



Newsletter from the Bury St Edmunds Circuit
for Sunday 11th July 2021

Dear Friends,

I am now trying to pack and time is ticking away! I am rapidly beginning to realise that I have too much stuff. It is easy to get rid of furniture, it is relatively easy to get rid of clothes, but all those personal bits – there are far too many – what do I do with them all? The photos going back years – not just mine but my parents’ photos as well; those knick-knacks that we bought together because we went here or there; those lovely treasures that remind you of people; and those wonderful gifts people have bought you; to say nothing of all the books I have! I am sure you all have all that “treasure”, worthless to anyone else but very valuable to you.

As I try to make a decision as to what to keep, I am reminded of those words of Jesus – “don’t take along gold or silver, or a bag for the journey or an extra tunic, or sandals or a staff” Matt 10:10 and then it makes my decisions even harder. Jesus challenges us to think about real need and how we can spread the gospel message through our actions and not through what we have – that is a real challenge.

So I have given away lots to the charity shops and to people in need, and also to people who I know will make use of it, but that personal stuff well, I guess it will come with me and when the furniture removers tell me they cannot get anymore in the flat, I will panic! And so I continue to pack!!!

God Bless

Debbie, Ruth, and Rita

God in love unites us Conference proposal

You will remember many discussions have taken place over many years concerning the Methodist Church allowing same sex marriage to take place on their premises. On 30 June and following prayerful consideration by the whole Church, the Methodist Conference voted to confirm provisional resolutions on same sex marriages conducted on Methodist premises or by Methodist office-holders. The Conference recognises the differing views across the Connexion on the issue of same-sex marriage. The fact that the Conference has consented in principle to the marriage of same-sex couples on Methodist premises does not change this, and it is vital that local churches understand that they are under **no obligation** to register nor for ministers to solemnise same sex marriage. They are entitled to decide against doing so if they wish, or to decline to consider the issue altogether. There are now a number of legalities to take place and further guidance will be issued.

Please read the letter from the President and Vice President of Conference.

CHANGES to SUNDAY SERVICES

Planned services in church buildings

From the 4th July there will be one service in every church on every Sunday and also one circuit zoom service.

Due to the current restrictions, it will mean that services in buildings will be short, there will be no singing, you will need to wear a face mask and you will need to be socially distanced. Everyone wishing to attend a service in church must book-in in advance. Your senior church steward will be able to advice you who is dealing with the bookings.

We are hopeful that things will change after 19th July and as soon as we have further details we will keep you informed.

Zoom Sunday Service

We will now be holding one Zoom service per week which will start at **10.30 a.m.** and there will be different people hosting this so please look at the newssheet for logging in information.

11th July Francis Carr

Zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85852814435?pwd=MFINMG1oMGhNWTViUmMzZkNScCtQQT09>

Meeting ID: 858 5281 4435

Passcode: 004216

18th July Rev Julie Minns

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83630748132?pwd=WU1WTFg2WnlyalFNOEluUG8yZEQrUT09>

Meeting ID: 836 3074 8132

Passcode: 56Q08b

You can access zoom on your landline by dialling any of the numbers below and inputting the meeting id and passcode when asked

+44 203 481 5240

+44 208 080 6591

+44 203 901 7895

+44 208 080 6592

+44 330 088 5830

+44 203 481 5237

+44 131 460 1196

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

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

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.

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To book in for the services on 11th or 18th July please contact David Wakeford

Leaving Service

My leaving service was planned for 18th July at Northumberland Avenue – this will now depend on current restrictions. If the opening up is to be on the 19th July then I will move the service to the 19th, however if the opening up does not change I will stay with the 18th – I will keep you informed as we know more.

Newsletter and worship sheet received by Post

All mailings are sent from the circuit office if you have any amendments to be made to your details or if you no longer wish to receive this then please contact the circuit administrator Caroline Edwards on 01284 731082 or circuit.admin@hotmail.com

Trinity, Ixworth and Northumberland Avenue churches

As I am leaving your newsletter and worship sheet will be emailed out from the circuit office by the circuit administrator, Caroline Edwards, any queries please contact her (details above)

Entering church Buildings

I would remind you that anyone entering the premises must sign in on the log sheet, even if you are only in the building for a minute – the exception to this is Sunday service as everyone has to book-in in advance.

Worship Sheet – we thank Francis Carr for preparing it this week.

Dates for the Diary

Welcome service for Rev Jason Vinyard and his family will be in the evening of Thursday 2nd September – more details to follow later.

Garden Party, Saturday 21st August 2021

Don and Gill Day are holding an open garden from 2.30pm at 5a, Minden Drive, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3RY
Donations to Christian Aid

Bible Month – July

Gospel of St Mark

In this circuit we will be leading services connected with Bible Month on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th July and the preachers have agreed that we will mainly be preaching from the same readings and with the same theme so that we are consistent across the circuit.

I hope you have had chance to read the information on St Mark's gospel written by Rev Vaughan Tong as this will give you background information.

To help you with your preparations the readings and themes are

Week 2

11th July **Mark 4 – Mark 8 : 21** **He breaks down boundaries**

Healing stories, miracles, relationships

- Mark 7 : 1 – 30 Clean and unclean

Week 3

18th July **Mark 8 : 22 – Mark 10 : 52** **On the way**

Mark 8 : 22 is the turning point of the gospel and we turn towards Jerusalem and the cross

Jesus is now teaching his disciples about what is to happen

- Mark 10 : 17 – 31 The Rich young man

Week 4

25th July **Mark 11 : 1 – Mark 16 : 8** **The Passion**

The final part of the story

- Mark 14 : 1 – 11 The woman anoints Jesus
- Mark 16 : 1 – 8 Resurrection – the hope