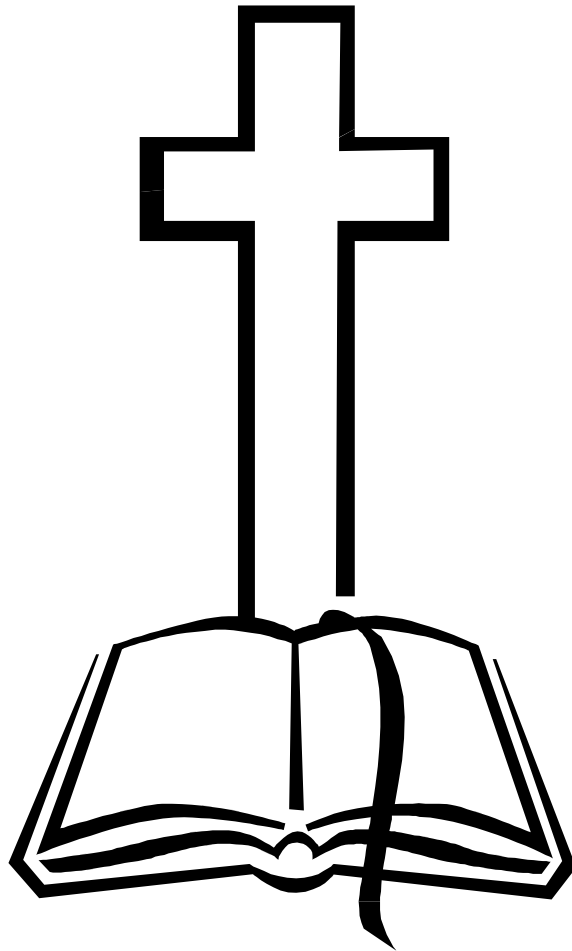




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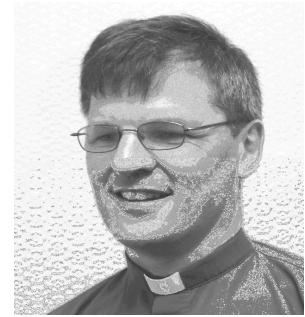
Methodist Circuit



PREACHING PLAN

DECEMBER 2013 to FEBRUARY 2014

SUPER'S SOAP BOX



Dear Friends,

Welcome to my first 'Super's Soap Box' in this Circuit. In previous Circuits I have included this in the Plan and many people have found it helpful. Sometimes it will feature important information on the life of the Circuit and other times it may be just something I want to get off my chest!

Before I go on my soapbox though, can I just express my thanks to you all for your good wishes and prayers as I have begun my role in this Circuit as Superintendent. All of us are getting used to the new Superintendency 'model' where colleagues share the responsibility but so far so good!

So here I go ascending onto the soapbox!

It's that busy Quarter! Three months where we have Advent, Christmas, New Year, Covenant, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Education Sunday. All this inevitably means a busy time for our Preachers, Church Stewards and all those involved in worship.

We are very good in the Church at being busy! We sometimes feel guilty if we are not busy, as if we should be filling all of our time. A colleague in a previous circuit seemed to have it right when he said that there is no correlation between busyness and church growth. We won't get numerical or spiritual growth in the church just by being busier....that just wears everyone out!

During this busy Quarter, then, we need to make sure that we are not so tired through our busyness that we are not able to worship God. I often hear people say they are too busy to come to church. Even worse are the times when Christians say they can't come to church on a Sunday to worship because they were so busy at church on the Saturday that they need a rest! As one rather wise lady said 'don't let your Saturday nights spoil your Sunday mornings'.

So let's take time during these months to make worship a priority... even more of a priority than the many parties and social occasions we may be invited to. For especially at Christmas we are invited to the greatest party of all time....Jesus' birthday. Then when the New Year comes and all the decorations come down, the party of worship carries on throughout the year.

