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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 Mar — May 2023

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A Letter from our Superintendent:

Dear Friends

As we move through the seasons of the year we find ourselves now preparing to observe the holy season of Lent. We do this by prayer, self-denial and charitable giving, self-examination and repentance and by reading and meditating on God's word. As you look through this Plan and see the services and activities that the individual churches have organised within their own communities, you will see a richness of opportunities to commit yourself to those principles. Lent is a journey, a journey to the cross, a journey that we hope will change and transform us anew.

One of the things that the Methodist church is requesting of all ministers, local preachers and stewards, is that they undertake Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion training. This is done in the hope the church today may be a more welcoming and inclusive place for everyone. It should not matter what you look like or sound like, or whether we hold different views and opinions from each other. The Methodist church prides itself that it holds within its family, a community of believers with contradictory views. This year for Christian unity week the theme was 'Be – longing' and we were reminded that it was 30 years since the murder of Stephen Lawrence. We have been focusing on how, together, we can contribute to the promotion of racial justice, but more than that, justice for all.

As part of the training, I led a session on Difference and we looked at how a tapestry is made. The beautiful picture that is created at the front but the often-messy strands of the cords at the back, this often reflects our life. Paul and I, on our recent visit to the Holy land, went to a young woman's fair-trade initiative in Turkey where they were making many such tapestries. The women from local villages were, paid a fair wage and provided with looms. They could, therefore provide for their families and not have to be sold to older men into marriage, which had been the principle before. The thing we hadn't realised was that the beautiful tapestry takes up to 9 months to make by hand and often two or three women from the same family would each take a turn when one got tired. Thus, not only sharing the load and the chores of the family, but being enabled to stay together as a family unit.

It taught me a lot about togetherness, the importance, of what goes on behind the scenes, the mess, if you like, needed to produce the picture of

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

Services for Holy Week		
Marlow & Marlow Bottom:	Maundy Thur 7.00pm:	Agape worship led by Rev'd Kate Strange
	Good Friday: 10.30am	CTM Open-air Service in Higginson Park
	10.40am	Walk of Witness processes along Marlow High Street
	11.15am	CTM All-age Service at Marlow Methodist Church note: CTM dates are subject to confirmation
Flackwell Heath:	Wednesday 8.00pm:	Tenebrae worship
	Good Friday 9.30am:	Reflective service led by Rev'd Kate Strange
Wesley:	Maundy Thur 7.30pm	Joint Service with URC @ Wesley MC
	Good Friday 10.00am:	United Service @ URC
The Avenue:	Good Friday 10.30am:	Walk of Witness and Service led by Lesley Hatton
Tylers Green:	Maundy Thur 7.00pm	Supper Service led by Rev'ds Foday & Singleton to include Holy Communion

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>

our lives. But that's not all, the chores, the beauty, the fun, the fellowship, the tears, the laughter, are all part of God's great design and each of us has a part to play which is important.

I hope this Lent both refills and renews you as you journey to the cross, that when you arrive you greet the Easter day with shouts of Alleluia he is risen! Ready to start the next season with hope and joy

In Christian Love

Kate

Circuit Business Meetings:

Preachers' and Worship Leaders' Meeting:

Tue 7th March, 7.30pm at The Avenue

Circuit Meeting:

Tue 14th March, 7.30pm @ The Avenue

Spring Synods:

Presbyteral, Wed 15th March, venue to be confirmed

Representative, Sat 22nd April, venue to be confirmed

Lent Lunches:

The popular Lent lunches hosted by Vida's section will be resuming this year. These will be held as follows:

Saturday **18th March** at **Downley** and

Saturday **25th March** at **Cryers Hill**

Both lunches will run from 12 noon to 2.00pm and all in the Circuit are invited.

Circuit Services:

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 Taize, Iona and other traditions. For more details contact Neil Manthorpe (01491 445915/ neildmanthorpe@gmail.com).

Celebrate: Regretfully it has been decided to stop holding the monthly evening Celebrate services at Flackwell Heath. The Circuit Leadership will be investigating new ways to bring the Circuit together in worship.

