

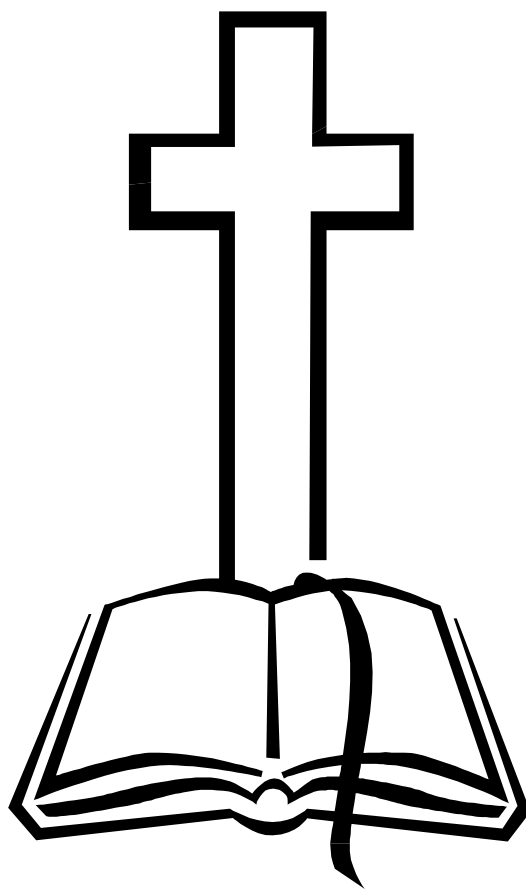


North East Somerset & Bath

Methodist Circuit

PREACHING PLAN

September to November 2017



'IN THE BEGINNING... GOD'

SUPER'S SOAP BOX



Dear Friends,

Happy (Methodist) New Year! I'm not quite sure how significant that is for many of our folk, (especially those not from a Methodist 'heritage'!) but for two families it is hugely significant. We welcome Rev Jane Wilson and her family and Rev David Winstanley and his family to the Circuit. It is good to have them as part of the Circuit team and life.

And here's where I get on my 'soapbox' to reflect on part of the new Vice Presidents address at Conference this year. Jill Baker spoke about the place of laughter in the Church and the Christian faith. So firmly on my soapbox, I ask the question 'where has all the laughter gone in the church and in our faith?' Of course, there are times to be serious in the life of the church....but sometimes I do believe we take ourselves far too seriously. When was the last time you had a really good laugh in church?

I remember that, when I was pondering becoming a Christian, I thought I had to give up humour (some church members wished I had!!). You see, I looked around the church I attended to and saw everyone being really serious and thought I would have to become like them. I made the decision that, if that was what God wanted, I was prepared to make that sacrifice in order to follow him. But hey.... I didn't have to and now many of you benefit from that in my sermons and at other times!!!!

I'm also a great believer that God has a good sense of humour. The Bible has numerous examples of that....if only we would see it! Some of the passages in the gospels we take far too seriously and there is some good wit in the stories of Jesus. Having understood the humour, reading the gospels would be a much richer experience.

Jill Baker also talked about using laughter as a mission strategy. I think she has something here. My 'alter ego' whom some of you will have met, Will Wesley (my puppet!), was recently helping me in an assembly where he showed a picture of lots of peas. When asked about that picture he said it represented the peas (peace) of God! The children and staff loved it and remembered it as full of gospel good news.

So can I encourage all of you, not only individually, but also as local churches, to see laughter as part of church life and mission. And if you need some help I could dust down my Minister's Joke Book that I wrote a few years ago.....or perhaps you would prefer to refer to Rabbi Lionel Blue or someone like Adrian Plass or Milton Jones !