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Stephen

DECEMBER 2013

		1 ST	8 TH	15 TH	22 ND	29 TH
Liturgical Year		Advent	Advent 2	Advent 3	Advent 4	Christmas 1
Please Pray For		Timsbury	Trinity at Radstock	Trinity at Westfield	Trinity at Writhlington	Weston
Bathampton	11.00	Gilson	Beck	Simpson HC	Nash	Hull
Batheaston	10.30 6.30	M Fletcher ---	Borgars HC ---	Parsons ---	Souter Car ---	Biddulph LA U
Beechen Cliff	9.30 10.30 2.00 6.00	Lee HC Souter A Toy Lee K ---	John Flowers Lee K ---	Lee HC Lee K ---	--- Jill Flowers Lee K Lee Car	--- at Horizon Lee K ---
Bishop Sutton	10.00 3.00	Davis ---	Lee ---	9.00 Ireland ---	Stuckey	--- Ireland
Box	9.30 11.00	LA Mills	--- Jill Flowers HC	--- Cramb	--- Borgars Car	--- Auty
Carlingcott	10.00 3.00 4.30	White LA MC 5.00 Ireland HC	James CA --- Weeks CA	Moxon Ireland N ---	Summers --- Ireland Car	--- --- ---
Chew Stoke	10.30	Seward	Ireland A	Jill Flowers	White	Ireland Cov
Farrington Gurney	11.00	Lansley HC	Simpson Toy	Dymond	Evans Car	10.30 at Paulton U
High Littleton	11.00	U at PC	Evans	3.00 Simpson Car	Bell	10.30 at Paulton U
Horizon	10.30 6.30	Cramb HC Souter U	Souter Toy 3.30 Southdown	M Fletcher 4.00 LA MC	John Flowers Souter Car	Lee / Souter ---
Keynsham Queens Rd	8.30 10.00 6.30	--- Hewett HC Simpkins IP	Low at Victoria U	Worship Leaders Robinson HC	Simpkins A Simpkins A at Victoria U	--- Cramb ---
Keynsham Victoria	8.30 10.00 6.30	--- Simpkins U at Queens Rd	--- Hewett HC 5.00 Simpkins A	Simpkins HC Simpkins U at Queens Rd	--- D Robinson Simpkins Car	--- U at Queens Rd ---
Midsomer Norton	9.30 10.30 6.00	--- Robinson HC Robinson U	LA A Blackmore Robinson HC	--- Robinson A Simpkins	--- Robinson Robinson Car	--- Nash ---
Nexus Claremont	11.00 6.30	Borgars HC ---	Manley ---	at Walcot Borgars R	Parker ---	Borgars U ---
Nexus Walcot	9.15 10.30 6.30	--- Auty ---	--- Haynes HC ---	--- Borgars / Manley U A at Claremont	Borgars HC R Fletcher Car	--- @ Claremont ---
Paulton	8.30 10.30 4.00 6.00	--- Wheaton --- U at PC	--- Stiddard Simpson MC ---	--- LA --- ---	--- Simpson HC --- Simpson Car	--- LA --- ---
Peasedown St John	10.30 6.00	Ireland HC ---	Robinson ---	Ireland N ---	Mares Ireland Car	Dymond ---
Stratton House (MHA)	3.00	Bird HC	Borgars	Bird	Parsons	Pottage
Timsbury	10.30 6.00	Biddulph T ---	Parker ---	Newbold Ireland Car	Ireland N ---	Davis ---
Trinity at Radstock	10.30 4.00 6.00	at Westfield U --- Pottage	Pottage HC --- Pottage	Wheaton --- Pottage HC	Low 4.45 LA MC Jill Flowers Car	at Writhlington U --- ---
Trinity at Westfield	10.30 6.00	Pottage U ---	Bell ---	Pottage HC ---	Voake Pottage Car	at Writhlington U ---
Trinity at Writhlington	11.00	at Westfield U	---	---	Pottage Car	Pottage U
Weston	10.30 4.00	Hudd ---	R Fletcher ---	Souter ---	Lee HC LA Car	at Horizon ---

