

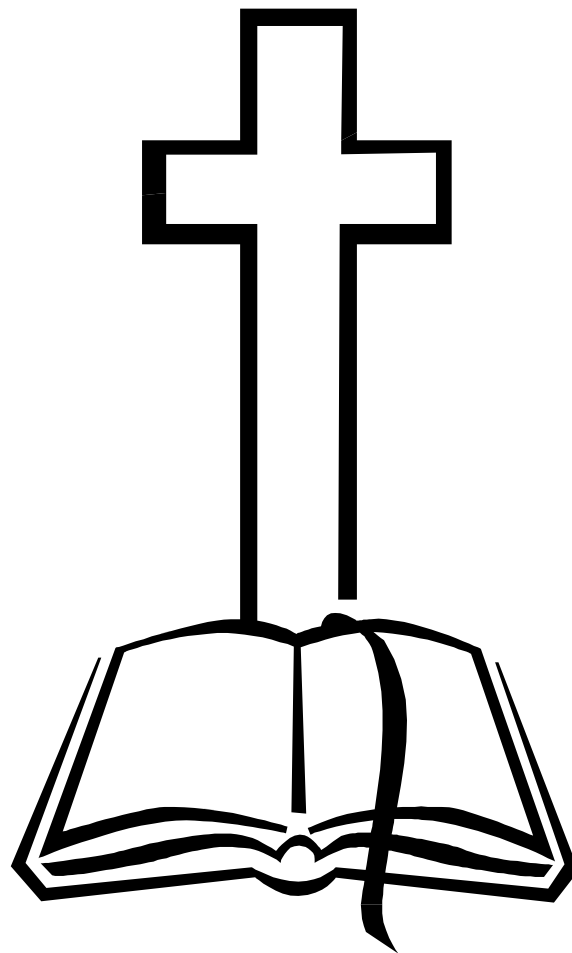


North East Somerset & Bath

Methodist Circuit

PREACHING PLAN

December 2015 to February 2016



'EMMANUEL.... GOD WITH US'

SUPER'S SOAP BOX



Dear Friends,

'Behold I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all the people.'

It was a great privilege and with excitement that at the last Preachers Meeting we gave a 'note to preach' to three people (see page 5) and for me personally it was a proud moment to be recommending my son, Mark, as one of those three. In addition we heard there are potentially ten people considering Worship Leading. Isn't that GOOD news?

So this is where I get on my Soap Box and ask 'How do you celebrate good news?' The response of some of you to the question at the end of the last paragraph might have been 'I'll believe it when I see it' (the pessimist response) or 'O good that means we will have less LAs at our church (the selfish response). Our response, I want to suggest on my Soapbox, should be 'Praise God that He is still calling people to preach and lead worship...and I will commit myself to praying for them'.

This Quarter we focus on the best 'good news' we can ever hear...the good news (gospel) of the birth of Jesus our Saviour and Lord. How do you celebrate that good news? One answer to that is through all the various acts of worship our churches will hold and offer to our communities. It is one of the best opportunities we have in the year to connect with communities, so we need to make sure it's good! However, the danger with that being our only answer to the question is that we just do what we did last year...and somehow the celebrating good news becomes almost a 'chore' and we just 'go through the motions'.

So how do we make it a time to really celebrate? I want to suggest to you we learn from the Shepherds to whom the opening line of my Soapbox was said (see Luke 2.10). They were minding their own business, doing their jobs when they hear this good news for the first time....and they hurried to Bethlehem to see what had happened. So maybe we try and put ourselves in the position where we hear the Christmas story as for the first time? From our 'everyday' work and lives we spend time gazing at this miracle of God coming down to earth in Jesus and let that be good news for us personally which brings celebration.

And from there, like the Shepherds, (Luke 2.17) we spread the word concerning Jesus. In other words we continue to celebrate the good news throughout the year.....for the Christian its Christmas Day EVERY DAY!

