

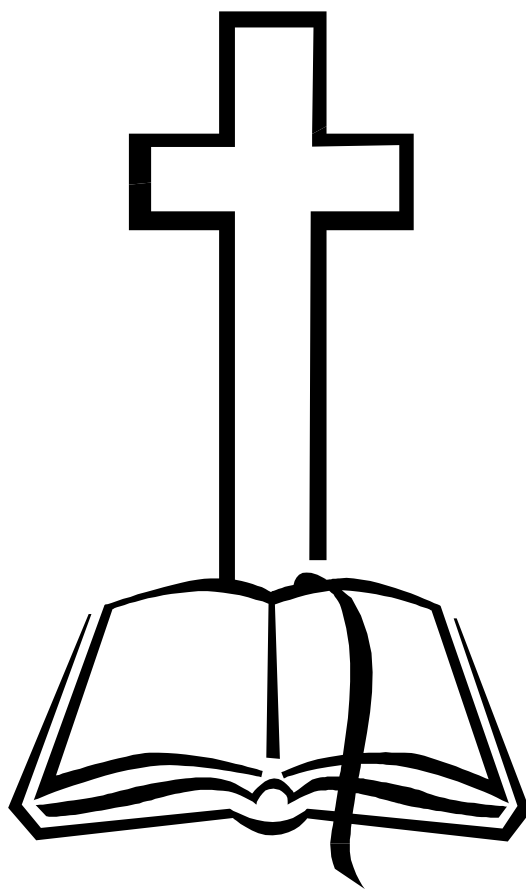


North East Somerset & Bath

Methodist Circuit

PREACHING PLAN

June to August 2017



'COME HOLY SPIRIT'

SUPER'S SOAP BOX

Dear Friends,

Yesterday I had the privilege of visiting a number of our church members who live in nursing or residential Homes. I always 'enjoy' my visits to them.... which maybe is a strange thing to say, but they remind me of the heart of what ministry is about...pastoral care. I often come away from such visits saying 'That's why I'm in the ministry'! Also, I appreciate how vital it is to connect such people who are no longer able to come to the church building, but are still an essential part of our church.



So what might I say on my soapbox in the light of this? Here goes... I'm reminded that we mustn't lose sight of the great wealth of Christian experience that people in Homes represent. I'm deeply humbled that when I make visits they share something of their walk with Jesus. One particular lady on today's visits shared her great love for Jesus and how she looked forward so much to meeting Him, which she hoped would be soon. As a Minister, these are tender and precious moments to share in. I can't help come away from such visits thinking and feeling that the church member has actually visited me and blessed me during the visit...it just so happens that we met at their Home!

As a Methodist Homes Chaplain, I'm aware of the great work Methodist Homes do for our elderly people with various needs. By the way, I hope you will support them on June 11th for Methodist Homes Sunday! One of the themes they have been promoting over recent years is 'Surprised by Age'. There is still lots of life to be enjoyed, as the cartoon shows to the right!



I'm challenged by all of this, not because I have an increasingly vested interest in my advancing years, but because as the Church the challenge is getting greater as our society lives longer. Society often uses those two words 'elderly' and 'retired' negatively. As the Christian Church we can put a very positive message about being elderly....God hasn't finished with us yet! There's still plenty to do in His service, whether from the comfort of our homes or in a Care Home chair. There are plenty of Biblical examples of God using people in advancing years to His glory. Dare I suggest the example of Sarah who gave birth at around 93but maybe that was an exceptional case!

So I leave you with the challenge of a verse from a hymn I have come to appreciate (STF 478)

*Make us afraid of the thoughts that delay,
faithful in all the affairs of today;
keep us, Creator, from playing it safe,
thank you that now is the time of our life !*

Your Superintendent

Stephen

June 2017

		4th	11th	18th	25th
Liturgical Year		Pentecost	Trinity	Ordinary 11	Ordinary 12
Special Sundays			<i>Methodist Homes</i>		<i>Conference</i>
				BIBLE MONTH - JAMES	
				James 1	James 2
Please pray for		Bathampton Beechen Cliff	Box	Chew Stoke	Farrington Gurney
Bathampton	11.00	Kirova	Biddulph	LA	Turner HC
	9.30	Haynes HC	----	----	----
Beechen Cliff	10.30	LA IP	Vonberg	Gilson	Souter HC
	2.00	LA K	LA K	LA K	LA K
Box	11.00	Cross	Kirova HC	Parsons	Biddulph
Chew Stoke	10.30	Evans	Hull A	Trembling	Hewett HC
Farrington Gurney	11.00	9.30 at PC E	Slocombe HC	Withers	----
Horizon	10.30	Bell	Beck	Souter HC	Cramb
	6.30	Tate	Kirova	3 Souter	Souter
Keynsham	8.30	----	----	----	LA A
Queens Road	10.00	Simpkins HC	White	Beck	at Victoria U
	6.30	Kirova U	6 St Francis E	at Victoria U	Durkin Auty U
Keynsham	10.00	Parsons	LA	Simpkins HC	Low
Victoria	6.30	at Queens Rd U	6 St Francis E	W Leaders U	at Queens Rd U
Midsomer Norton	10.30	Robinson HC	Dymond	Heynes	LA IP
	6.00	Robinson	Tate	Durkin Auty	Turner HC
Nexus	10.30	Lansley HC	Trembling	Saunders A MH	Honey
	8.30	----	Slocombe HC	----	----
Paulton	10.30	Slocombe B	LA	Turner HC	Cross
	4.00	----	MC	----	----
	6.00	at PC E	----	----	----
Peasedown St John	10.30	Knebel A	Cross	Tate HC	Rowe
Stratton House	3.30	----	----	Simpkins HC	----
Timsbury	10.30	Stiddard	Honey	Hewett HC	----
	10.30	Tate U	Durkin Auty IP	Jakins	Tate HC
Trinity at Radstock	4.00	----	----	----	MC
	6.00	Simpkins HC	----	Tate	----
Trinity at Westfield	10.30	at Radstock U	Tate HC	D Robinson	Bell
Weston	10.30	Vonberg HC	Swarbrick B E	Thompson	LA

