

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)

~ 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](#). ~

Letter from the Superintendent Minister, Revd John Palmer

ON THE MOVE 2021

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

NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS

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.

Meeting Outdoors



You can meet with 1 person from another household in outdoor public spaces, following social distancing. Children under 5 and anyone dependent on continuous care do not count towards the 2 person limit.

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.

Working from home



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).

Essential Shops



Open. Essential shops should follow COVID-secure guidelines.

Non-essential Retail



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

Exercise



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

Leisure and Gyms



Closed. Except for allotments and outdoor playgrounds.

Hospitality



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

Education



Early years, schools and FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions.

Healthcare Services



You can leave home for any medical reason.

Residential Care



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

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.

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.

Overnight Stays



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

Entertainment and tourism



Entertainment venues are closed. Public gardens at visitor attractions are open.

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.

Worship



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

Childcare



Registered childcare and childcare activities open to enable parents to 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 and Activities



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.

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



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Lectionary

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

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 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

Psalms 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 [here](#)

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 [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.
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

Shaving Foam & Razors

Chocolate

Tinned Fruit

Crisps and Snacks

The Methodist Book Centre



Christian Resources for Life
at The Methodist Book Centre
WWW.CRiL.CO.UK

enquiries@cril.co.uk 01782 212146

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](http://www.cril.co.uk).



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
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.

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](#).

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

Click on this link [here](#).



Keep yourselves in God's *Love*
as you wait for the mercy of our Lord
Jesus Christ to bring you eternal life.

Jude 1:21