



Newsletter from the Bury St Edmunds Circuit

for Sunday 26th September 2021

Dear Friends,

This week our worship sheet marks Climate Sunday. Climate change is a key issue and we are all aware of the grave reports in the media over the past weeks, showing that urgent action is needed to prevent the speed up in global warming from becoming catastrophic. In November world leaders will meet in Glasgow for COP 26, to discuss the action that needs to be taken worldwide and we are all encouraged to pray that this meeting will be fruitful.

For us as Christians, care for the environment should be a central principle. We are told at the very beginning of scripture that God created the heavens and earth and saw that they were good. In Paul's letter to the Romans we are reminded that salvation is for the whole of creation and in John 3:16 the Gospel states "for God so loved the WORLD, that he gave his only Son..." God loves and nurtures all that he has made and we are called to do the same.

I think it is particularly apposite that at this time in the lectionary we are reading the letter of James. James states that "faith without deeds is dead" and so we are reminded that we need not only to pray about climate change, but to act. We can all do our bit, even by simple acts like turning off lights, recycling and using public transport or walking where possible. We may even wish to campaign, challenging local institutions or government to act too. Whatever we do, in caring for the environment we are living our Christian calling and giving glory to God.

God bless. *Jason, Rita and Ruth*

A Christian Aid Prayer for COP 26

Lord,
We pray for our leaders
And preparations for COP26.
Give them wisdom
As they lead.
Give them courage
As they act.
Give them perseverance

As they face opposition.
Amen.

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.

Newsletter and worship sheet

This is the last Sunday that we will be sending a weekly worship sheet and newsletter as most people are now attending live services and the ministers' and local preachers' workloads have increased accordingly. We will continue to send out a monthly circuit newsletter in the first week of each month. If you would like anything included in this, please contact the circuit administrator Caroline Edwards on 01284 731082 or circuit.admin@hotmail.com

Online worship

Ruth Ridge is continuing to do a monthly 'Thursday Thought' on the second Thursday of each month at 6pm. This is available either live or to watch after the event on the St John's facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stjohnsmethodistchurchsudbury



A big thank you from Tigger and Robert for your support for their bike ride on Saturday for the Suffolk Historic Churches' Trust Ride and Stride. They visited all the churches in the Stowmarket section of

the circuit and a number of others – 19 in all. It's still not too late to donate if you would like to.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robert-davieandtigger

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE



with Rev. Jason Vinyard
Sunday 3rd October at 10.00am



(Sugar beet!)

HARVEST TOWARDS GATEHOUSE

All donations will be given
to their foodbank.

They have particularly asked for the following items:



long-life milk,
long-life desserts and custard
tinned fruit and tinned fish.

Thank you

All are welcome to join us



Please pray for the Bury Town Pastors. They urgently need to train some new TPs - or you could become part of the Prayer Team. If you are interested, please contact: jocopsey@burytownpastors.org.uk The next training course starts on 16th October.

If you can, don't forget to check out our Website: trinitymethodistchurch.org.uk where you will find the latest News and lots of other interesting information.

Quote from Hebrews 11: Each day we act upon things we hope for when we cannot see the end result. This is faith.