Your Superintendent,

Stephen

DECEMBER 2015

		6 th		13 th		20 th		27 th
Liturgical Year		Advent 2		Advent 3		Advent 4		Christmas 1
Special Sundays								
Please pray for		Bathampton		Box		Carlingcott Chew Stoke		Farrington Gurney High Littleton
Bathampton	11.00	R Fletcher		Borgars	HC	Parsons	Car	LA
Beechen Cliff	9.30	Souter	HC	-----		-----		-----
	10.30	Souter	P	Withers		Simpkins	HC	at Horizon U
	2.00	Park	K	Park	K	Park	K	Park K
	6.00	-----		-----		Souter	Car	-----
Box	11.00	Borgars	HC	Mills		Borgars		LA
Carlingcott	5.00	Summers		-----		Ireland	Car	-----
Chew Stoke	10.30	Ireland	HC	Beck		Ireland	A	LA
	4:00	Ireland		-----		-----		-----
Farrington Gurney	11.00	Parsons	GS	at H Littleton	U	Slocombe	Car U	White U
High Littleton	11.00	at PC	E	Slocombe	HC	at F Gurney	U	at F Gurney U
Horizon	10.30	White		Dymond	GS	Souter	Car	Souter HC U
	6.30	Souter	HC	-----		LA		-----
Keynsham Queens Road	10.00	Simpkins	HC	Auty		W Leader		Simpkins
	6.30	Robinson		-----		at Victoria	U	-----
Keynsham Victoria	10.00	Cross		Cramb	HC	Hewett		at Queens Rd U
	5.00	-----		LA	A	-----		-----
	6.30	-----		-----		Simpkins	Car	-----
Midsomer Norton	10.30 6.00	Cramb Simpkins		Robinson Robinson	IP,B,N HC	Robinson Robinson	HC Car	Blackmore -----
Nexus	10.30	Thompson	TP	Haynes	TP A	Saunders	TP	Borgars TP
Paulton	10.30	Slocombe	HC	Honey		LA	N	at F Gurney U
	4.00	-----		MC		-----		-----
	6.00	at PC	E	-----		Slocombe	Car	-----
Peasedown St John	10.30	D Robinson		Ireland	N A	Lansley	HC	Auty
	6.00	-----		-----		Ireland	Car	-----
Stratton House	3.30	Bird	HC	Borgars		Bird		Tate
Timsbury	10.30	Hull	HC	Stuckey		Tate	N	at F Gurney U
	6.00	-----		Slocombe	Car	-----		-----
Trinity at Radstock	10.30	Gilson		Tate	HC IP	Thompson		at Writhlington U
	4.00	-----		MC		-----		-----
	6.00	LA	Car	-----		Lowe	Car	-----
Trinity at Westfield	10.30	Tate	HC	Bell		Cross		at Writhlington U
	6.00	-----		-----		Tate	Car	-----
Trinity at Writhlington	11.00	-----		-----		-----		Tate U
Weston	10.30	Robinson		Souter	E	Withers		at Horizon U
	4.00	-----		-----		Souter	Car	-----

JANUARY 2016

		3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Liturgical Year		Christmas 2	Ordinary 1	Ordinary 2	Ordinary 3	Ordinary 4
Special Sundays		<i>Covenant</i>			<i>Christian Unity Education</i>	
Please pray for		Horizon Southdown	Keynsham Kingswood School	Midsomer Norton	Nexus Uni Chaplaincy	Paulton
Bathampton	11.00	Lowe	Saunders	3pm Borgars Cov	Withers	Thompson
Beechen Cliff	9.30	Souter HC	-----	-----	-----	-----
	10.30	Souter Cov	LA Café	D Robinson	Beck	Dymond
	2.00	Park K	Park K	Park K	Park K	Park K
	6.00	-----	-----	-----	4.00 Catholic E	-----
Box	11.00	Tate	Borgars Cov	R Fletcher	Pye	Lowe
Carlingcott	3.00	-----	-----	MC	-----	-----
	5.00	Summers	Moxham	Ireland HC	Ireland Cov	Graham
Chew Stoke	10.30	Stuckey	Ireland A	Ireland Cov	Cross	Auty
	4:00	Ireland	-----	-----	-----	-----
Farrington Gurney	11.00	LA	Beck	Slocombe Cov	Blackmore U	Gilson
High Littleton	11.00	at PC E	Slocombe Cov	Knebel	at F Gurney U	Stiddard
Horizon	10.30	Cross	Parsons	Haynes	Souter HC	M Fletcher
	6.30	Simpkins HC	Souter	Souter	Borgars	Souter
Keynsham Queens Road	8.30	-----	-----	-----	Simpkins A	-----
	10.00	at Victoria U	Hewett	Simpkins	at Victoria U	Parsons
	6.30	-----	-----	Tate	-----	-----
Keynsham Victoria	10.00	Simpkins Cov	Mills	Cramb	Burke E	Simpkins
	5.00	-----	Simpkins A	-----	-----	-----
	6.30	-----	-----	-----	Simpkins HC	Simpkins E
Midsomer Norton	10.30	Robinson Cov	Robinson IP	Sharon Robinson	LA IP	Robinson
	6.00	Souter	Robinson Cov	Robinson	4.00 St Johns E	Slocombe
Nexus	10.30	Borgars Cov	Auty	Borgars A	W Leaders	Borgars HC
Paulton	8.30	-----	Slocombe HC	-----	-----	-----
	10.30	Withers	Thompson	LA	Hull	Slocombe Cov
	4.00	-----	MC	-----	-----	-----
	6.00	Slocombe E	-----	-----	-----	-----
Peasedown St John	10.30	Ireland A	Souter M	Rowe	Ireland HC	Ireland
Stratton House	3.30	Bird HC	Ireland	Bird	White	Robinson
Timsbury	10.30	Slocombe Cov	Honey	Robinson	at Conygre E	Knebel
Trinity at Radstock	10.30	Cramb	Tate IP	at Westfield U	Tate HC	Hewett
	4.00	-----	-----	-----	MC	-----
	6.00	Tate HC	-----	Slocombe	St Peter's E	-----
Trinity at Westfield	10.30	LA	Dymond	Tate U	Lowe	Tate HC
	6.00	-----	-----	-----	St Peter's E	-----
Trinity at Writhlington	11.00	-----	-----	at Westfield U	Cramb HC	-----
	6.00	-----	-----	-----	St Peter's E	-----
Weston	10.30	LA	at Moravians E	Souter	Rawlinson	Souter HC

