



Newsletter from the Bury St Edmunds Circuit  
for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Friends,

Endings and beginnings are always so difficult, and yet they are very much part of the passage of life. We are born and we will die, but between that there are also many other beginnings and endings. We move home, we change jobs, our family life changes, all part of the richness of life. As I write this letter I feel that I am living in cardboard city, I am surrounded by packed cardboard boxes! There are still many "last bits" to do and time is running out!

I am also reflecting back on my ministry and thinking about what has sustained me – those kind words, the letters, the little gifts, the collegueship, friends etc. – all part of my life which has helped me to grow into the person that I am. However, what has really lifted me in those difficult and good times is knowing the love of God and reading the words of scripture. I guess we all have some favourite passages and today I share with you mine

From 1 Peter 2 : 4 – 5 "as you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him – you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood," and verse 9 "you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God".

To know that God has called me and chosen me is sees me through and I hope you know and are held in these words.

And so my time in this circuit draws to a close and ending, and a new chapter is about to begin. Alfie and I will move to the seaside on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, we will be living less that a 5-minute walk from the beach.

My new address is  
Flat 2  
4 Eynsford Close  
Cliftonville  
Margate  
Kent CT9 3JG

I wish you every blessing as you continue to grow in God's love, and I will pray for you and your new superintendent minister whom I know you will support.

God Bless

*Debbie, Ruth, and Rita*

## CHANGES to SUNDAY SERVICES

### Planned services in church buildings

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

We are hopeful that things will change after 19<sup>th</sup> July and as soon as we have further details we will keep you informed, but I would ask you to remain very careful the disease has not gone away and indeed I have heard of a number of cases recently.

### 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 newsheet for logging in information.

#### 18<sup>th</sup> July     Rev Julie Minns

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83630748132?pwd=WU1WTFg2WnlYalFN  
OEIuUG8yZEQrUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83630748132?pwd=WU1WTFg2WnlYalFNOEIuUG8yZEQrUT09)

#### 25<sup>th</sup> July     Rev Val Spencer

Zoom link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8411347306?pwd=bkxNZE4SmhITG9sZD  
dHWjFJUjVBZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8411347306?pwd=bkxNZE4SmhITG9sZDdHWjFJUjVBZz09)

Meeting ID: 841 134 7306 Passcode: 240250

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.

### **Leaving Service 19<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm**

My leaving service was planned for 18<sup>th</sup> July at Northumberland Avenue, and this will now be on 19<sup>th</sup> July, provided the change is to go ahead. I would ask you to please to wear facemasks, we will sing with masks on and we will not be socially distanced, but please be careful. If the restrictions are not lifted then there will be a Zoom service on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **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](mailto: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**

**Sign-in** – 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.

**Keys** – please be reminded that if you hold a church key you must not pass that key to anyone else. If someone requires a key then they will need to contact the key list holder and sign the appropriate form.

### **Amendments to Trinity Fellowship List**

The email address for Chris Spencer is incorrect – it should be [chrisspencer48@gmail.com](mailto:chrisspencer48@gmail.com)

### **Dates for the Diary**

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

### **Garden Party, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 during 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 3**

#### **18<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **25<sup>th</sup> 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