DEADLINES FOR PLAN: Sept -Nov 2017

Wednesday 21st June 2017: Presbyters (and churches via Presbyters)

**Wednesday 28th June 2017: Supernumeraries and Preachers
(Local Preachers' Meeting date)**

July 2017

	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
Liturgical Year	Ordinary 13	Ordinary 14	Ordinary 15	Ordinary 16	Ordinary 17
Special Sundays		<i>Action for Children</i>			
	BIBLE MONTH - JAMES				
	<i>James 3 – 4:12</i>	<i>James 4:13–5:20</i>			
Please pray for	Horizon Southdown	Keynsham Kingswood School	Midsomer Norton	Nexus	Paulton
Bathampton 11.00	Withers	Saunders	Kirova HC	Hull	Cross
Beechen Cliff 9.30	8.30 Souter HC	-----	-----	-----	-----
10.30	Hull CA	Biddulph	Souter HC	Heynes	Durkin Auty
2.00	LA K	LA K	LA K	LA K	LA K
Box 11.00	Beck	Kirova HC	Gilson	at PC E	Saunders
Chew Stoke 10.30	Seward	Parsons A	Robinson HC	Slocombe	LA
Farrington Gurney 11.00	Evans	LA	Haynes	Dymond	Slocombe HC
Horizon 10.30	D Robinson	Souter	Hewett HC	Parsons	Trembling
6.30	Souter HC	Slocombe	at Keyn Vic Cir	Souter	Souter
Keynsham 8.30	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Queens Road 10.00	Simpkins	Bell	Simpkins	at Victoria U	at Victoria U
6.30	at Victoria U	at Victoria U	at Victoria Cir	Slocombe U	at Victoria U
Keynsham 10.00	Cramb	Simpkins	W Leaders	Simpkins U	Hewett HC
Victoria 6.30	Simpkins HC	Simpkins/Penn G	Circuit Service Cir	at Queens Rd U	Kirova U
Midsomer Norton 10.30	Robinson HC	Robinson IP	Mills	Robinson IP	Parsons
6.00	Robinson	Souter	at Keyn Vic Cir	Robinson HC	Slocombe
Nexus 10.30	Kirova HC	Hewett	LA	Kirova A	Knebel A
Paulton 8.30	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
10.30	Knebel	Slocombe HC	Cramb CA	Honey	Mills
4.00	-----	MC	-----	-----	-----
6.00	Slocombe E	-----	at Keyn Vic Cir	-----	-----
Peasedown St John 10.30	LA YP A	Lansley HC	Withers	Souter	Cramb
Stratton House 3.30	-----	Kirova HC	-----	-----	-----
Timsbury 10.30	Slocombe	Jakins	at Tabor E	Cramb HC	White
Trinity at 10.30	at Westfield U	Trembling IP	Tate HC	Cross	LA
Radstock 4.00	-----	-----	-----	MC	-----
6.00	Tate HC	-----	at Keyn Vic Cir	-----	-----
Trinity at Westfield 10.30	Tate U	Tate HC	Beck	Parker	Evans
Weston 10.30	Souter E	at Moravian E	Lansley	Tate	Souter HC

