

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 21st February 2021



"At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert."
(Mark 1:12)

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](#). ~

If you would like to take part in the weekly recorded service please let John Palmer know.



HM Government



ENGLAND LOCKDOWN

STAY AT HOME

**THE NEW VARIANT OF CORONAVIRUS IS SPREADING FAST.
WE ALL NEED TO PLAY OUR PART TO STOP THE SPREAD.**

▶ LEAVING HOME

You must not leave, or be outside of your home or garden, except for a very limited set of exemptions e.g. to shop for basic necessities, exercise, go to work if you cannot do so from home, or to escape risk of harm.

▶ MEETING OTHERS

You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone, except with your household or support bubble (if eligible to form one). Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

▶ EXERCISE

You may exercise on your own, with your household or support bubble, or with one person from another household (when on your own). Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

▶ BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS

Hospitality closed aside from sales by takeaway (until 11pm), click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery. Alcohol cannot be purchased through takeaway or click-and-collect from hospitality venues.

▶ RETAIL

Essential shops can open. Non-essential retail must close and can only run click-and-collect and delivery.

▶ WORK AND BUSINESS

Everyone must work from home unless they are unable to do so.

▶ EDUCATION

Early years settings open. Primary and secondary schools and colleges move to remote provision except for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Most university students to move to remote learning.

▶ LEISURE AND SPORTING FACILITIES

Closed, with limited exceptions.

▶ ACCOMMODATION

Closed, with limited exceptions.

▶ PERSONAL CARE

Closed.

▶ ENTERTAINMENT

Closed.

▶ OVERNIGHT STAYS

You must not stay overnight away from home. Limited exceptions apply e.g. to stay with your support bubble.

▶ WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Funerals of up to 30 people permitted. Weddings up to 6 people permitted in exceptional circumstances. Wakes and other linked ceremonial events of up to 6 permitted.

▶ PLACES OF WORSHIP

Places of worship can remain open and communal worship is permitted, but you must not mix with those outside your household or support bubble.

▶ TRAVELLING

You must stay at home. If you do leave home for a very limited set of exemptions, you should stay local in the village, town, or part of the city where you live where possible. Do not travel abroad unless an exemption applies.

▶ CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE

Shielding reintroduced across England. You should not travel to work, school, college or university and should limit the time you spend outside the home. You should only go out for medical appointments, exercise or if it is essential.

▶ CARE HOME VISITS

Visits can take place with arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, or behind windows. Close-contact indoor visits are not allowed. No visits will be permitted in the event of an outbreak but end of life visits are permitted in all circumstances.

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

For more information go to:
gov.uk/coronavirus

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** 15th January 2021 [here](#).

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

TMCP - Data Protection Annual Checklist

Checklist summarising the specific practical steps Managing Trustees must take in order to reaffirm their ongoing duties and liabilities under the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Click on this link [here](#).

Property Matters February 2021 click on this link [here](#).

Lectionary

The Lectionary Readings for this week (First Sunday in Lent) are:

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

Please pray for: St Luke's

The Lectionary Readings for next week (Second Sunday in Lent) are:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

Please pray for: Silverdale

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 Lent Group 'Exploring Lent Through Godly Play'

Tuesday, 23rd February, 2nd March, 9th March, 16th March, 23rd March & 30th March, 7.00 pm – 8.00 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:-

Shaving Gel

Custard (tinned and packet)

Deodorant for Men & Women

Washing Powder/Liquid/Capsules

Mash Potatoes

Washing Up Liquid

Sponge Puddings

District Safeguarding Officer for the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent Methodist District

Do you have extensive experience of safeguarding in a voluntary or statutory agency?

Are you able to work flexibly and independently?

Are you open to working in the faith sector?

If so, this post may be for you.

- £25,350 pa pro rata (full time equivalent £39,080)
- 6% Pension Contribution
- Home based
- 24 hours a week

Hours to be worked flexibly including some evening and weekend work. There is a need to travel across the District which stretches from Runcorn in the north to Market Drayton in the south and from Chester in the west to Leek in the east.

Full details:

For an application pack please contact Rob Glassonbury, District Administrator at chester.stoke@btconnect.com

For further enquiries: safeguarding@chestokemethodists.com

Closing date and time for applications:

Closing date: Friday 26 February 2021 at Noon

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 16 March 2021

These will take place at The District Centre at Nantwich, Cheshire or by Zoom

Anticipated start date Early May 2021 (negotiable)

Post subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS check.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

‘All Are Welcome’

District Lent Series 2021



Thursday Evenings from 7:30 to 9:00pm

25 February – Scriptural Faithfulness
4 March – Physical and Mental Impairment
11 March – Economic Justice
18 March – Living with Difference

For the Zoom link, please email Rob at
chester.stoke@btconnect.com

(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

18th February 2021 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](#).

