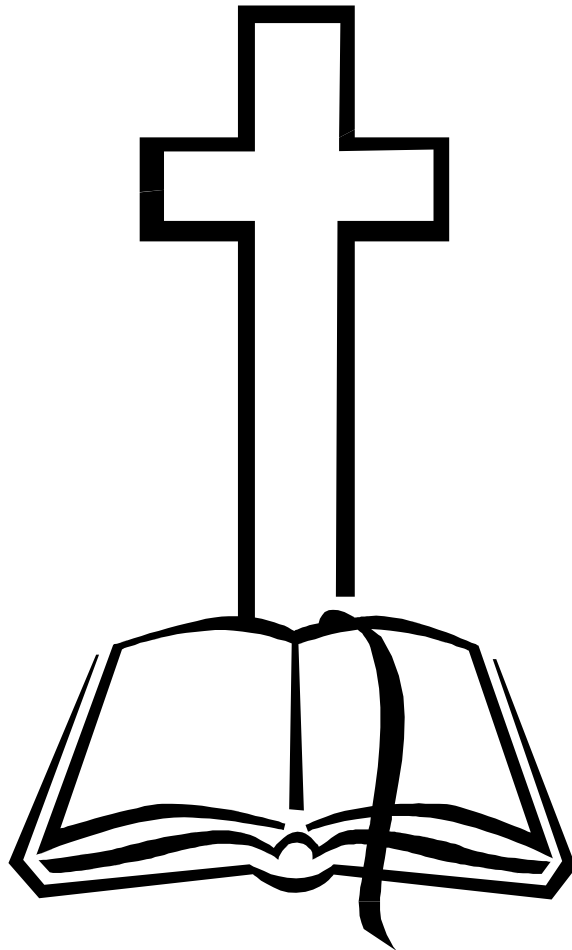




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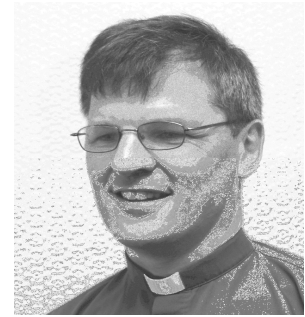
Methodist Circuit

# PREACHING PLAN



**SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2014**

# SUPER'S SOAP BOX



***Dear Friends,***

Happy New Year! To which some of you may be quickly turning to the front cover and checking if the Super has finally lost it as surely it isn't January! Of course I refer to the Methodist New Year which, because it is the time for Ministers starting new appointments and the start of a new financial year, is in September. I find more and more that unless you are involved in those processes, most people don't notice a 'new year'!

Which leads me to my soapbox to ask the question 'how many other things in the life of the Church maybe once were true but have changed over time...and we need to play 'catch up'? The obvious example in this Quarter is Harvest. Harvest was a real 'Festival' where the Church got together over the weekend to really celebrate God's good gifts to us....and many people brought produce from their own labours in the garden or field. These days whilst recognising that some still do that, Harvest is now a very different occasion where we bring our tinned items (maybe for the Foodbank?) and give thanks to God...a Thanksgiving.

Another example here at Midsomer Norton is where the Wesley Guild has just decided to cease meeting after many years. As part of that process we recognised that Wesley Guild originally started as a young people's organisation....they just got older together! And how many of our churches used to have 'Young Wives' Meetings.... which are now either e.g. just Wives Group or Ladies Night...the young wives are no longer quite so young!

All of this challenges us about the culture we live in TODAY. If, as Charles Wesley writes, we are to 'serve the present age, our calling to fulfil' (H&P 785) how does what we do and what we are as a Church reflect that? If someone walked into your local church on Sunday, what year would they think they have stepped into by what they see and experience?

Of course I am not suggesting that we need to throw everything out and start again. Many things simply need a little 'tweak', though some things will need serious change.

Which leads us to a simple Biblical truth which we may have got the wrong way around: The Bible declares that God never changes but His people are pilgrims on the move called to 'go and make disciples'. It seems many of us think that we don't need to change but God does! In which case we may need to return to our Biblical roots.

So as we begin this new year of church life, let's face up to the challenges and opportunities that God gives us and MOVE on!