**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.**

August 2017

		6 th	13 th	20 th	27 th
Liturgical Year		Ordinary 18	Ordinary 19	Ordinary 20	Ordinary 21
Special Sundays					
Please pray for		<i>Peasedown St John</i>	<i>Stratton House Timsbury</i>	<i>Trinity</i>	<i>Weston</i>
Bathampton	11.00	LA	Parker	Hewett HC	Mills
Beechen Cliff	9.30	Souter HC	-----	-----	-----
	10.30	Souter	Mills	LA SP	Evans
	2.00	LA K	LA K	LA K	LA K
Box	11.00	LA	Kirova HC	Durkin Auty	Trembling
Chew Stoke	10.30	Armstrong	Durkin Auty A	Barley	Lansley HC
Farrington Gurney	11.00	Heynes	Turner	Cramb HC	at Paulton U
Horizon	10.30	LA	Biddulph	Souter HC	Withers
	6.30	Souter	Souter HC	Durkin Auty	Kirova
Keynsham Queens Road	8.30 10.00 6.30	At Victoria – United Worship during building work			
Keynsham Victoria	10.00 6.30	White U Haynes U	Stiddard U Tate HC U	Dymond U Souter U	Cramb HC U Slocombe U
Midsomer Norton	10.30 6.00	Parker Kirova	Robinson HC Robinson	Robinson Slocombe	Bell Robinson HC
Nexus	10.30	Kirova A HC	LA A	Turner A	Kirova A
Paulton	8.30	-----	-----	Slocombe HC	-----
	10.30	Haynes HC	LA	White	Slocombe U
	4.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
	6.00	at PC E	-----	-----	-----
Peasedown St John	10.30	LA A	D Robinson	Rowe	Robinson HC
Stratton House	3.30	-----	-----	Robinson HC	-----
Timsbury	10.30	Dymond	LA	Slocombe HC	at Paulton U
Trinity at Radstock	10.30	Hewett U	Parsons IP	Tate HC	LA
	4.00	-----	-----	-----	MC
	6.00	Turner HC	-----	Tate	-----
Trinity at Westfield	10.30	at Radstock U	Tate HC	LA	Jakins
Weston	10.30	Cross	Souter U	Evans	Turner HC

ABBREVIATIONS

A	All Age Worship	HC	Holy Communion	PC	Parish Church
B	Baptism	IP	Informal Praise	SP	Songs of Praise
CA	Church Anniversary	K	Korean Worship	U	United Service (Methodist)
Cir	Circuit	LA	Local Arrangement	YP	Young People
E	Ecumenical Service	MC	Messy Church (or equivalent)		
G	Guild Sunday	MH	Methodist Homes		

CIRCUIT DATES FOR THE DIARY

June

Wednesday 28th 7.30pm Circuit Preachers' Meeting Trinity Radstock

July

Sunday 16th 6.30pm Circuit Farewell Service
for Rev Philip Simpkins Keynsham Victoria

August

Thursday 31st 7.30pm Circuit Welcome Service for
Rev Jane Wilson and Rev David Winstanley Keynsham Victoria

CIRCUIT NEWS

Carlingcott

We were saddened to hear of the closure of the Carlingcott society and church at the end of April. It ends a long, rich history of witness in the village. We continue to pray for the members there as they seek God's guidance in looking for a new church in which to worship and share fellowship.

Farewell

We say farewell to Rev Philip Simpkins and family as they move to Hampshire in August. Philip's ministry has been appreciated by many and enhanced by his hospital chaplaincy work. Our prayers go with Philip, Angela, Dan and Luke.

CIRCUIT FAREWELL SERVICE

Sunday 16th July 201

6.30pm at Keynsham Victoria

Farewell Service for Rev Philip Simpkins

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

Candidate for the Presbyteral Ministry

We were delighted to learn in April that Sarah Knebel has been a successful candidate for the Methodist presbyteral ministry. She will begin her training in September. We congratulate Sarah on this news and pray for Sarah, Rob and the family as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

BIBLE MONTH 2017

30 days with James

— #BibleMonth —

*'Who is wise and understanding among you?
Show by your good life that your works are
done with gentleness born of wisdom.'*
(James 3:13)

In June 2017, the Methodist Church is encouraging churches and circuits across the Connexion to run a 'Bible Month', 30 days focused on the letter of James. The Bible Month will involve two key elements

1. **Preachers** preparing and preaching a series of sermons on James over the four Sundays of June.
2. **Small group leaders** running a 'Bible Month' group that focuses on James, but which also helps those attending engage the Bible in fresh and innovative ways.

By focusing on a single biblical book, the aim of the Bible Month is to help all in church engage more deeply with Scripture. A pilot project showed that the Bible Month model could be effective in raising biblical literacy, and the majority of those who took part were keen to hold another Bible Month in the future!

Due to Pentecost Sunday and Methodist Homes Sunday, we will be starting the programme in mid June as follows:

18th June	James 1	Doers of the Word
25th June	James 2	Faith and works
2nd July	James 3 – 4:12	Speech and Wisdom
9th July	James 4:13 – 5:20	Living for the Lord

Further information can be found on the Methodist Church website:
www.methodist.org.uk/BibleMonth

The **Methodist** Church 

METHODIST CONFERENCE

The Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church and meets annually to discuss matters affecting the life of the Church, the nation and the world. The 2017 Conference will take place from Thursday 22 June - Thursday 29 June in Birmingham.

It will include the ordination of 'our own' Martin Slocombe.

Further details, including live stream of the Conference, can be found at:

<http://methodist.org.uk/conference/conference-2017>

Do pray for the Conference and Martin as he is ordained