



## Newsletter from the Bury St Edmunds Circuit

for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021



Dear Friends,

No don't worry I haven't gone mad. This week marks the beginning of the Methodist New Year. Our Methodist year runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> September to the 31<sup>st</sup> July. Many congregations hold their annual covenant service on the first Sunday in September as it seems to be at the right time and a good way to start the new year. Mostly, our churches in Bury St Edmunds circuit hold this service in January. We Methodist Christians are lucky – we have two 'New Years'. This one, starting in September, marks a new annual cycle of Church events and celebrations. On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September we will have our celebration service to welcome Rev Jason Vinyard and his family to our circuit as our new Superintendent minister. This 'new year' we will looking forward to getting to know Jason and to see what ideas he has for our circuit.

God bless. *Rita and Ruth*

### Open Garden Thankyou

Gillian and Don Day would like to thank all those who attended or contributed in any way to our Open Garden last Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Approximately 50 people were there and a great social occasion ensued. Added to the amount of "cake and cuppas" consumed we raised the wonderful sum of £400. Thank you very much for a remarkable effort.



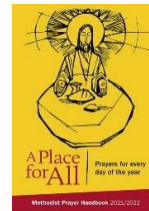
Special Date for the Diary

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm

**The Welcome service for Rev Jason Vinyard** and his family will be on the evening of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at **7.30pm**. The service will be held at Northumberland Avenue. The preacher for the service will be our District Chair, The Reverend Julian Pursehouse. We look forward to welcoming Rev Jason and his family to our Circuit. Please join us to welcome Jason if you are able. 'ALL ARE WELCOME'

Rev Ruth Ridge is hoping to be able to live stream the Welcome Service for Rev Jason Vinyard via Face book. If you wish to join you will need to go to the '**St John's Community Team Facebook page**' at 7.30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

### TRINITY Methodist Prayer Handbook.



If anyone from Trinity would like a copy of the Prayer Handbook for the year starting in September would they please contact Chris Spencer on 07773-365652 or email [chrisspencer48@gmail.com](mailto:chrisspencer48@gmail.com)

### Methodist Prayer Handbook

If anyone from St John's, Glemsford or Bradfield would like a Methodist Prayer Handbook for the year 2021-22, please could you let Ruth Ridge know on 07447 091182 or [ruthkridge@gmail.com](mailto:ruthkridge@gmail.com)

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**There will be a church service each week in all churches.**

There is no longer a need to book in, but your name may still be taken for track and trace. We will continue to keep safe by wearing our face masks and leaving space between folk if possible. We are now able to sing which we do wearing face masks. The continued wearing of face masks will be reviewed in September.

### 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 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am hosted by Rev Julie Minns

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6111649426?pwd=NWxiT2w0WXBqM2dzRDNmVG03QmV6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 611 164 9426

Passcode: 398104

**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](mailto:circuit.admin@hotmail.com)

### Future Plans

We are aware of how many people have enjoyed the weekly circuit newsletter and worship sheet during the time of lockdown. However now that churches are meeting weekly and most things are open again, we are wondering how much these are still being read and used. We are thinking that now might be the right time to either discontinue or reduce the circulation to monthly in order to make best use of circuit resources. If you would like to see the worship sheet and newsletter continue after the end of September then please let Rita or Ruth know by phone or email.

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## RIDE+STRIDE

### SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES, RIDE & STRIDE

This annual event is taking place on Saturday 11th September when Trinity will be one of the participating churches. If anyone would like to take part - in the past a number of people have walked round some of the town churches - Chris Spencer has the sponsor forms and list of those churches which will be open. Additionally, if anyone is willing to offer some time to be a 'checker-in' at Trinity, that would be appreciated. Please speak to Chris or contact him on 07773-365652.

### Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride



This year Tigger, the Lion, has booked his bike-chauffeur for a journey to visit as many churches as he can on a 25-mile route that links Needham Market URC/Methodist, Stowmarket Methodist, Old Newton Methodist and Ixworth Methodist Churches. Tigger would be very grateful if you could help Ixworth Methodist Church by sponsoring him and his chauffeur, Robert, on their trip round this part of the circuit on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much.

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robert-davieandtigger](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robert-davieandtigger)



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A powerful earthquake that struck Haiti's Southern Peninsula earlier this month has claimed more than a thousand lives, with the death toll still climbing. Many more have been injured. All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain have launched a Joint Appeal, after together assessing the likely response needs. To donate, please go to: [www.allwecan.org.uk](http://www.allwecan.org.uk) or look out for collections in your local churches.

### Trinity Methodist Church Roof

We are delighted to hear that work will start on the roof on 13<sup>th</sup> September. They will work a week, be away for a week and then back for a week.

May I remind you to refrain from parking on the front of the church as we now have people hiring the premises and also the roofing contractors will be parking their vans on the front.

God bless Debbie