



Newsletter from the Bury St Edmunds Circuit for Sunday 28th June 2020

Dear Friends,

Last weekend Francis and I did something we have not been able to do for a very long time. Since the end of February, we haven't visited my mum. So we set off last Friday morning and travelled down to Romford. We were very surprised how busy the roads were especially as we got nearer to where she lives, they were busier than the roads in Suffolk. Up to now mum had been reluctant to have visitors. Although she didn't fall into an 'at risk' category she was shielding herself from Covid 19. But with the change in rules of what we can now do, she was happy to host us in her garden. We sat two metres apart and although unable to give her a hug we could catch up on news and it was just so good to see her face to face.

Since lockdown and for those who can or want to join us, we have held a Zoom worship service. This is a good way to 'see' each other, worship together and at the end of worship to speak to each other. Many of those who join us, are themselves shielding so not able to see other people in person. This is a good method of holding the church community together, but we know it is not the same as seeing each other face to face and sharing in worship in our church buildings.

Although it may still be some time away before we can all worship together in our buildings and can see each other face to face, we can still worship together using our Circuit Worship sheets and pray in our own homes. I am sure each week now we will be doing things we have been unable to do for some time, as we begin to live in our 'new normal'. Have you been shopping yet?

God Bless, Rita, Debbie and Ruth.

Sunday Service

Every week Rita, Ruth and I video the Sunday Service and Andrew Walker kindly puts it together for us. You can access this at <http://trinitymethodistchurch.org.uk/worshipthisweek.htm>

Thought for the Day

Each day a different Local Preacher or Minister writes a thought for the day which you can find at <https://www.burystedmundsmethodistcircuit.org.uk/176052272319.htm>

Thanks to Rita for preparing this week's newsletter and worship sheet.

News from Christchurch, Needham Market

During Lockdown like all other churches our building has been closed for worship and all other activities. However, that hasn't stopped us from letting our local community know that we are still there and still caring for those who are our neighbours. Initiated by one of our members, this beautiful Rainbow Tree of Hope, has been crafted. Lots of folk from our knit for peace knitting group, have been busily knitting these lovely colourful squares which have formed our tree. It makes a striking centre piece in our church foyer. As our church faces onto Needham Market High Street many folk pass by every day and can look in to see this tree. After we take down our Rainbow tree the squares will be sewn together to make blankets to be sent to those in need. Everyone has enjoyed making these squares and many more continue to be sent in for blankets.