FEBRUARY 2016

		7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th
Liturgical Year		1 Before Lent	Lent 1	Lent 2	Lent 3
Special Sundays					
Please pray for		<i>Peasedown St John</i>	<i>Stratton House Timsbury</i>	<i>Trinity</i>	<i>Weston</i>
Bathampton	11.00	Honey	Borgars HC	Biddulph	Hull
Beechen Cliff	9.30	Souter HC	-----	-----	-----
	10.30	Souter A	Auty	Souter HC	R Fletcher
	2.00	Park K	Park K	Park K	Park K
Box	11.00	Borgars HC	Beck	Thompson	Borgars
Carlingcott	3.00	-----	-----	-----	MC
	5.00	Beazer	Ireland HC	Borgars	Ireland
Chew Stoke	10.30	D Robinson	Ireland A	Robinson	Ireland HC
	4:00	Ireland	-----	-----	-----
Farrington Gurney	11.00	Cross	Withers	at H Littleton U	Parker
High Littleton	11.00	at PC E	Stuckey	Slocombe HC U	Bell
Horizon	10.30	Biddulph Tr	Thompson	Lansley HC	Souter
	6.30	Robinson	Souter HC	Souter	Slocombe
Keynsham Queens Road	8.30	-----	-----	-----	Simpkins A
	10.00	Simpkins HC	Haynes	Cramb	at Victoria U
	6.30	Souter	-----	W Leader	-----
Keynsham Victoria	10.00	Stiddard	Hewett HC	Lowe	Simpkins
	5.00	-----	Simpkins A	-----	-----
	6.30	-----	Borgars	-----	Tate
Midsomer Norton	10.30	Robinson HC	Robinson IP	Knebel	Robinson IP
	6.00	Borgars	Robinson	Tate	Robinson HC
Nexus	10.30	Lansley	M Fletcher TP	Borgars A HC TP	Thompson TP
Paulton	10.30	Cramb	Slocombe	Beck	Slocombe HC
	4.00	-----	MC	-----	-----
	6.00	at PC E	-----	-----	-----
Peasedown St John	10.30	Ireland A	Tate	Ireland HC	YP LA
Stratton House	3.30	Simpkins HC	Bird	Music Group	Bird
Timsbury	10.30	Slocombe HC	Bell	Gilson	Cross
Trinity at Radstock	10.30	Mills	Dymond IP	Tate HC U	Stiddard
	4.00	-----	-----	-----	MC
	6.00	Tate HC	-----	Ireland	-----
Trinity at Westfield	10.30	Tate	Parker	at Radstock U	White
Trinity at Writhlington	11.00	-----	-----	at Radstock U	Tate
Weston	10.30	Parsons	Souter E	D Robinson	Hewett HC

DEADLINES FOR PLAN: MARCH TO MAY 2016

6th JANUARY 2016: Presbyters (and churches via Presbyters)

**13th JANUARY 2016: Supernumeraries and Preachers
(Local Preachers' Meeting date)**

ABBREVIATIONS

A	All Age Worship	IP	Informal Praise	PC	Parish Church
Car	Carol Service	K	Korean Worship	SoP	Songs of Praise
Cov	Covenant Service (including HC)	LA	Local Arrangement	Tr	Transport required
E	Ecumenical Service	M	Mission Service	TP	Theme Preach
GS	Gift/Toy Service	MC	Messy Church	U	United Service (Methodist)
HC	Holy Communion	N	Nativity	YP	Young People leading

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

CIRCUIT DATES FOR THE DIARY

January

Wednesday 13th 7.30pm Circuit Preachers Meeting Southdown

February

Monday 8th 7.30pm Circuit Meeting Southdown

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

3:00 pm	Paulton	Crib Service
3:30 pm	Weston	Christingle
4:00 pm	Beechen Cliff	Christingle
4:00 pm	Trinity Radstock	Christingle
4:30 pm	Keynsham Queens Road	Family Carols
5:00 pm	Peasedown St John	Crib Service
6:00 pm	Midsomer Norton	Christingle
7:00 pm	Chew Stoke	Carols
9:00 pm	Peasedown St John	Holy Communion
11:15 pm	Weston	Holy Communion
11:30 pm	Carlingcott	Holy Communion
11:30 pm	Keynsham Victoria	Holy Communion
11:30 pm	Midsomer Norton	Holy Communion
11:30 pm	Paulton	Holy Communion
11:30 pm	Trinity Writhlington	Welcome to Christmas



Christmas Day

9:30 am	Box
9:30 am	Horizon
10:00 am	Beechen Cliff
10:00 am	Keynsham Victoria
10:00 am	Midsomer Norton
10:00 am	Paulton
10:30 am	Nexus
10:30 am	Peasedown St John
10:30 am	Trinity Radstock
10:30 am	Weston



So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. (Luke 2v16,17)