

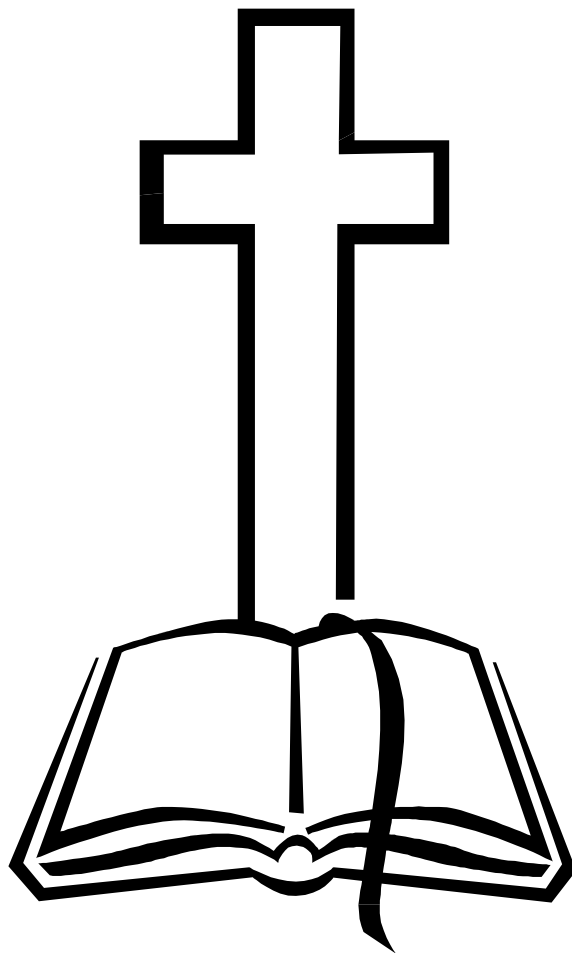


North East Somerset & Bath

Methodist Circuit

PREACHING PLAN

JUNE to AUGUST 2015



'COME HOLY SPIRIT'

*Is God calling you to be a
Local Preacher or
Worship Leader?*

*Who
me?*

*Yes,
you*

*If you would like to explore that
calling, come along to an open meeting
hosted by the Circuit Preachers Meeting
where you can find out more.*

*The Evening will include details of the
new Local Preachers and Worship Leaders
training Course that
replaces 'Faith and Worship'*

*Monday 22nd June 8pm
at Southdown Methodist Church*

SUPER'S SOAP BOX



Dear Friends,

This is a significant Quarter for our Circuit as we say farewell to three presbyters... Jong Sin, Andrew and Audrey. (see details of Farewell Service elsewhere) In September we shall welcome two presbyters...and for all of us we can do the sums i.e three people (though Jong Sin and Audrey were 'officially' part time) being replaced by two. This will inevitably mean changes for a number of our churches in ministerial cover.

And this is where I get on my soapbox to ask 'What is a presbyter for and are we asking presbyters to do things they shouldn't be doing?' This is a question for all churches...not just those having changes in September. So first of all let me give you the 'official' answer.

Presbyters are ordained (set apart) for 'Word, Sacrament and pastoral responsibility'. As presbyters we focus on the Word of God through preaching and teaching in a variety of contexts; we lead services that include the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion; we exercise pastoral responsibility through visitation and care not just to those inside the church but also into the wider community.

I wonder where in that list are matters of property, finance, insurance, administration that we spend a lot of our time doing? One of the significant changes I have noticed during my 22 years of being a presbyter is that with churches having a declining and ageing congregation, there are less volunteers to take on roles within the church and so it is assumed that the presbyter will pick up those things that still have to be done. This is often at the expense of what we are supposed to be doing, affecting, for example, having enough time to prepare services and sermons (Word).

Now this is not an appeal to feel sorry for our poor presbyters....sometimes we are our own worst enemies in that we find it difficult to say 'No'! But it is a good opportunity, given the changes in September, to reflect on what is expected of our presbyters.... and hopefully this is explored through conversations and actions rather than just thinking about it! So, for example, I will be meeting with representatives of the four churches Martin will be presbyter of to reflect on what it means to have a probationary presbyter as we prepare to welcome him to a new context where he is not a 'replacement for Audrey' but comes to a new appointment with fresh challenges and his own gifts.

