

WEEKLY BULLETIN

29th May 2020

This is our weekly bulletin. The bulletin can be received by anyone who has an e-mail address. To subscribe to this service please send your e-mail address to: northstaffscircuit@hotmail.co.uk. All items for the bulletin need to be in for Wednesday morning.

THE CIRCUIT OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED. PLEASE MAKE CONTACT VIA E-MAIL AS ALL E-MAILS WILL STILL BE REPLIED TO.

Worship 31st May 2020

Pentecost Sunday



The service is based on the theme for Pentecost Sunday which is an audio file and a separate video file.

(A full order (transcript) of these services can be emailed out to you, please ask your minister)

~ To hear the services click on this link [here](#). ~

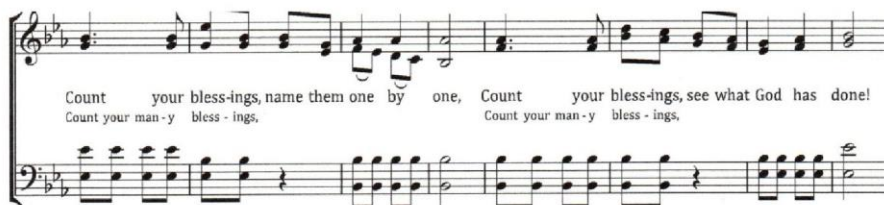
For a video of this service (with words to the hymns)

~ click on this link [here](#). ~

North Staffordshire Circuit Notices

Poem

This poem has been suggested by Richard and Chris Ayling members of Wolstanton, they wanted to share the sentiments of it with everyone. Click on this link [here](#).



During June we are COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS by donating to our Presidents Project HAMLIN FISTULA UK. Simply donate based upon how much you are blessed each day.

1st June We are being told to wash our hands! yet 11% of the world population has no access to clean water. Donate 2p each time you wash your hands today.
Today's Donation

2nd June The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital was built specifically to help women with childbirth injuries. Give 20p if you were lucky enough to have hospital care for delivery of a baby.
Today's Donation

3rd June In these times think of a world without television. Donate 5p for every T.V. programme you have watched today.
Today's Donation

4th June We are all grateful to the N.H.S. Donate 30p if you have had a personal reason to be grateful in the past 12 months.
Today's Donation

5th June As we pray for those who are struggling to feed their families – give 2p for every tin of food in your cupboard.
Today's Donation



6th June We give thanks for our dairy farmers, donate 10p for each dairy product you have enjoyed today.
Today's Donation

7th June Unfortunately we are not able to worship in our Churches. We are grateful for access to services on the media. No donation today but pray for your usual Church congregation.
No Donation Today

8th June In our Prayer Handbook today we pray for Kenya. As we give thanks for the amazing amount we raised for Maua Hospital please donate an extra gift for this year's project.
Today's Donation

9th June As we think of the homeless in these difficult times donate 20p if you have a warm bed to snuggle up in.
Today's Donation



10th June During this time we miss our usual activities. Donate 5p for each Church activity you take part in.
Today's Donation

11th June Today in the Prayer Handbook we pray for our District. Donate 10p for every Methodist District you have lived in.
Today's Donation

12th June We are all missing family and friends. Donate 5p for every photo of family or friend on display in your home.
Today's Donation

13th June On our Queens Official Birthday we give thanks for our country and the freedom we normally enjoy. Give 20p if you have met a member of our Royal family.
Today's Donation

14th June As you worship in your home today pray for all those who are preparing Media / Online Worship Services for us.
No Donation Today

15th June 25% of the world's population is without access to adequate sanitation. Donate 10p for every toilet in your home.
Today's Donation

16th June The Hamlin College of Midwives trains nurses to a high standard to help Ethiopian women through difficult births. Donate 20p for each healthy baby you have been delivered.
Today's Donation



17th June Exercise is still important at this time. Donate 10p if you are fortunate enough to have been out for a walk today.

Today's Donation

18th June Our Foodbanks are struggling to meet demand in these difficult days. Donate 10p for each meal you have had today.

Today's Donation

19th June We are all missing hugs from the children in our lives. If you are blessed with children and grandchildren give 5p for each one.

Today's Donation

20th June We give thanks for all methods of communication. Donate 5p for each telephone call you have had this last week.

Today's Donation

21st June Fathers Day – Today we just pray and give thanks for our parents.

No Donation Today

22nd June If you have a family member or friend who has recovered from Covid 19 give 50p in thankfulness.

Today's Donation

23rd June The average households in the U.K. had 1.1 Bibles. Donate 5p for each Bible in your home.

Today's Donation

24th June Mid Summers Day. As we hopefully enjoy the summer sunshine – give 20p if you have a garden to enjoy.

Today's Donation



25th June This Virus is especially difficult to control in Refugee Camps. Donate 5p for each bed you have in your home.