		March 23				April 23					May 23			
		5 th Mar 2 in Lent	12 th Mar 3 in Lent	19 th Mar Mothering	26 th Mar Passion	2 nd Apr Palm	9 th Apr Easter	16 th Apr	23 rd Apr	30 th Apr	7 th May Vocations	14 th May	21 st May Aldersgate	28 th May Pentecost
Marlow LS WL	10.30am	LA Leprosy Mission	Luscombe	K. Strange Cont	Bondzi- Simpson	N. Sweet	K. Strange HC	K. Strange AGM	Manthorpe (T)	Lovell	N. Sweet	LA Christian Aid	Crowle Cont	K. Strange
	4.00pm				K. Strange Noahs Ark MC				LA Noahs Ark MC					K. Strange Noahs Ark MC
	6.30pm		Manthorpe JL Z									Manthorpe JL Z		
Marlow Bottom	Venue:	Chapel	St Mary's	Chapel	St Mary's	Chapel	St Mary's	Chapel	St Mary's	Chapel	Chapel	St Mary's	Chapel	St Mary's
	9.30am	K. Strange	Anglican HC	K. Strange HC	Anglican HC	Lovell	Anglican HC	K. Strange HC	Anglican HC	Anglican HC	Bolton	Anglican HC	K. Strange HC	Anglican HC
	11.00am	Anglican HC	Anglican	Anglican	Anglican AAW	Anglican HC	Anglican AAW	Anglican	Anglican AAW	SERVICE SUN	Anglican HC	N. Sweet	Anglican	Anglican AAW
	6.30pm		JL Z									JL Z		
Flackwell Heath WL	11.00am	K. Strange AAW	P. Sweet	Moon HC	Hatton	LA AAW	8.30 am: K. Strange HC	Luscombe	K. Strange	LA	LA AAW	K. Strange	Moon HC	Manthorpe (T)
	6.30pm	LA FreSHare Z	JL Z	LA FreSHare Z	LA FreSHare Z	LA FreSHare Z	11.00am: P. Sweet 6.30pm: US @ CC	LA FreSHare Z	LA FreSHare Z	LA US @ FHMC	LA FreSHare Z	JL Z	LA FreSHare Z	LA FreSHare Z
Wesley LS	10.30am	Bondzi- Simpson HC	Bolton	N. Sweet	Manthorpe (T)	Bondzi- Simpson HC	N. Sweet	Lovell	LA	Moon	LA	Bondzi- Simpson HC	Bondzi- Simpson Youth Service	P. Strange
	6.30pm		JL Z									JL Z		
The Ave- nue WL	10.30am	N. Sweet	Bondzi- Simpson Membership HC	Bolton	K. Strange	Manthorpe (T)	Bondzi- Simpson HC	Bondzi- Simpson Baptism	N. Sweet	LA	Luscombe	Bolton	Alexander	Bondzi- Simpson HC
	6.30pm		JL Z									JL Z		
Cryers Hill	10.30am	Manthorpe (T)	Foday HC	LA	Crowle	Billit	Foday HC	Sitford	Bondzi- Simpson	Bolton	Billit	LA	Luscombe	Foday HC
	6.00pm	Billit	LA	Spooner	Foday	Siford	K. Strange	K. Strange	Spooner	Rose	Foday	Foday	Sitford	Bolton
Holmer Green	10.30am	Alexander	P. Strange	Orange	Foday HC	K. Strange	Moon	LA	Hatton	Orange	Manthorpe (T)	Foday HC	LA	Orange
	6.30pm		JL Z									JL Z		
Tylers Green WL	10.30am	LA	K. Strange	Foday HC	Luscombe	Moon	P. Strange	Alexander	Lovell	LA	Foday HC	LA	P Sweet	Moon
	6.30pm		JL Z									JL Z		
Downley	10.00am	Foday HC	Moon	Bondzi- Simpson	LA Leprosy Mission	Foday HC	Taylor	LA	Crowle	Manthorpe (T)	Moon	Luscombe	Foday HC	Viney
	6.30pm		JL Z									JL Z		

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

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

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