Your Superintendent,

Stephen

September 2017

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| Liturgical Year | | Ordinary 22 | | Ordinary 23 | | Ordinary 24 | | Ordinary 25 | |
| <i>Special Sundays</i> | | | | <i>Education Sunday</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Please pray for</i> | | Bathampton Beechen Cliff | | Box | | Chew Stoke | | Farrington Gurney | |
| Bathampton | 11.00 | Vonberg | | Durkin Auty | | Kirova | HC | Dymond | |
| | 9.30 | Souter | HC | .... |  | .... |  | .... |  |
| Beechen Cliff | 10.30 | Souter | | Tate | HC | LA | IP | Stiddard | |
| | 2.00 | LA | K | LA | K | LA | K | LA | K |
| Box | 11.00 | Biddulph | | Kirova | HC | Cross | | Kirova | HT |
| Chew Stoke | 10.30 | Mills | | Slocombe | A HC | Heynes | | Pye | |
| Farrington Gurney | 11.00 | Slocombe | HC | Beck | | Durkin-Auty | H | Tate | |
| | 10.30 | Cross | | Souter | Cov | Rowe | | Hull | HT |
| Horizon | 6.30 | Souter | | Slocombe | | Souter | HC | Winstanley | |
| Keynsham Queens Road | 10.00 6.30 | at Victoria - United worship during building work | | | | | | | |
| | 8.30 | .... |  | .... |  | .... |  | Wilson | A |
| Keynsham Victoria | 10.00 | Wilson | | Wilson | HC | Edge | | Wilson/Guest | HT |
| | 6.30 | Wilson | | Wilson/Turner | GS | Wilson | HC | Wilson | |
| | 10.30 | Robinson | HC | Robinson | IP | Honey | | Robinson | |
| Midsomer Norton | 6.00 | Winstanley | | Robinson | | Robinson | HC | Pye | |
| Nexus | 10.30 | Kirova | HC | Withers | | Winstanley | A | Beck | |
| | 8.30 | .... |  | .... |  | .... |  | .... |  |
| | 10.30 | Hewett | | Gilson | | Robinson | HC | Slocombe | HT |
| Paulton | 4.00 | 2 Slocombe |  | .... |  | .... |  | .... |  |
| | 6.00 | Slocombe | E | .... |  | .... |  | Slocombe | R HT |
| Peasedown St John | 10.30 | Winstanley | Cov | Lansley | | Trembling | | Winstanley | HT |
| Stratton House | 3.30 | .... |  | .... |  | Kirova | HC | .... |  |
| | 10.30 | Bell | | Turner | | Slocombe | HC | Parker | |
| Timsbury | 6.00 | .... |  | .... |  | .... |  | at PC | |
| | 10.30 | at Westfield | U | Winstanley | IP | Tate | HT | Crane | HC |
| Trinity at Radstock | 4.00 | .... |  | .... |  | .... |  | MC | |
| | 6.00 | Robinson |  | .... |  | Tate | HC | .... |  |
| | 10.30 | Tate | CA U | Haynes | HC | Wilson | | Mills | |
| Trinity at Westfield | 6.00 | .... |  | .... |  | .... |  | .... |  |
| Weston | 10.30 | Parsons | | at Moravians | E | Souter | Cov | Souter | HT |

DEADLINES FOR PLAN: December 2017 to January 2018

Thursday 21st September: Presbyters (and churches via Presbyters)