Today's Donation

26th June Let us give thanks for those who grow our vegetables. Give 10p for each portion you have enjoyed today.

Today's Donation

27th June In these strange times we miss our usual routine. Donate 5p for each job you help with in your Church.

Today's Donation

28th June Our Circuit Ministers are facing many different challenges in these days. So please pray especially for them today.

No Donation Today

29th June If you have managed to meet up with family or friends through Zoom or similar this month - donate 20p.

Today's Donation

30th June In July Hamlin Fistula UK will celebrate 61 years of service to the women of Ethiopia. Donate 20p today if you have passed your 61st Birthday.

Today's Donation



Total of all Donations is

Please give your donations to your Church MWiB representative or send to MWiB District Treasurer – Mrs Margaret Lindley 18 Laburnum Close, Congleton CW12 4TX

All cheques made payable to Chester & Stoke on Trent District MWiB

Foodbank – click on this link [here](#).

Thank you to everyone across the circuit who gives regularly to Foodbank through their church. Foodbank remains open through these troubled times and demand for food is high. Can I please ask you to all keep on giving by taking your donations to your nearest Foodbank.



Clayton St Luke's host a session
on Tuesday morning. 10.00am – 12 noon

All Saints, Madeley host a session
on a Wednesday Morning. 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

The Bethel Centre Silverdale 2.00 pm – 4.00pm

Chesterton Pentecostal church on:

Thursday Morning. 10.00 -12.00 noon

Newcastle Congregational church on:

Thursday afternoon. 2.00 pm – 4.00pm

St Thomas church Kidsgrove on:

Friday afternoon 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

or you can take your contribution to our warehouse on the Parkhouse estate
on a Monday afternoon or Wednesday morning ... please give us a ring if you
want details of how to get there, it is on the Aspire work complex.

Your gifts large or small are very much appreciated and are a lifeline to those
sadly more vulnerable than ourselves.

Please give us a ring if you want to drop your gift off at our house!
Carol and Marion Reddish TEL 01782 613265

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Newcastle Staffs Foodbank
you can contact the Trustee/Treasurer Michael Heap for details: -
01782 639882 or email him on accounts@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk.

(Click on any of these links below from The Methodist Church also the Circuit has added more links)

For general guidance and resources for the coronavirus pandemic click on this link [here](#).

For Methodist News Updates from Connexion

Click on this link [here](#).

Worship during the pandemic

Suggestions for worship opportunities and how to help others in worship can be found Click on this link [here](#). including service sheets to be printed at home.



For those Methodists feeling the loss of communion, a short act of spiritual communion

Click on this link [here](#)

A selection of streamed Methodist services are taking place online. The list of services, produced with current guidelines in place.



click on this link [here](#).

Telephone - Dial-a-Prayer

A FREE phone service to hear prayers and news from the Methodist Church has been launched.

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

Content is updated weekly on Thursday evening.

Click on this link [here](#).



Daily Prayers from the Methodist Prayer Handbook

Click on this link [here](#).

Take Time produced by Reigate Methodist Church has many themed meditations on topics such as anxiety.

Click on this link [here](#).

Cliff College - Weekday morning prayers

The College site may be closed, but Cliff's life and ministry never stops! The Cliff community continues to gather at 8:45am every weekday morning for prayers, broadcast live on our Facebook page, and at 6:15pm for our reflection and worship time, also on Facebook

Click on this link [here](#).

We encourage you to join us at these times.

We're also hosting two virtual open days, on June 2 and 3 – you can find all the information on our website.

Click on this link [here](#).

Other Resources

Pray As You Go are producing a daily retreat for people socially isolating:

Click on this link [here](#).

Video Prayers

Click on this link [here](#).

News

The Methodist Conference

The Conference Business Committee met and agreed that the Conference should meet 25 June – 2 July 2020 in order to conduct its essential business. The committee recognised that the restrictions that are likely still to be in place at the end of June, mean that a virtual meeting is necessary. Click on this link [here](#).



Property guidance

**Updated on 28 May 2020
in light of current Government Guidelines**



The Property Team are currently working on guidelines with regard to the safe reopening of nurseries and pre-schools in Methodist buildings. Updates will be posted here as soon as possible.

Click on this link [here](#).

All We Can Appeal

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of the Methodist people, the AWC Emergency Coronavirus Appeal is already having an impact on vulnerable people across the globe – including new mothers, like Kwagala from rural Uganda you can read about here. But the global need to help communities face the pandemic is growing fast.



Click on this link [here](#).

Safeguarding guidance

Inevitably at this time, churches are being encouraged to think about those who may be in greater need, isolated or unable to get out and about. Updated coronavirus visiting guidance (updated 16 April) can be downloaded from The Methodist Church website.



Click on this link [here](#).

**Regular updates will be given on social media pages
And on the Methodist Church website.**

Click on this link [here](#).



Where the *Spirit*
of the Lord is,
there is **FREEDOM**

2 Cor 3:17b