JANUARY 2014

		5 TH	12 TH	19 TH	26 TH
Liturgical Year		Christmas 2	Ordinary 1	Ordinary 2	Ordinary 3
<i>Please pray for</i>		<i>Bathampton</i>	<i>Batheaston</i>	<i>Beechen Cliff</i>	<i>Bishop Sutton</i>
Bathampton	11.00	Lee	6.00 Borgars Cov	White	Borgars
Batheaston	10.30 6.30	Haynes ----	Borgars HC ----	Jones ----	Parker 3.00 U at PC
Beechen Cliff	9.30 10.30 2.00 6.00	Lee HC R Fletcher A Lee K ----	---- Souter Lee K ----	---- Lee HC Lee K ----	---- Cramb Lee K ----
Bishop Sutton	10.00 3.00	Blackmore ----	9.00 Ireland ----	---- Ireland Cov	Honey ----
Box	9.30 11.00	LA Borgars Cov	---- Honey	---- Manley	---- Parsons
Carlingcott	10.00 3.00 4.30	John Flowers ---- Ireland Cov	Cramb LA MC 5.00 Ireland	Summers ---- Moxon	Woods ---- Robinson
Chew Stoke	10.30	Beck	Ireland A	Robinson	Jakins
Farrington Gurney	11.00	Knebel	Parker	Simpson Cov	Hewett
High Littleton	11.00	U at PC	Simpson Cov U	John Flowers	at F Gurney U
Horizon	10.30 6.30	Mares Simpkins	Lansley HC Souter R	Jill Flowers 4.00 LA MC	Souter Pottage
Keynsham Queens Rd	8.30 10.00 6.30	---- at Victoria U at Victoria U	---- Slocombe at Victoria U	Hewett HC Parsons Simpkins IP HC	Simpkins A at Victoria U at Victoria U
Keynsham Victoria	8.30 10.00 6.30	---- Simpkins Cov Souter	---- Beck 5.00 Simpkins A	---- M'Caw / Lowe at Queens Rd U	---- Simpkins Culshaw
Midsomer Norton	9.30 10.30 6.00	---- Robinson HC Pottage	---- Robinson A Robinson HC	---- Auty 4.00 at S Army U	---- Robinson A Ireland
Nexus Claremont	11.00 6.30	Hudd ----	Biddulph ----	R Fletcher at Bath Abbey U	at Walcot U Borgars R
Nexus Walcot	9.15 10.30 6.30	---- White ----	---- Manley ----	Borgars HC Borgars A B at Bath Abbey U	---- M Fletcher U at Claremont U
Paulton	8.30 10.30 4.00 6.00	---- Simpson Cov ---- Simpson U	Simpson HC Voake Simpson MC ----	---- D Robinson ---- ----	---- Evans ---- ----
Peasedown St John	10.30 6.00	Ireland A ----	Cross ----	Rowe ----	Ireland HC ----
Stratton House (MHA)	3.00	Bird HC	Newbold	Bird	Gilson
Timsbury	10.30	Culshaw	Jill Flowers	Ireland Cov	at Conygre U
Trinity at Radstock	10.30 4.00 6.00	Jill Flowers B ---- Borgars	Pottage ---- Pottage HC	Pottage HC U ---- at Baptist U	Knebel LA MC Simpkins
Trinity at Westfield	10.30	Pottage HC	Jakins	at Radstock U	Beck
Trinity at Writhlington	11.00	----	----	10.30 at Radstock U	Pottage
Weston	10.30	Souter	Lee	Souter	Lee HC