**Thursday 28th September 2018 Supernumeraries and Preachers
(Local Preachers' Meeting date)**

October 2017

| | | 1st | 8th | 15th | 22nd | 29th |
|-------------------------|-------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Liturgical Year | | Ordinary 26 | Ordinary 27 | Ordinary 28 | Ordinary 29 | Ordinary 30 |
| <i>Special Sundays</i> | | | <i>Prisons Sunday</i> | | | |
| Please pray for | | Horizon Southdown | Keynsham Kingswood School | Midsomer Norton | Nexus | Paulton |
| Bathampton | 11.00 | Hull | Biddulph | Kirova HT | Crane HC | Cramb |
| Beechen Cliff | 9.30 | Souter HC | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| | 10.30 | Souter HT | Turner | Saunders | Parsons | Souter HC |
| | 2.00 | LA K | LA K | LA K | LA K | LA K |
| Box | 11.00 | Parsons | 10:30 Manley CA | Edge | Kirova HC | Robinson |
| Chew Stoke | 10.30 | Honey | Winstanley HT | Cross | Hewett HC | Slocombe U |
| Farrington Gurney | 11.00 | Jakins | Trembling | at Paulton U | Bell | at Chew Stoke U |
| Horizon | 10.30 | LA | Vonberg | Souter HC | Durkin Auty | Hewett CA |
| | 6.30 | Souter | Kirova | 6 at MSN Cir | Souter HC | Tate |
| Keynsham Queens Road | 8.30 | .... | .... | .... | LA A | .... |
| | 10.00 | Wilson U | Wilson HC | Hull | at Victoria U | Wilson |
| | 6.30 | Kirova | at Victoria U | 6 at MSN Cir | Robinson U | at Saltford PC E |
| Keynsham Victoria | 10.00 | at Queens Rd U | Kirova | Wilson HC | Winstanley U | Beck |
| | 6.30 | at Queens Rd U | Wilson/Overton gs | 6 at MSN Cir | at Queens Rd U | at Saltford PC E |
| Midsomer Norton | 10.30 | Robinson HT | Withers IP | Robinson HC | Robinson IP | Winstanley |
| | 6.00 | Robinson HT | Robinson H HC | CIRCUIT SERVICE | Kirova | Slocombe |
| Nexus | 10.30 | Kirova HT | Robinson HC | Slocombe A | Dymond | LA WC |
| Paulton | 8.30 | .... | .... | .... | Slocombe HC | .... |
| | 10.30 | LA | Tate HC | Simpson U | Slocombe E | at Chew Stoke U |
| | 4.00 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| | 6.00 | at PC E | .... | 6 at MSN Cir | .... | .... |
| Peasedown St John | 10.30 | Winstanley A | Gilson | Winstanley HC | LA | Heynes |
| Stratton House | 3.30 | .... | .... | Wilson H | .... | .... |
| Timsbury | 10.30 | Lansley | Slocombe HT | Haynes HC | White | at Chew Stoke U |
| | 6.00 | .... | Winstanley HT | 6 at MSN Cir | .... | .... |
| Trinity at Radstock | 10.30 | Bell | Durkin Auty IP | at Westfield U | Tate HC | Mills |
| | 4.00 | .... | .... | .... | MC | .... |
| | 6.00 | Tate HC | at Westfield E | 6 at MSN Cir | .... | .... |
| Trinity at Westfield | 10.30 | Tate HT | Stiddard | Tate HC U | Lowe | at PC E |
| | 6.00 | .... | Tate E | 6 at MSN Cir | .... | .... |
| Weston | 10.30 | Turner | Cross E | D Robinson | Souter HC | Lansley |

**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.**

November 2017

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| Liturgical Year | | Ordinary 31 | | Ordinary 32 | | Ordinary 33 | | 1 before Advent |
| <i>Special Sundays</i> | | | | <i>Remembrance</i> | | | | |
| <i>Please pray for</i> | | Peasedown St John | | Stratton House Timsbury | | Trinity | | Weston |
| Bathampton | 11.00 | Trembling | | Kirova | | Lansley | HC | Jakins |
| Beechen Cliff | 9.30 | Souter | HC | .... |  | .... |  | .... |
| | 10.30 | Crane | | Biddulph | | Souter | HC | Hull |
| | 2.00 | LA | K | LA | K | LA | K | LA K |
| Box | 11.00 | Evans | | 10:30 LA | | Cramb | | Kirova HC |
| Chew Stoke | 10.30 | Lowe | | Slocombe | E A | Haynes | HC | Parker |
| Farrington Gurney | 11.00 | Withers | | Souter | E | Slocombe | HC | Turner |
| Horizon | 10.30 | Souter | | Cramb | HC | Saunders | | Honey |
| | 6.30 | Wilson | | Souter | | Kirova | | Souter HC |
| Keynsham Queens Road | 8.30 | .... |  | .... |  | .... |  | Wilson A |
| | 10.00 | Stiddard | | at Victoria | U | D Robinson | | at Victoria U |
| | 6.30 | at Victoria U | | Winstanley | | Wilson | U HC | at Victoria U |
| Keynsham Victoria | 10.00 | Wilson | HC | Wilson | U | Tate | | Wilson U |
| | 6.30 | LA | U | Wilson/Steer | GS | at Queens Rd U HC | | Robinson U |
| Midsomer Norton | 10.30 | Robinson | HC IP | 10 Robinson | | Trembling | | Robinson IP |
| | 6.00 | Souter | | Robinson | Th | Robinson | HC | Wilson |
| Nexus | 10.30 | Kirova | HC | Cross | | Wilson | A | Gilson |
| Paulton | 8.30 | .... |  | .... |  | .... |  | .... |
| | 10.30 | D Robinson | | Winstanley | | Evans | | Slocombe HC |
| | 4.00 | .... |  | 3 Slocombe |  | .... |  | .... |
| | 6.00 | Slocombe | E | .... |  | .... |  | Slocombe R |
| Peasedown St John | 10.30 | Winstanley | A | Durkin Auty | | Rowe | | Winstanley HC |
| Stratton House | 3.30 | .... |  | .... |  | Souter | HC | --- |
| Timsbury | 10.30 | Slocombe | HC | at Cong. | E | Robinson | | Crane |
| | 6.00 | .... |  | .... |  | .... |  | .... |
| Trinity at Radstock | 10.30 | Tate | HC | Tate | U | Heynes | | Dymond |
| | 4.00 | .... |  | .... |  | .... |  | MC |
| | 6.00 | Winstanley |  | .... |  | Tate | HC | .... |
| Trinity at Westfield | 10.30 | Parker | | at Radstock | U | Kirova | | Tate HC |
| | 6.00 | .... |  | .... |  | .... |  | .... |
| Weston | 10.30 | Vonberg | | at Moravians | E | Winstanley | | Souter HC |

