



Newsletter from the Bury St Edmunds Circuit
for Sunday 1st August 2021

Dear Friends,

I wonder if any of you are enjoying watching and hearing about the Olympics? Amongst the mixed feelings that there have been in the run up to the games, with concerns about the continuing spread of COVID, it is nonetheless exciting and inspiring to see sports men and women competing at the top of their game. I am not a sportswoman myself, but I do enjoy watching the skills of others.

During COVID many of us missed the sports events that were cancelled and a return to seeing sports on television has lifted many people's spirits. It gives us something to comment on and to cheer about and can provide a huge emotional boost. Although it is nearly ten years ago I remember clearly the London Olympics and super Saturday and even the football this year (although I hesitate to mention it now) was a huge boost, it was wonderful to see the team doing so well.

When we watch sporting events like these, it's important to remember the time and effort that athletes put into becoming the best in their field. We see the excitement of the competition and the joy of winning, but not the time spent on a freezing cold playing field, the pain of strained muscles and the exhaustion of practicing for many hours.

St Paul speaks of the Christian life in terms of a sportsperson striving and straining to be the very best, needing to sacrifice the temptations that distract us from our faith and needing to spend our time and energy seeking to be the very best for Christ. Our goal is to be found when we come to meet our Lord and it is better than medals and praise, but in the mean-time we are called to keep our eyes fixed on the goal and to remain faithful and true.

So as we watch and enjoy the sport on our screens, let's give thanks for the gifts and commitment of those taking part and let's do our best to strive too, to be the best followers of Jesus that we can be.

God bless.

Ruth and Rita.

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.

We are hopeful that things will change after 19th 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.

Zoom Worship 1st August 10.30am Led by Francis Carr

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85852814435?pwd=MFJNMG1oMGhNWTViUmMzZkNScCtQQT09>

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

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

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

Dates for the Diary

Welcome service for Rev Jason Vinyard and his family will be on Thursday 2nd September 7pm at Northumberland Avenue .

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

Summer Celebration - Abbey Gardens - Sunday 8th August!!

Come and SING and enjoy Christian worship songs, as well as promoting Christian unity and witness to our town.
We still need singers for the Songs of Praise, stewards, 'red badge wearers', anyone who would like to introduce / give reason for a choice of song / hymn.

More details to follow.

Trinity Bookings Email

Please note the correct email for anyone wanting to book rooms at Trinity is trinitybse.bookings@gmail.com, there was an error in the notice last week where a dot was omitted.

Tea Party 14th August

If you have booked to attend the Tea Party at Northumberland Ave Church on 14th August, it would be helpful, if you so wish, to bring your own chair, as we could be outside if the weather allows. Thankyou, Linda Brandon

ABBEY GARDENS SUMMER CELEBRATION



SUNDAY 8th. AUGUST

'More in common than divides us'

Bring a picnic to share

with family, or friends and enjoy...

an afternoon of music, songs and worship

from 1.30.pm

followed by

Songs of Praise service

(to finish by 4.30.pm).

All children under 16 must be accompanied

ALL WELCOME