F E B R U A R Y 2014

		2 ND	9 TH	16 TH	23 RD
Liturgical Year		Ordinary 4	Ordinary 5	Ordinary 6	Ordinary 7
Please Pray For		Box	Carlingcott	Chew Stoke	Farrington Gurney
Bathampton	11.00	Stiddard	Honey	Dymond	Borgars HC
Batheaston	10.30 6.30	Manley ----	Cramb HC ----	LA ----	Mills Borgars U
Beechen Cliff	9.30 10.30 2.00	Lee HC Souter A Lee K	---- eck Lee K	---- Lee HC Lee K	---- Biddulph T Lee K
Bishop Sutton	10.00 3.00	---- Ireland	LA ----	9.00 Ireland ----	Jill Flowers ----
Box	9.30 11.00	LA Borgars HC	---- Hudd	---- Nash	---- Mares
Carlingcott	10.00 3.00 4.30	Mares ---- James	Jill Flowers LA MC 5.00 Ireland HC	Graham ---- Summers	Moxon ---- White
Chew Stoke	10.30	Dymond	Ireland A	Mills	LA
Farrington Gurney	11.00	Voake	Simpson HC	Newbold	at H Littleton U
High Littleton	11.00	U at PC	Earley HC	LA	Simpson P
Horizon	10.30 6.30	Parsons Souter HC	Souter HC LA	White 4.00 LA MC	Souter WCD Souter
Keynsham Queens Rd	8.30 10.00 6.30	---- Simpkins HC Borgars	---- R Simpkins at Victoria U	---- Simpkins at Victoria U	Simpkins A at Victoria U Simpkins IP HC
Keynsham Victoria	8.30 10.00 6.30	---- Cramb U at Queens Rd	---- Slocombe/Hewett HC 5.00 Simpkins A	Slocombe/Simpkins HC Robinson Worship Leaders	---- Simpkins U at Queens Rd
Midsomer Norton	9.30 10.30 6.00	---- Robinson HC Robinson	---- Robinson A Robinson	---- D Robinson Souter	---- Robinson A Robinson HC
Nexus Claremont	11.00 6.30	Jill Flowers HC ----	Gilson ----	Manley ----	Worship Leaders U Parsons R
Nexus Walcot	9.15 10.30 6.30	---- D Robinson ----	---- Borgars HC ----	---- Haynes A ----	Borgars HC at Claremont U at Claremont U
Paulton	8.30 10.30 4.00 6.00	---- Simpson HC ---- Briggs U	---- Auty Simpson MC ----	---- Lowe ---- ----	---- John Flowers ---- ----
Peasedown St John	10.30 6.00	Ireland A ----	Lansley HC ----	Knebel ----	Cramb ----
Stratton House (MHA)	3.00	Bird HC	Music Group	Bird	Culshaw
Timsbury	10.30 6.00	John Flowers ----	Jakins ----	Ireland HC ----	Mogford ----
Trinity at Radstock	10.30 4.00 6.00	Blackmore ---- Ireland	Pottage HC ---- Pottage	Parsons ---- Pottage HC	11 at Writhlington U LA MC Pottage
Trinity at Westfield	10.30	Pottage HC	Lee	Pottage	11 at Writhlington U
Trinity at Writhlington	11.00	----	----	----	Pottage U HC
Weston	10.30	Lansley	LA	Souter	Lee HC

ABBREVIATIONS

A	All Age Worship	IP	Informal Praise	N	Nativity Service
B	Baptism	K	Korean Worship	P	Parade Service
CA	Church Anniversary	LA	Local Arrangement	T	Please provide transport for preacher
Car	Carol Service	PC	Parish Church	Toy	Toy Service
Cov	Covenant Service	R	Reflective Service	U	United Service
HC	Holy Communion	M C	Messy Church	WCD	World Church Day

**ALL PREACHERS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY CANNOT FULFIL AN APPOINTMENT
THEY MUST FIND AN ACCREDITED SUBSTITUTE AND INFORM THE
SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER, CIRCUIT OFFICE AND RELEVANT LOCAL CHURCH STEWARD**

DEADLINES FOR PLAN: MARCH – MAY 2014

10TH JANUARY 2014: Presbyters (and churches via Presbyters)

15TH JANUARY 2014: Supernumeraries and Preachers (*Local Preachers Meeting date*)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

3.30pm	Weston	<i>Christingle</i>
4.00pm	Beechen Cliff	<i>Christingle</i>
4.30pm	Keynsham – Queens Road	<i>Family Carols</i>
5.00pm	Peasedown St John	<i>Crib Service</i>
6.00pm	Midsomer Norton	<i>Christingle</i>
7.00pm	Chew Stoke	<i>Carols</i>
9.00pm	Peasedown St John	<i>Holy Communion</i>
11.15pm	Weston	<i>Holy Communion</i>
11.30pm	Carlingcott	<i>Holy Communion</i>
11.30pm	Keynsham – Victoria	<i>Holy Communion</i>
11.30pm	Midsomer Norton	<i>Holy Communion</i>
11.30pm	Trinity at Radstock	<i>Holy Communion</i>
11.30pm	Paulton	<i>Holy Communion</i>
11.30pm	Trinity at Writhlington	<i>Welcome to Christmas</i>

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am	Chew Stoke at Stowey PC
9.30am	Box
9.30am	Horizon
9.30am	Nexus - Claremont
10.00am	Beechen Cliff
10.00am	Keynsham – Victoria
10.00am	Midsomer Norton
10.30am	Peasedown St John
10.30am	Trinity at Westfield
10.30am	Weston