Spiritual sustenance in isolation

During this time of 'lockdown' a special page on The Methodist Church website signposts you to resources to help nourish your spiritual life.

Click [here](#).

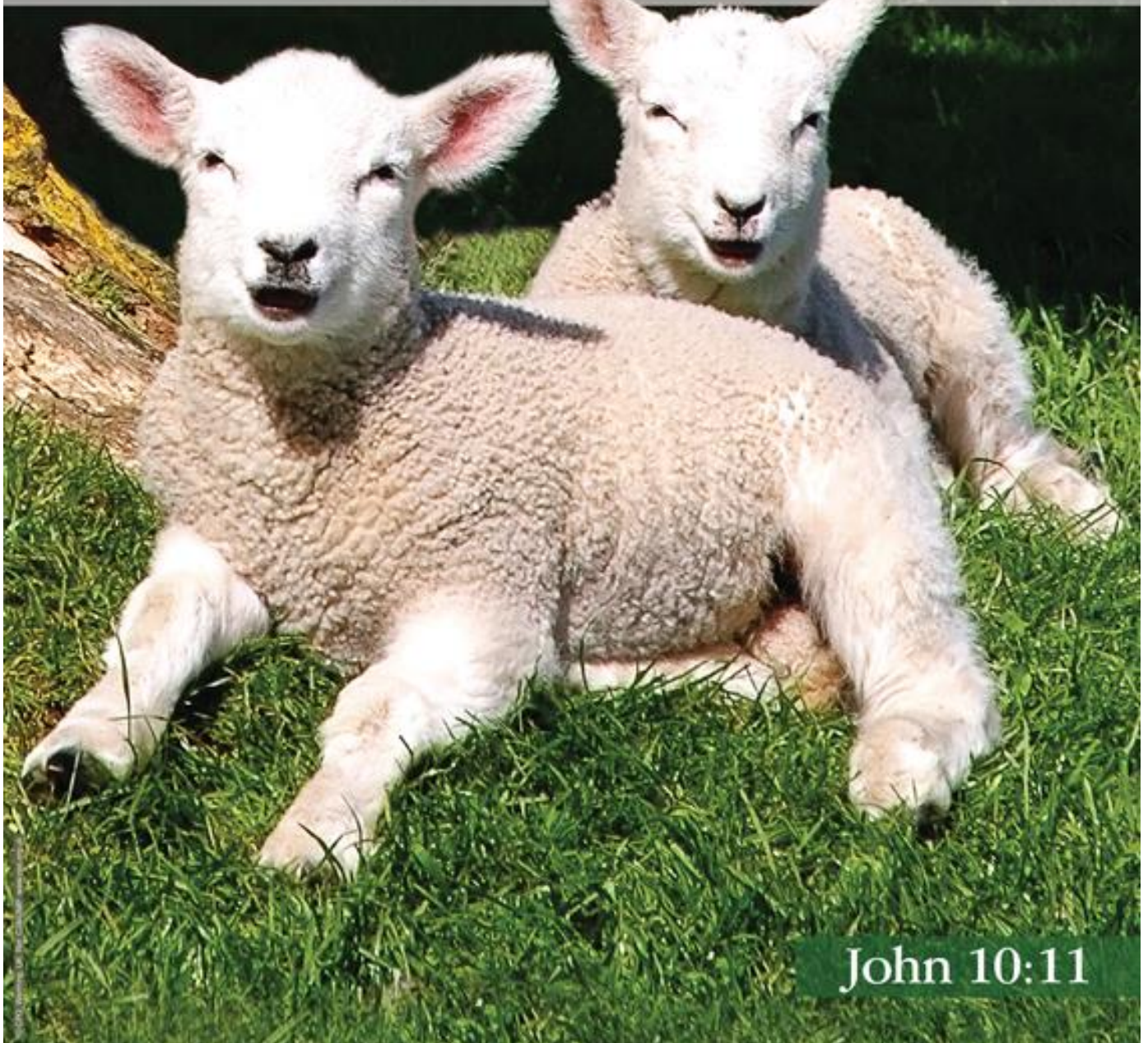


**Regular updates will be given on social media pages
and on the Methodist Church website.**

Click on this link [here](#).

Jesus said

I am the good
shepherd



John 10:11