***Stephen***

## SEPTEMBER 2014

		7 <sup>TH</sup>	14 <sup>TH</sup>	21 <sup>ST</sup>	28 <sup>TH</sup>
<b>Liturgical Year</b>		<b>Ordinary 23</b>	<b>Ordinary 24</b>	<b>Ordinary 25</b>	<b>Ordinary 26</b>
<i>Special Sundays</i>			<i>Racial Justice</i>		
<b>Please Pray For</b>		<b>Nexus Claremont</b>	<b>Nexus Walcot</b>	<b>Paulton</b>	<b>Peasedown St. John</b>
Bathampton	11.00	Jakins	Haynes HC	E Manley	Biddulph
Batheaston	10.30	R Fletcher	Borgars E Cov	Auty	LA
Beechen Cliff	9.30	Lee HC	-----	-----	-----
	10.30	LA Café	Lee	LA	Lee
	2.00	Lee K	Lee K	Lee K	Lee K
Bishop Sutton	10.00	Auty	9.00 Ireland HC	Lansley HT	LA
Box	9.30	LA	-----	-----	-----
	11.00	Parsons	LA	Borgars HT B	Parker
Carlingcott	10.00	Moxham	Holstead	Dymond	Graham
	3.00	MC	-----	-----	-----
	6.00	Ireland HC	at Horizon	Summers	James
Chew Stoke	10.30	Lowe	Ireland HT A	LA	White
Farrington Gurney	11.00	Simpson HC	Evans HT	at H Littleton	LA
High Littleton	11.00	at PC E	Simpson HC	Stuckey U	Evans
Horizon	10.30	D Robinson	Souter Cov	Lee	Briggs HT
	6.30	Rippin HC	Circuit Service	Ireland	Souter HT HC
Keynsham Queens Road	8.30	-----	-----	-----	Simpkins A
	10.00	Simpkins B	Cramb	Simpkins HT	at Victoria U
	6.30	Slocombe	at Horizon	Simpkins HT	-----
Keynsham Victoria	10.00	C Manley	LA	Hewett HT	Simpkins HC U
	5.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
	6.30	-----	at Horizon	-----	Ireland
Midsomer Norton	10.30	Robinson HC	Robinson A	Mills	Robinson A HT
	6.00	Robinson	at Horizon	Souter	Robinson HC HT
Nexus Claremont	11.00	at Walcot	West	Robinson HC	at Walcot
	6.30	-----	at Horizon	-----	-----
Nexus Walcot	9.15	-----	-----	-----	Borgars HC
	10.30	Borgars U CM	M Fletcher	Beck	Borgars U A JMA
	6.30	-----	at Horizon	-----	-----
Paulton	10.30	Voake	Bell	Simpson HC	Cramb HT
	4.00	-----	Simpson MC	-----	-----
	6.00	Simpson E	-----	-----	-----
Peasedown St John	10.30	Ireland Cov	Cross	Rowe	Ireland HT A
Stratton House (MHA)	3.00	Simpkins HC	Haynes	Simpson HC	Bird
Timsbury	10.30	Dymond	White	Ireland HC	Cross
Trinity at Radstock	10.30	at Westfield	Pottage IP B	Pottage HT	Parsons
	4.00	-----	-----	-----	MC
	6.00	Pottage Cov	at Horizon	Pottage HT	-----
Trinity at Westfield	10.30	Pottage U Cov	Newbold	Cross	LA
Trinity at Writhlington	11.00	at Westfield	-----	-----	Pottage HT
Weston	10.30	Lee Cov	Parsons	Souter	Souter HT

# OCTOBER 2014

		5 <sup>TH</sup>	12 <sup>TH</sup>	19 <sup>TH</sup>	26 <sup>TH</sup>
<b>Liturgical Year</b>		<b>Ordinary 27</b>	<b>Ordinary 28</b>	<b>Ordinary 29</b>	<b>Ordinary 30</b>
<i>Special Sundays</i>					
<b>Please pray for</b>		<i>Stratton House</i>	<i>Timsbury</i>	<i>Trinity at Radstock</i>	<i>Trinity at Westfield</i>
Bathampton	11.00	Hewett	Honey	Borgars HC	LA
Batheaston	10.30	E Manley	White	Bell	Borgars HC
Beechen Cliff	9.30	Souter HC	-----	-----	-----
	10.30	Souter HT P	Jakins	Lee HC	Lee U
	2.00	Lee K	Lee K	Lee K	Lee K
Bishop Sutton	10.00	9.00 Ireland HC	Dickerson	Mills	D Robinson
Box	9.30	LA	-----	-----	-----
	11.00	Cross	Borgars CA HC	Newbold	Souter
Carlingcott	10.00	LA	Woods	Blackmore	Summers
	3.00	-----	MC	-----	-----
	6.00	Ireland HT	5 Ireland HC	4.30 Beazer	4.30 Moody
Chew Stoke	10.30	Ireland HC	Evans A	at Bishop Sutton	Blackmore
Farrington Gurney	11.00	Simpson HC	Stuckey	at High Littleton	Cramb
High Littleton	11.00	at PC E	Haynes E	Simpson HC	Jakins
Horizon	10.30	Bell	Souter HC	Emmett CA	at Beechen Cliff
	6.30	Borgars	Souter R	Pottage	Simpkins
Keynsham Queens Road	8.30	-----	-----	-----	Simpkins A
	10.00	Simpkins HC	Lowe	Slocombe	at Victoria U
	6.30	-----	-----	Simpkins HC	-----
Keynsham Victoria	10.00	Stiddard	Ireland	Simpkins	Simpkins HC
	5.00	-----	Simpkins A	-----	-----
	6.30	-----	-----	-----	Borgars
Midsomer Norton	10.30	Cramb HC	Robinson A	Howell	Robinson A CWE
	6.00	Robinson	Pottage	Robinson	Robinson HC CWE
Nexus Claremont	11.00	Borgars HT	R Fletcher	Cramb HC	Biddulph U T
	6.30	-----	Borgars R	-----	-----
Nexus Walcot	9.15	-----	-----	Borgars HC	-----
	10.30	Robinson HT	D Robinson	Dymond A	at Claremont
	6.30	-----	at Claremont	-----	-----
Paulton	8.30	Simpson HC	-----	-----	-----
	10.30	LA	Simpson HC	Jones	Lowe
	4.00	-----	Simpson MC	-----	-----
	6.00	at PC E	-----	-----	-----
Peasedown St John	10.30	Beck	LA	Ireland HC	Auty
Stratton House (MHA)	3.00	Bird HC	Robinson	Bird	Ireland
Timsbury	10.30	Blackmore	Bird HT	LA	Ireland HC
	6.00	-----	Ireland HT	-----	-----
Trinity at Radstock	10.30	Lee HC	Pottage IP	at Westfield	Parker
	4.00	-----	-----	-----	MC
	6.00	Pottage	-----	Simpson HC	-----
Trinity at Westfield	10.30	Pottage HT	West	10.00 Pottage E U	Voake
Trinity at Writhlington	11.00	-----	-----	at Westfield	Hewett HC
Weston	10.30	LA	Lee HC	Lansley	at Beechen Cliff U

