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Responsibility for finding substitute Preachers lies with the Preacher concerned **and not** with the Superintendent. She should however be informed of any changes that occur.

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Plan of Services for June — August 2023

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A Letter from our Superintendent:

Dear Friends

I write this to you on the eve of Ascension day, the day that marks the moment Jesus literally ascended into heaven in front of his disciples, at the village of Bethany near Jerusalem. It was many years ago now as a child that I can remember singing in the Roger Jones musical 'Saints Alive' - 1983 in fact. It told the story of the birth of the church on the day of Pentecost showing the dramatic change which took place in the apostles, turning them from frightened and hopeless men to people who turned the world upside down. The words that resonate and still stay with me – “why stand there gazing into heaven, fear on your faces all alone, Jesus will come to you, and you’ll know his word is true, he said he’d never leave you on your own” For me that powerful image of disciples looking upwards, afraid wondering what comes next, when of course with hindsight we know what comes next; the most amazing advocate the Holy Spirit, earth-shaking, motivating, transforming spirit, to enter us, change us and lead us on. I am aware that this year we are in some ways as a circuit, people, a country, again standing in that space of awe, looking upwards, wondering what is coming next. As a country we have just celebrated a new season for a new monarch and wondering what that will mean for the people of this country against the backdrop of raised food and energy prices and neighbours still at war with no sign of an end. We have just marked Christian Aid week and we have heard of the plight this year of brothers and sisters across the world in Africa, Malawi and the ravages of Cyclone Freddy. Within the circuit we sadly on this plan both celebrate the life and witness of Marlow Bottom Methodist Chapel but it also closes its doors for its final service on the 16th of July. All occasions where it is easy to find ourselves standing outstretched looking upwards with those same words on our lip – what next Lord?

Pentecost happened! God sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to help the Church to make Jesus' invisible Kingdom visible by living lives that reflect the love of God. So, friends through these times of change and wonder I leave you with those words of comfort that have stayed with my 13 year old self these past 40 years that they may bring you comfort too. “You know his word is true, he said he’d never leave you on your own”. As we wait to celebrate the coming of Pentecost let us do so with awe and wonder, with our hands and arms outstretched, not in fear, but an invitation

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 continuing to organise live streamed services and thanks to all who are helping with this.

Wycombe One Can Trust:

The One Can Trust foodbank provides emergency food parcels to people in crisis in our community of High Wycombe, Marlow, and across South Bucks.

The items we need most at the moment are:

Tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned pulses, tinned meat pies, instant coffee, toothbrushes, shampoo.

OneCan can't accept: alcohol, homemade food, frozen or refrigerated items, out of date items or opened packets.

Although some things are always needed, the urgent needs change weekly so check the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/OneCanTrust2> where they post weekly updates.

The warehouse is open for donations between 8:30am – 3:30pm, Monday – Friday. If you are unable to make this time, please let them know (**01494 512 277**). Equally, they can collect donations if needed.

Other drop off points can be found here: [Donate Food - One Can Trust](#)
Churches or individuals can subscribe to receive weekly updates from: jo.belshaw@onecantrust.org.uk

Assisted Local Arrangements

As warned at the last Circuit Meeting, there are more LAs than usual on this plan. The staff team have looked at ways in which help can be given to each Chapel with the LAs in the next quarter and have agreed to record some sermons based on the lectionary for a particular Sunday, this, together with the material provided by 'Roots' Magazine, should allow stewards and others to prepare a service for use on the Sunday morning. This might be an opportunity to encourage any members of your congregations who might have a call to lead worship to test that call by taking responsibility for choosing the hymns and organising the readings and prayers. The following LAs are those for which there will be sermons etc. These are designated on the Plan as 'Assisted LA'

Sunday 25th June - Rev Kate Strange - Marlow, Flackwell Heath, Holmer Green, Tylers Green and Downley

Sunday 16th July - Rev Kate Strange - Marlow, The Avenue,

Sunday 13th August - Neil Manthorpe - Wesley, Cryers Hill, Tylers Green

Sunday 20th August - Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson - Holmer Green, Downley

Sunday 27th August - Rev Kate Strange - Marlow, Flackwell Heath, The Avenue

You are, of course, welcome to make your own arrangements but we hope that this offer will make the next quarter more straightforward to prepare for - the staff team will welcome feedback on the material provided once it has been used so that refinements can be made if we need to continue this provision for subsequent quarters.

Best wishes - Kate and the staff team

Circuit On Line Streaming Services:

Services are available live streamed from both Wesley and Marlow Methodist Church for all the High Wycombe Circuit, with grateful thanks to all who have made this possible. Links to both these services are on the circuit website at

<https://www.highwycombemethodist.org.uk>

Livestream from Marlow Methodist

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

for all that God has to offer to us in this new season of opportunity.

Rev Kate Strange

Superintendent High Wycombe Circuit

Circuit Business Meetings:

Preachers' and Worship Leaders' Meeting:

Wed 14th June, 7.30pm, venue tba

Circuit Meeting:

Wed 5th July, 7.30pm @ Tyler's Green

Autumn Synod:

Representative Synod, Sat 9th September

Circuit Events:

Farewell Service for Rev'd Vida Foday:

Vida's farewell service will take place at 3.00pm on Sunday 23rd July @ The Avenue Methodist Church. The service will be led by Rev'd Kate Strange and Rev'd Helen Cameron will be the preacher. More details will be published nearer the time but to avoid parking congestion churches are urged to share transport as much possible.