Finally on a very different matter, can I ask you all to pray for the people at Bishop Sutton and Batheaston who at the end of August will close as churches. We shall give thanks for their witness and worship over many years, but clearly it will be a sad time for the members there as they say 'farewell' and then explore where God is leading them to worship in the future.

Your Superintendent of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Responsibility,

Stephen

CIRCUIT SERVICE

Sunday 19th July 2015
6.30pm at Southdown

Circuit Farewell Service
for Rev Jong Sin Lee and
Rev Andrew Pottage

An opportunity for us to come
together as a circuit in worship.

ABBREVIATIONS

| | | | | | |
|----|--------------------|----|-------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| A | All Age Worship | K | Korean Worship | PC | Parish Church |
| E | Ecumenical Service | LA | Local Arrangement | SoP | Songs of Praise |
| HC | Holy Communion | MC | Messy Church | U | United Service (Methodist) |
| IP | Informal Praise | P | Parade Service | | |

**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.**

JUNE 2015

| | | 7th | 14th | 21st | 28th |
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| Liturgical Year | | Ordinary 10 | Ordinary 11 | Ordinary 12 | Ordinary 13 |
| <i>Special Sundays</i> | | | <i>Methodist Homes</i> | | <i>Conference</i> |
| Please Pray For | | Horizon | Stratton House | Keynsham | Midsomer Norton |
| Bathampton | 11.00 | 3 Hull | R Fletcher | Borgars HC | LA |
| Batheaston | 10.30 | LA | E Manley | Saunders | Parsons |
| Beechen Cliff | 9.30 10.30 2.00 | Lee HC LA Lee/Park K | ----- Bird Lee/Park K | ----- 10 Lee HC Lee/Park K | ----- Beck Lee/Park K |
| Bishop Sutton | 10.00 | D Robinson | 9.00 Ireland | Robinson HC | LA |
| Box | 9.30 11.00 | LA Borgars HC | ----- Lee | ----- Mills | ----- LA |
| Carlingcott | 11.00 3.00 6.00 | Summers ----- Moxham | James ----- Rowe | LA MC Ireland HC | Woods ----- Summers |
| Chew Stoke | 10.30 | Auty | Ireland A | LA | Honey |
| Farrington Gurney | 11.00 | at Paulton U | Newbold | Hewett U HC | LA |
| High Littleton | 11.00 | at PC E | LA | at F Gurney | Stuckey |
| Horizon | 10.30 6.30 | Souter HC Ireland | Stiddard Souter | LA Borgars | Souter 4 Souter |
| Keynsham Queens Road | 8.30 10.00 6.30 | ----- Simpkins HC Borgars | ----- Blackmore ----- | ----- Simpkins Lee | Simpkins A at Victoria U ----- |
| Keynsham Victoria | 10.00 5.00 6.30 | Cramb ----- ----- | Hewett HC Simpkins A ----- | Thompson ----- ----- | Simpkins ----- Simpkins HC |
| Midsomer Norton | 10.30 6.00 | Robinson HC Simpkins | Robinson A Robinson E | Lansley Robinson HC | Auty A Ireland |
| Nexus | 10.30 | White | Borgars HC | Love Bath | Cross |
| Paulton | 8.30 10.30 4.00 6.00 | ----- Jones HC U ----- at PC E | Pottage HC Cross LA MC ----- | ----- LA ----- ----- | ----- E Manley A ----- ----- |
| Peasedown St John | 10.30 | Ireland A | Thompson | Parsons | Ireland HC |
| Stratton House | 3.00 | Robinson | Bird HC | Simpkins | Bird |
| Timsbury | 10.30 | Haynes HC | LA | Ireland B | Dymond |
| Trinity at Radstock | 10.30 4.00 6.00 | LA ----- Pottage HC | Pottage IP E ----- ----- | at Westfield U ----- Pottage SoP | Hewett HC LA LA |
| Trinity at Westfield | 10.30 | Pottage HC | Parsons | Pottage U | C Manley |
| Trinity at Writhlington | 11.00 | ----- | ----- | at Westfield | Pottage B |
| Weston | 10.30 | Lee HC | Souter U | LA | M Fletcher |

