd=VTdodFo3ZmxTdmJ1TEdLUmQ0MHlsUT0)

Meeting ID: 959 2723 9782 Password: 316

If joining by telephone, the number is 0330 088 5830; when prompted the caller then needs to enter the meeting ID number, which in the case of FreSHare is 959 2723 9782. You may then be prompted to enter a password, which is 316

Circuit on-line streamed services:

We continue to live stream services from both Wesley and Marlow Methodist Churches as follows:

Livestream from Marlow Methodist

Services from Marlow are live streamed and can be found on their YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/AQihC488OsE>

The stream starts at 10.20am, a recording can be viewed at anytime after the end of the service. You can find more details on the Marlow web site: <https://www.marlowmethodistchurch.org.uk>

Live Streaming from Wesley Methodist

Services from Wesley are also live streamed and can be found on the Wesley YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/WesleyHWYT>. The stream starts at 10.20am and a recording can be viewed at anytime after the end of the service.

Thanks to Tim Ashburner and David Sparks for all their hard work to date and continuing efforts to organise these services and thanks to all who are helping with this.

Circuit have some deep discerning to do about where God is leading us as worshipping communities in High Wycombe and the place of Diaconal ministry. I am thankful for the wisdom of the Circuit Stewards and we pray for them as they catch God's vision for our Circuit. We are blessed with faithful, inspiring worship leaders and local preachers whose feet I have been blessed to sit at.

The hymn God moves in a mysterious way has these words:

God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain. STF 104

My continued love and prayers as I minister at Wesley amongst you his faithful people, in the community and in the Circuit.

Deacon Richard"

Richard's Farewell Service will be held at **5.00pm** at Wesley Methodist Church, High Wycombe on Sunday 26th Feb. It will be led by Rev Kate Strange and the Preacher will be the Chair of District, Rev Helen Cameron.

And a welcome to our new Supernumerary Minister:

We are pleased to welcome to our Circuit the Rev Heegon Moon and his family. Heegon retired from South West Wales Circuit in September 2021 because of ill health. He has moved to the Holmer Green area where he lives with his wife, Deborah and two children, Sung Soo and Sung Leen. We wish him and his family a peaceful and restful retirement.

Circuit Business Meetings:

Preachers' and Worship Leaders' Meeting:

Thu 15th Dec 2022, 7.30pm on ZOOM

Circuit Meeting:

Tue 14th March 2023, 7.30pm, venue to be advised

Circuit Services:

Our regular monthly Circuit Services continue as follows:

Joyful Light: A monthly Zoomed service held at 6.30pm on the second Sunday of the month and normally led by Neil Manthorpe. This is a time of contemplative worship taking inspiration from Taizé, Iona and other traditions. For more details contact Neil Manthorpe (01491 445915/ neildmanthorpe@gmail.com).

Celebrate: A monthly gathered service held at Flackwell Heath Methodist Church on the fourth Sunday of the month. This is normally led by a

A Farewell to Richard Goldstraw

As you know Richard will be leaving the circuit next year and this will be the last Circuit Plan to be published before he departs. He writes:

"Dear all in the Circuit churches,

The discernment process is not easy but has been made the easier by the careful counsel and wisdom of the Methodist Diaconal Order and foremost putting it in the hands of a God who moves in mysterious ways. He moves through, loved ones, friends and colleagues and other mysterious ways! His ways are not our ways.

The new position arose when in the stationing process last year, the Richmond and Hounslow Circuit did not have a match, it was re-figured from a presbyteral to a Diaconal appointment and became a priority, hence the early move, with need for Methodist ministry in both churches. The Order to which I belong was approached, a process began and hence I will be ministering in Raleigh Rd United Church with the URC in Richmond and Barnes Methodist Church in April with the emphasis on pioneering in both communities. The Farewell Service will be on Sunday 26th February 2023 at Wesley. I am delighted and very touched that our Chair Rev Dr Helen Cameron will lead the service.

Ministers are given a month to move and reorientate to the new Circuit – this will be in March.

As Nigel has written, this is the next stage on my vocational journey and will probably take me to retirement – but who knows! I'm looking forward from June to having a 60 plus London Oyster photocard giving me free travel on London transport services and the joy of living a stone's throw away from Kew Gardens. I have enjoyed Kew through the seasons on the television. I marvel in the wonder of trees and Kew certainly is a wonder for trees. Scripture is full of trees. I am delighted that the manse garden has a fig tree! I love fig biscuits.

Josh and I do not relish moving with three cats, but we have become experts over the years.

It has been a joy ministering alongside Georgina and it will continue to be. I am deeply thankful for the prayerful support of Wesley stewards and members and colleagues, past and present, retired and active. My colleagues too in Wycombe Workplace Chaplaincy and South Bucks Hospice Butterfly House have been prayerfully supportive. We at Wesley and in the

