



Newsletter from the Bury St Edmunds Circuit
for Sunday 6th June 2021

Dear Friends,

Bible Month

During the month of July, we will be following the material for Bible Month. This year it is focusing on the gospel of Mark. By the end of June, we will send out a sheet explain some facts about the book of Mark which will help you with your background reading. As you might imagine trying to cover the whole of a gospel in one month will be hard, it has been divided up into four sections with a theme for each section. The themes and the dates are:-

4 th July	Mark 1 – Mark 3 : 35	Who is Jesus?
11 th July	Mark 4 – Mark 8 : 21	He breaks down barriers
18 th July	Mark 8 : 22 – Mark 10 : 52	On the way
25 th July	Mark 11 – Mark 16 : 8	The Passion

To get a clearer picture of a Gospel it is helpful to read it from beginning to end, and in doing this with Mark's gospel you will certainly get a different picture to that of other gospels. So, we have decided that this is what we will do as a circuit. We will read the whole of the gospel, out loud, from beginning to end, in one go; we anticipate that this will take a little over 2 hours – depending how fast or slow people read! We will be doing this in a church building and also by Zoom. We invite you to be part of this and either offer to read a section or come along and listen to it being read.

28th June 7pm Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/98036504477?pwd=dGR6VzFVUjNCWmxiaGI3MG8wN1hQZz09>
Meeting ID: 980 3650 4477 Passcode: 796911

1st July 7pm at Northumberland Avenue
this will also be live streamed on
<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsmethodistchurchsudbury>

This is an exciting event and I hope you will want to volunteer to read and if so, please contact Rev Val Spencer who will publish a rota for each event. But if you prefer not to read then please do come along and listen, it should be a good evening.

Val's details are:-
Phone numbers (available on request)
Email (available on request)

As you prepare for Bible month, you may wish to use the words of the following hymn, StF 161, as a prayer.

- 1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us ;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all your purposes, for your glory.
- 2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail ;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.
- 3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds ;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

Keith Getty (b.1974) and Stuart Townend (b.1963)

God bless

Debbie, Ruth, and Rita

Sunday Worship A Circuit video recording of the Sunday Worship Sheet can be found at:

<http://www.trinitymethodistchurch.org.uk/worshipthisweek.htm>

Zoom Sunday Worship: You are welcome to join Zoom Worship on a Sunday morning with Rev Debbie Borda or Francis Carr. If you would like to join in worship in this way then please contact Debbie and she will give you details of how to join a zoom meeting. The Stowmarket group Zoom service will continue during the period of Rita's sabbatical hosted by Francis. You can join Zoom via your landline phone – please ask for details.

Live stream service Ruth Ridge is leading a weekly service on the St John's Facebook page live at 6pm every Thursday. The service lasts about 30 mins and is available to watch live and on the page at any time after it has been broadcast. The service is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsmethodistchurchsudbury> and you do not have to have a Facebook account to access it.

July and August

We have made the plan for July and August and there will be one service per Sunday in each church in the circuit – this is of course subject to government guidelines. The plans have been sent to the senior church steward. If you would like a copy of the plan then please contact your steward or the circuit office.

From July we will be holding one Zoom service per week across the circuit, this will be at 10.30am, and is also on the plan.

Every week we will continue to produce the Worship Sheet which will be used across the circuit.

I would like to thank all those who have offered to help to fill the plan.

18th July Leaving Service

This will be my last service – and – hopefully- we will be able to hold a service. This will be held at Northumberland Avenue: 5pm for refreshments and 6pm for the service. Please put the date in the diary.

Summer Celebration in the Abbey Gardens 8th August

Please note the change of date – it has been decided that it will be safer to move the date. Please put this in your diaries – more details later.

Just for fun

Last week I set you a challenge to work out people's names found in the Bible, here are the answers and the second half of the quiz!

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| 1. Negative Expression | Noah |
| 2. This honesty has lost its "T" | Ruth |
| 3. Scratch | Mark |
| 4. Old woman, happy, with me | Haggai |
| 5. A water barrier | Adam |
| 6. "Tug" did you say? | Paul |
| 7. Bird with a baby fox | Jacob |
| 8. Your car? No! | Micah |
| 9. Spoil definite article | Martha |
| 10. Look at the bag | Isaac |
| 11. Had a good time at Henley | Pharoah |
| 12. The water's only tepid | Luke |
| 13. Teach toddler to name physician | Zadok |
| 14. Work | Job |
| 15. A lady's garment and a joint! | Abraham |
| 16. Toddler leaves a puddle. Why? | |
| 17. ?Parkin | |
| 18. Grab the lady | |
| 19. 18.00 hours to 23.59 (especially on the 24 th) | |
| 20. By himself on Monday | |
| 21. SHE didn't see it | |
| 22. Also sketched | |
| 23. Irish laddie – inexperienced | |
| 24. The piper's son (a.s.a.p. – half) | |
| 25. Maths symbol deceased | |
| 26. The Queen | |
| 27. A Beatle's favourite | |
| 28. Non-shiny axe work | |
| 29. Much | |
| 30. French "the" Russian ruler and this gathering | |