JULY 2015

| | | 5 th | 12 th | 19 th | 26 th |
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| Liturgical Year | | Ordinary 14 | Ordinary 15 | Ordinary 16 | Ordinary 17 |
| Special Sundays | | | <i>Action for Children</i> | | |
| Please Pray For | | Nexus | Paulton | Peasdown St John | Timsbury |
| Bathampton | 11.00 | Lee | C Manley | LA | Borgars HC |
| Batheaston | 10.30 | R Fletcher | LA | Borgars HC | Robinson |
| Beechen Cliff | 9.30 10.30 2.00 | Lee HC Souter CA P Lee/Park K | ----- Lee HC Park K | ----- Lee Lee/Park K | ----- Souter Lee/Park K |
| Bishop Sutton | 10.00 | Newbold | LA | Hewett HC | & 4 Ireland CA |
| Box | 9.30 11.00 | LA Borgars HC | ----- Haynes | 10.30am at PC E | ----- White |
| Carlingcott | 11.00 3.00 6.00 | LA ----- Ireland HC | LA ----- Summers | Moxham MC at Southdown | James ----- Beazer |
| Chew Stoke | 10.30 | LA | Dymond A | Ireland HC | Hewett |
| Farrington Gurney | 11.00 | White | LA | at H Littleton | Evans |
| High Littleton | 11.00 | at PC E | Beck | Pottage HC U | LA |
| Horizon | 10.30 6.30 | Cramb HC LA | M Fletcher at District Service | Lowe CIRCUIT SERVICE | Cross Souter HC |
| Keynsham Queens Road | 8.30 10.00 6.30 | ----- Auty Souter | ----- Cramb HC at District Service | ----- Simpkins at Southdown | Simpkins A at Victoria U ----- |
| Keynsham Victoria | 10.00 5.00 6.30 | D Robinson ----- ----- | Blackmore LA A at District Service | C Manley ----- at Southdown | Simpkins ----- Lee |
| Midsomer Norton | 10.30 6.00 | Mills Lee | Robinson A at District Service | Robinson HC at Southdown | LA A Robinson HC |
| Nexus | 10.30 | Parker | Borgars HC | E Manley A | R Fletcher A |
| Paulton | 10.30 4.00 6.00 | Lansley HC ----- Borgars E | LA LA MC at District Service | Evans CA ----- at Southdown | Cramb ----- ----- |
| Peasdown St John | 10.30 | LA | Cross | Rowe | Hewett HC |
| Stratton House | 3.00 | Bird HC | LA | Bird | Borgars |
| Timsbury | 10.30 | Ireland HC | Honey | at Tabor E | Knebel |
| Trinity at Radstock | 10.30 4.00 6.00 | Beck ----- LA | Thompson IP ----- at District Service | Cramb HC ----- at Southdown | Pottage U MC ----- |
| Trinity at Westfield | 10.30 | LA | at PC E | Bell | at Radstock U |
| Trinity at Writhlington | 11.00 | ----- -- | ----- | ----- | at Radstock U |
| Weston | 10.30 | Biddulph | Houldsworth E | Souter | Lee HC |