		December 22					January 23					February 23			
		4th Dec	11th Dec	18th Dec	24th Dec	25th Dec	1st Jan	8th Jan	15th Jan	22nd Jan	29th Jan	5th Feb	12th Feb	19th Feb	26th Feb
Marlow LS WL	10.30am	Goldstraw	K. Strange Nativity	N. Sweet Cont		Goldstraw	K. Strange Baptism	P Strange	Alexander Cont	K Strange COV	LA	K. Strange HC	Manthorpe (T)	Bondzi-Simpson Cont	K Strange
	4.00pm				4.00PM K. Strange Christingle					K Strange Noahs Ark MC					LA Noahs Ark MC
	6.30pm	FreShare @ FHMC		K. Strange CS			FreShare @ FHMC	Manthorpe JL Z	FreShare @ FHMC	Cel @ Flackwell		FreShare @ FHMC	K Strange JL Z	FreShare @ FHMC	Farewell Service @ Wesley
Marlow Bottom	9.30am	Lovell	Anglican @ St Mary's HC	K. Strange HC		10.00AM Anglican AAW @ St Mary's	Anglican HC	Anglican @ St Mary's HC	No service	Anglican HC @ St Mary's	Anglican @ St Mary's HC	Goldstraw	Anglican @ St Mary's HC	K. Strange HC	Anglican @ St Mary's HC
	11.00am	Anglican HC	No service	Anglican			No service	Anglican @ St Mary's AAW	K Strange COV	Anglican AAW @ St Mary's	Service Sunday	Anglican HC	Anglican @ St Mary's AAW	Anglican	N Sweet @ St Mary's AAW
	6.30pm	FreShare @ FHMC	4.00pm Christingle @ St Mary's	6.00pm Christmas Joy @ St Mary's	5.00PM Crib Service @ St Mary's		FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z	FreShare @ FHMC	Cel @ Flackwell		FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z	FreShare @ FHMC	Farewell Service @ Wesley
Flackwell Heath WL	11.00am	WHC Gift Service AAW	No service	K Strange Christingle	10.00AM K. Strange Crafts & music	10.30AM K. Strange AAW	No service	K Strange COV	Hatton	No service	Goldstraw	LA AAW	P Sweet	K. Strange HC	No service
	6.30pm	LA FreShare Z	K Strange 3.00PM CS	No service			LA FreShare Z	JL Z	LA FreShare Z	K Strange Cel	Bondzi-Simpson Joint service at CC	LA FreShare Z	JL Z	LA FreShare Z	Farewell Service @ Wesley
Wesley LS WL	10.30am	Manthorpe (T)	Goldstraw	Bondzi-Simpson CS		Bondzi-Simpson	Green	LA	Bondzi-Simpson COV	P Strange	Green	Bondzi-Simpson HC	LA	Goldstraw	Bondzi-Simpson Youth Service
	6.30pm	FreShare @ FHMC			11.15PM Bondzi-Simpson HC		FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z	FreShare @ FHMC	Cel @ Flackwell		FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z	FreShare @ FHMC	5.00PM Strange / Cameron Farewell Service
The Avenue WL	10.30am	Bondzi-Simpson HC	P Strange	No service		Green	No service	C Luscombe	LA	Bondzi-Simpson Joint service	Bondzi-Simpson COV	Green	Bondzi-Simpson HC	Hatton	Lovell
	6.30pm	FreShare @ FHMC		Bondzi-Simpson CS 4.00PM	5.00PM LA Christingle		FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z	FreShare @ FHMC	Cel @ Flackwell		FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z	FreShare @ FHMC	Farewell Service @ Wesley
Cryers Hill	10.30am	Foday HC	Green	Crowle		Bolton	Foday HC	Lovell	Billet	Sitford	Bolton COV	C Luscombe	Foday HC	LA	P Strange
	3.00pm	Spooner	Spooner	Billit		No service	No service	Foday	Rose	Spooner	LA	K. Strange	Billit	Spooner	Sitford
Holmer Green	10.30am	N Sweet	Alexander	Foday CS		Manthorpe (T)	No service	Orange	Foday COV	Lovell	Manthorpe (T)	Orange	K Strange	Bolton	Foday HC
	6.30pm	FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z				FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z	FreShare @ FHMC	Cel @ Flackwell		FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z	FreShare @ FHMC	Farewell Service @ Wesley
Tylers Green WL	10.30am	Hatton	Foday HC	LA CS		N Sweet	No service	Foday	C Luscombe	Crowle	Hatton	P Sweet	Goldstraw	Foday HC	C Luscombe
	6.30pm	FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z				FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z	FreShare @ FHMC	Cel @ Flackwell		FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z	FreShare @ FHMC	Farewell Service @ Wesley
Downley	10.00am	K Strange HC	Bondzi-Simpson	9.00AM Taylor CS		Foday	Bolton	Goldstraw	LA	Foday COV	LA	Alexander	P Strange	N Sweet	Green
	6.30pm	FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z				FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z	FreShare @ FHMC	Cel @ Flackwell		FreShare @ FHMC	JL Z	FreShare @ FHMC	Farewell Service @ Wesley

AAW—All Age Worship, Cont—Contemporary Worship, Cel—Celebrate Service, COV—Covenant Service, CS -Carol Service, HC—Holy Communion, LA—Local Arrangement, JL—Joyful Light, LS—Live Stream, MC—Messy Church, T - Transport Needed, WL—Worship Leader available, WHC—Wycombe Homeless Connection, US—United Service, Z-Zoom Service.

NB Information from the Churches and Preachers for the next plan should be sent to Nigel Sweet via pa@marlowmethodistchurch.org.uk by Friday 6th Jan 2023
Ministers' Rest Days: Kate Strange —Friday; Vida Foday—Friday; Richard Goldstraw—Saturday; Georgina Bondzi— Simpson—Monday