Welcome Service for Rev'd Rachael Prince:

As we say goodbye to Vida, we say hello to Rachael. The welcome service for Rachael and her husband Ian will take place at 6.30pm on Thursday 24th August @ Holmer Green Methodist Church. The service will be led by Rev'd Kate Strange and Rev'd Helen Cameron will be the preacher. More details will be available nearer the time.

Celebration Service MBMC:

A service to celebrate the life and times of Marlow Bottom Methodist church will be held at 4.00pm on Sunday 16th July. All who loved the chapel are warmly invited to join this final service prior to it 'Ceasing to Meet' later this year.

Joyful Light: A monthly Zoomed service held at 6.30pm on the second Sunday of the month and 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).

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		4 Jun <i>Trinity</i>	11 Jun <i>Meth Homes</i>	18 Jun	25 Jun	2 Jul	9 Jul	16 Jul	23 Jul	30 Jul	6 Aug	13 Aug	20 Aug	27 Aug
Marlow LS WL	10.30am	Bolton HC	CTM Higginson Park	Manthorpe cont	Assisted LA (KS)	LA Barnabas	K Strange HC	Assisted LA (KS) cont	Luscombe	P Sweet	K Strange HC	P Strange	N Sweet cont	Assisted LA (KS)
	4.00pm			K Strange ark MC			K Strange ark MC		3.00pm @ Ave					
	6.30pm		Manthorpe JL Z				Manthorpe JL Z							
Marlow Bottom	9.30am	N Sweet	Anglican HC	K Strange HC	Anglican HC	Lovell	Anglican HC	K Strange HC	no service	no service	no service	no service	no service	no service
	11.00am	Anglican AAW & HC	no service Higginson Park	Anglican	Anglican AAW	Anglican AAW & HC	Anglican AAW	K Strange Celebration Service 4.00pm	Anglican	Service Sunday	Anglican	Anglican	Anglican	Anglican
	6.30pm		JL Z				JL Z		3.00pm @ Ave					
Flackwell Heath WL	11.00am	N Sweet LUNCH & AGM	LA	K Strange HC	Assisted LA (KS)	P Sweet LUNCH	LA	K Strange HC	P Strange	No Service	LA LUNCH	K Strange HC	Hatton	Assisted LA (KS)
	6.30pm	LA freshare	JL Z	LA freshare	LA freshare	LA freshare	JL Z	LA freshare	3.00pm @ Ave	K Strange joint service at CC	no service		LA freshare	LA freshare
Wesley LS WL	10.30am	K. Strange	Bondzi-Simpson HC	LA	Manthorpe	Luscombe	LA Action for Children	Bondzi-Simpson Youth Service	N Sweet	Bondzi-Simpson HC	Bolton	Assisted LA (NM)	Lovell	K Strange HC
	6.30pm		JL Z				JL Z		3.00pm @ Ave					
The Avenue WL	10.30am	Bondzi-Simpson HC & MS	P Strange	Bondzi-Simpson joint HC at Oa- kridge	Hatton	Bolton	Manthorpe	Assisted LA (KS)	Bondzi-Simpson HC	LA	Alexander	Luscombe	K Strange HC	Assisted LA (KS)
	6.30pm		JL Z				JL Z		farewell service Vida 3pm					
Cryers Hill	10.30am	Luscombe	Manthorpe	LA	Foday HC	Sitford	Crowle	Bolton	Foday HC	Manthorpe	N Sweet	Assisted LA (NM)	Luscombe	Billit
	6.00pm	Spooner	Sitford	Foday	Billit	Foday	Billit	LA	3.00pm @ Ave	Spooner	Hatton	Spooner	Rose	Spooner
Holmer Green	10.30am	LA	Foday HC	Orange	Assisted LA (KS)	Manthorpe	Foday HC	Luscombe	K Strange	Joint service at Tylers Green	LA	Crowle	LA	N Sweet
	6.30pm		JL Z				JL Z		3.00pm @ Ave					
Tylers Green WL	10.30am	Foday HC & CA	LA	Lovell	Assisted LA (KS)	Foday HC	P Strange	Joint service at Holmer Green	Bolton	K Strange HC	Luscombe	Assisted LA (NM)	Orange	Joint service at Holmer Green
	6.30pm		JL Z				JL Z		3.00pm @ Ave					
Downley	10.00am	Manthorpe	LA	Foday HC	Assisted LA (KS)	K Strange	Lovell	Foday	Orange	Luscombe	Bondzi-Simpson HC	P Sweet	LA	Hatton
	6.30pm		JL Z				JL Z		3.00pm @ Ave					

AAW—All Age Worship, Cont— Contemporary Worship, HC—Holy Communion, LA—Local Arrangement, JL—Joyful Light, LS—Live Stream, MC—Messy Church, T - Transport Needed

NB Information from the Churches and Preachers for the next plan should be sent to Nigel Sweet via sweetnigelmartin2017@btinternet.com by Friday 7th July 2023

Ministers' Rest Days: Kate Strange —Friday; Vida Foday—Friday; Georgina Bondzi— Simpson—Monday