AUGUST 2015

| | | 2 nd | 9 th | 16 th | 23 rd | 30 th |
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| Liturgical Year | | Ordinary 18 | Ordinary 19 | Ordinary 20 | Ordinary 21 | Ordinary 22 |
| Special Sundays | | | | | | |
| <i>Please Pray For</i> | | <i>Trinity</i> | <i>Weston</i> | <i>Bathampton</i> | <i>Beechen Cliff</i> | <i>Batheaston Bishop Sutton</i> |
| Bathampton | 11.00 | Saunders | Lowe | LA | Biddulph | Lansley HC |
| Batheaston | 10.30 | Newbold | Cross | Hewett HC | D Robinson | Borgars |
| Beechen Cliff | 9.30 10.30 2.00 | Souter HC Lee Lee/Park K | ----- LA Park K | ----- Souter HC Park K | ----- White Park K | ----- Bell Park K |
| Bishop Sutton | 10.00 | Dymond | 9.00 Ireland | Auty | Stuckey | Ireland HC |
| Box | 9.30 11.00 | LA Jakins | ----- Biddulph | ----- LA SofP | ----- Lowe | ----- Cramb HC |
| Carlingcott | 11.00 3.00 6.00 | LA ----- Pottage | ----- ----- ----- | ----- ----- Ireland HC | ----- ----- Ireland | Graham ----- Moody |
| Chew Stoke | 10.30 | Blackmore | Ireland A | LA | Gilson | Beck |
| Farrington Gurney | 11.00 | Stuckey | LA | at H Littleton U | Beck | Robinson HC U |
| High Littleton | 11.00 | at PC E | Auty | Parker U | LA | at F Gurney U |
| Horizon | 10.30 6.30 | Souter HC Ireland | Thompson Souter | LA Souter | Evans Souter HC | Souter Simpkins |
| Keynsham Queens Road | 8.30 10.00 6.30 | ----- LA Simpkins | ----- Hewett HC ----- | ----- Simpkins Bird | ----- LA ----- | ----- at Victoria ----- |
| Keynsham Victoria | 10.00 5.00 6.30 | Simpkins HC ----- ----- | Stiddard ----- LA | LA ----- ----- | Hewett ----- Simpkins HC | Simpkins ----- ----- |
| Midsomer Norton | 10.30 6.00 | Robinson HC Borgars | Parker Haynes | Dymond LA | Robinson Robinson HC | Thompson Robinson |
| Nexus | 10.30 | Borgars HC A | Gilson A | LA A | Thompson A | Mills A |
| Paulton | 10.30 4.00 6.00 | Pottage HC ----- at PC E | White LA MC ----- | Bell ----- ----- | LA ----- ----- | Hewett ----- ----- |
| Peasedown St John | 10.30 | Ireland A | Knebel | Lansley HC | LA | Auty |
| Stratton House | 3.00 | Bird HC | Bird | Music Group | Bird | Souter |
| Timsbury | 10.30 | Bell | LA | Blewett | Ireland HC | White |
| Trinity at Radstock | 10.30 4.00 6.00 | LA ----- Souter HC | Evans IP ----- ----- | Jakins ----- Simpkins | at Writh U MC ----- | Blackmore ----- ----- |
| Trinity at Westfield | 10.30 | Mills | Haynes | LA | at Writh U | Lowe |
| Trinity at Writhlington | 11.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | Simpkins HC U | ----- |
| Weston | 10.30 | D Robinson | Souter U | LA | Souter HC | Cross |

Farewells

During this quarter we are saying farewell and thank you to a number of people in the circuit:

We say farewell to Audrey, Andrew and Jong Sin as they move on to new appointments. Also Mike Wilkinson who retires having served for many years as Chaplain at Kingswood School. In addition, Ward Jones also retires as our Chairman of District having served for 17 years in that role.

Bryan Rippin, one of our Supernumeraries, has recently moved to Leeds.

Craig and Elizabeth Manley will be leaving the Circuit as Craig begins an appointment in the Somerset Mendip Circuit.

As we say farewell and thank you we ask God to bless them on the next stage of their life and ministry.

Sabbatical

Rev Audrey Simpson is now on sabbatical and will not return to the circuit before leaving for a new appointment. Cover for the churches where Audrey has pastoral charge will be given by Rev Andrew Pottage.

CIRCUIT DATES FOR THE DIARY

June

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| Thursday 18 th | 7.30pm | Circuit Meeting | Keynsham Victoria |
| Monday 22 nd | 7.30pm | Circuit Preachers Meeting | Southdown |

July

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| Sunday 12 th | 3:30 pm | Farewell service for Rev Ward Jones, Chair of District | Clifton Cathedral |
| Sunday 19 th | 6.30pm | Farewell service for Rev Andrew Pottage and Rev Jong Sin Lee | Southdown |

September

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| Tuesday 1 st | 7.30pm | Welcome Service for Rev Dr Jonathan Pye, Chair of District | Bristol Cathedral |
| Friday 4 th | 7.30pm | Welcome Service for Rev Jan Tate and Rev Martin Slocombe | Midsomer Norton |
| Wednesday 16 th | 7.30pm | Circuit Meeting | |