ABBREVIATIONS

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|-----|--------------------|----|----------------------|----|------------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| A | All Age Worship | G | Guild Sunday | LA | Local Arrangement | R | Reflective Worship |
| B | Baptism | GS | Guest Service | MC | Messy Church (or equivalent) | TP | Theme Preach |
| CA | Church Anniversary | H | Healing Service | IP | Informal Praise | Th | Thanksgiving Service |
| Cir | Circuit Service | HC | Holy Communion | K | Korean Worship | U | United Service (Methodist) |
| E | Ecumenical Service | HT | Harvest Thanksgiving | PC | Parish Church | | |

WEEKLY DEADLINES for Worship Details

| Church | Day |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| BATHAMPTON | Thursday evening |
| BEECHEN CLIFF | Thursday evening |
| BOX | Thursday evening |
| CHEW STOKE | Wednesday evening |
| FARRINGTON GURNEY | Thursday evening |
| HORIZON | Thursday evening |
| KEYNSHAM - QUEENS ROAD AND VICTORIA | Wednesday evening |
| MIDSOMER NORTON | Wednesday evening |
| NEXUS | Thursday evening |
| PAULTON | Thursday evening |
| PEASEDOWN ST JOHN | Wednesday evening |
| TIMSBURY | Thursday evening |
| TRINITY AT RADSTOCK | Thursday evening |
| TRINITY AT WESTFIELD | Thursday evening |
| WESTON | Thursday evening |

CIRCUIT DATES FOR THE DIARY

August

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|---------------------------|--------|--|-------------------|
| Thursday 31 st | 7.30pm | Circuit Welcome Service For Rev Jane Wilson and Rev David Winstanley | Keynsham Victoria |
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September

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|---------------------------|--------|--|-------------------|
| Thursday 7 th | 7.30pm | Circuit Meeting | Midsomer Norton |
| Saturday 9 th | 9.30am | District Representative Synod | Kingswood School |
| Saturday 23 rd | 2.30pm | Methodist Women In Britain Induction of New President | Southdown |
| Thursday 28 th | 7.30pm | Circuit Preachers Meeting | Keynsham Victoria |

October

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|---------------------------|--------|---|-----------------|
| Wednesday 4 th | 2pm | Circuit Leadership Team | Southdown |
| Saturday 14 th | 9.30am | Study Day for all Preachers, Worship Leaders and Musicians | Midsomer Norton |
| Sunday 15 th | 6pm | Circuit Service | Midsomer Norton |

CIRCUIT SERVICE

of

**Rededication for our Local Preachers,
Worship Leaders and Musicians**

Sunday 15th October 2017

6pm at Midsomer Norton

Everyone is invited to come and support our
Local Preachers, Worship Leaders and Musicians who serve the
Circuit and local churches so faithfully, week by week



North East Somerset & Bath

Methodist Circuit

STUDY TIME

Saturday 14th October 2017

At Midsomer Norton 9.30am to 1pm

THEME: Music in Worship

For all Presbyters, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Organists, Band Members, Singers, music recording operators and anyone interested in the theme.

All of our local churches use music in worship, whether provided 'live' or recorded. The Study time provides an opportunity to discuss, reflect and review how we serve the varying congregations we are part of.

9.30am Opening Devotions

9.45am Session 1

Surveying the scene: the breadth of music in worship

11.00am Refreshment break

11.30am Session 2

Using Singing the Faith creatively in worship

10 Commandments of Music in Worship!

1pm Closing Devotions

If you are able to join us, please let the Superintendent's' Clerical Assistant, Mrs Cathy Edge, know by 7th October 2017 on 01761 410574 or at: clerical@nesb-methodists.org.uk