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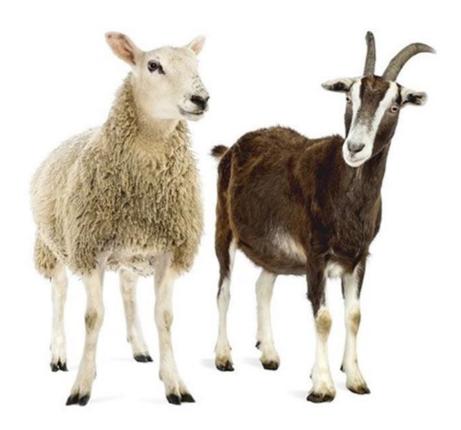
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

20th November 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.

Worship 22nd November 2020



The service 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)

 \sim To hear the services click on this link <u>here.</u> \sim

For a video of this service (with words to the hymns) ~ click on this link here. ~

Letter from the Superintendent Minister, Revd John Palmer

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Dear Friends,

Just to let you know that I have accepted the invitation to become the Superintendent of the Salford Circuit from September 2021.

This is a single minister station, very diverse and very different from the North Staffs Circuit.

The manse is in Irlam which is 40 miles from here.

Every blessing,

John Palmer

Letter from the Circuit Invitation Committee

'SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTMENT 2021'

We are pleased to announce that the Reverend Elizabeth (Liz) Singleton will be joining the team as Superintendent of the North Staffs Circuit in September 2021.

She will be moving from West Devon where she is currently stationed as a Superintendent of a one minister circuit and brings with her, her husband Peter.

Every blessing,

The Invitation Committee

North Staffordshire Circuit Notices

Please See These Important Notices Regarding Opening our Churches:

Preparing for Re-opening our Churches for Worship

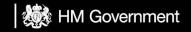
Official Guidance

Coronavirus Guidance for Property

New Guidance and New Format – **Updated** 12th November 2020 here.

TMCP have produced a helpful article regarding the legal requirements for **Test & Trace** and **QR codes**, read more here.

Property Matters November 2020 click on this link here.





CORONAVIRUS

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5 November to 2 December **National restrictions apply to England:**

Meeting **Indoors**



You cannot meet anybody socially indoors unless they are in your household or support bubble.

Essential Shops



Open. Essential shops should follow COVID-secure guidelines.

Hospitality



Closed except for takeaway, click-and-collect, drive through and delivery services. Takeaway not permitted after 22:00.

Travel

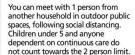


You must not travel in the UK or overseas other than for permitted reasons, including work, education, medical reasons, caring responsibilities or for essential retail.

Vulnerable People

If you are 60+ or clinically vulnerable, be especially careful to follow the rules and minimise contacts with others. If you are clinically extremely vulnerable you are advised to stay at home as much as possible, except to go outdoors for exercise or to attend essential health appointments.

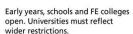
Meeting **Outdoors**



Non-essential Retail

Closed. Can only open for click-and-collect and delivery services.

Education



Public Transport

You may still use public transport, but should only travel for permitted reasons and should look to reduce the number of journeys you make, avoid travelling at peak times, and walk or cycle where you can.

Worship



Closed. Except for: funerals, broadcasting acts of worship, and individual prayer.

Weddings and Funerals

Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies can only take place where one of those getting married is seriously ill and not expected to recover. Funerals can take place with up to 30 people in attendance.

Exercise



You can exercise outside on your own or with your household; your support bubble; or one person from another household.

Healthcare Services



You can leave home for any medical reason.

Overnight Stays

Overnight stays and holidays away from primary residences are not allowed, except for work and other exempt purposes.

Registered childcare and childcare activities open to enable parents to

Childcare

work, or for respite care. Parents can form a childcare bubble with another household for informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under

Youth Clubs

attractions are open.



For more information and detailed guidance visit: gov.uk/coronavirus











You must work from home if you can. If you cannot work from home you should continue to go to work (unless you are clinically extremely vulnerable).

Leisure and Gyms



Closed. Except for allotments and outdoor playgrounds.

Residential Care



Care homes are encouraged to provide safe, COVID-secure visiting opportunities. See the guidance for details on how to keep visits

Entertainment and tourism

Entertainment venues are

closed. Public gardens at visitor



Some youth services are able to continue, such as 1-1 youth work and support groups, but most youth clubs and groups will need to cease for this period.

Lectionary

The Lectionary Readings for this week (Sunday Before Advent) are:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46

Please pray for: Madeley

The Lectionary Readings for next week (First Sunday of Advent) are:

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Matthew 13:24-37

Please pray for: St Peter's

Morning Prayers with Revd Joy Ventom

Revd Joy will be online with morning prayers at 10.00 am on Wednesday mornings via the Audley Methodist Church facebook page.



Click on this link <u>here</u>

Zoom Advent Bible 'Exploring Advent Through Godly Play'

Tuesdays, 1st, 8th, 15th December & Wednesday 23rd December at 7.00 pm. Please let Revd Joy know (email: joy.ventom@methodist.org.uk) if you would like to receive the link.

Foodbank – click on this link <u>here.</u>

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. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please visit the website or contact Michael Heap for details.

At the present time Foodbank are short of the following items:Tinned Peas & Carrots

Long Life Juice

Shampoo

Shower Gel

Deodorant for Men & Women

Short of the following items:Shaving Foam & Razors
Chocolate
Tinned Fruit
Crisps and Snacks

The Methodist Book Centre



November 2020 Is our 75th Birthday

Join us in store or online for four weeks of amazing offers

Free goodie bags

Free prize draw
And very special
prices on a

number of titles

To view the Methodist Book Centre website please click here



Winter 2020



Would you like to support our ministry during the difficult winter months ahead?

DONATIONS

We would value donations of hats, gloves, socks, umbrellas, winter coats and personal safety alarms.

Home-baked treats are also really appreciated.

VOLUNTEERING



We're considering extending our hours in the New Year to include a Sunday evening (both on-street outreach and drop-in support if possible.) We feel a need to step up, not back, as we anticipate some very hard months ahead for women involved in street prostitution.

But we can only do this with more big-hearted volunteers who

But we can only do this with more big-hearted volunteers who care enough to be part of what we do.

If you have availability at any of the following times and would like to explore joining our volunteer rota, e-mail us at info@yasha.org.uk for more information.

Training will be in January (and can be done online), but applications are being processed before Christmas.

Wednesdays 11am-5pm Fridays 7pm-11pm Sundays 6pm-10pm

www.yasha.org.uk

If you would like to donate any items please contact Hilary Jones via email: hilary.jones@uwclub.net or tel: 01782 632895.

(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

19th November edition is available by clicking 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.



Content is updated weekly on Thursday evening. Click on this link here.



Daily Prayers from the Methodist Prayer Handbook

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.