# NOVEMBER 2014

		2 <sup>ND</sup>	9 <sup>TH</sup>	16 <sup>TH</sup>	23 <sup>RD</sup>	30 <sup>TH</sup>
Liturgical Year		Ordinary 31	Ordinary 32	Ordinary 33	Sunday before Advent	Advent Sunday
<i>Special Sundays</i>			<i>Remembrance</i>	<i>Prisons Week</i>		
<b>Please Pray For</b>		<b>Trinity at Writhlington</b>	<b>Weston</b>	<b>Bathampton</b>	<b>Batheaston</b>	<b>Beechen Cliff</b>
Bathampton	11.00	White	at PC E	Blackmore	Borgars HC	M Fletcher
Batheaston	10.30	Beck	at PC E	Haynes HC	Evans	Biddulph T
Beechen Cliff	9.30	Lee HC	-----	-----	-----	-----
	10.30	Lee A	Souter	Souter	Lee HC	LA Café
	2.00	Lee K	Lee K	Lee K	Lee K	Lee K
Bishop Sutton	10.00	Ireland HC	Stuckey	9.00 Ireland HC	Dymond	at Chew Stoke
Box	9.30	LA	-----	-----	-----	-----
	11.00	Mills	10.45 War Mem.	Cramb HC	Robinson	Auty
Carlingcott	10.00	Moxham	Fry	LA	Graham	Beck
	3.00	-----	-----	MC	-----	MC
	6.00	4.30 Rubie	4.30 Ireland	5.00 Ireland HC	4.30 James	5.00 Ireland HC
Chew Stoke	10.30	Bell	at St Andrew's	Newbold	Cross	Borgars HC
Farrington Gurney	11.00	Voake	Simpson E	D Robinson	at H Littleton U	Stiddard
High Littleton	11.00	at PC E	at PC E	Hewett HC	Parker U	White
Horizon	10.30	Parker	Lee	Hudd	Souter HC	Souter
	6.30	3.00 Souter	LA	Souter HC	Souter	at Ascension U
Keynsham Queens Road	8.30	-----	-----	-----	Simpkins A	-----
	10.00	Hewett	at Victoria U	W Leaders	at Victoria U	Simpkins
	6.30	LA	-----	Simpson HC	-----	at St John's E
Keynsham Victoria	10.00	E Manley	Simpkins	Lowe	Simpkins HC U	Cramb
	5.00	-----	Simpkins A U	-----	-----	-----
	6.30	-----	-----	-----	Simpkins	at St. John's E
Midsomer Norton	10.30	Robinson A	10 Robinson	Robinson HC	E Manley A	Robinson
	6.00	LA	Robinson Th	Robinson	Ireland HC	Catholic Ch E
Nexus Claremont	11.00	Borgars HC	Cross	LA	Parsons	at Walcot
	6.30	-----	-----	-----	-----	at St. Stephen's
Nexus Walcot	9.15	-----	-----	Borgars HC	-----	-----
	10.30	LA	Borgars HC	Auty A	Honey	Lansley U
	6.30	-----	-----	-----	-----	at St. Stephen's
Paulton	10.30	Lansley HC	LA	Simpson B	Wimbush	C Manley
	4.00	-----	Simpson MC	-----	-----	-----
	6.00	Robinson E	-----	-----	-----	-----
Peasedown St John	10.30	Wheadon CFD	Lansley HC	Rowe	Ireland	Ireland HC
	6.00	Wheadon CFD	-----	-----	-----	-----
Stratton House (MHA)	3.00	Bird HC	Music Group	Bird	Souter	Pottage
Timsbury	10.30	Evans	at Cong E	Ireland HC	Mogford	Parsons
Trinity at Radstock	10.30	Pottage U	Beck	LA	at Writhlington	Pottage HC
	4.00	-----	-----	-----	MC	-----
	6.00	Pottage SoP	-----	Pottage	-----	-----
Trinity at Westfield	10.30	at Radstock	Parsons	Pottage HC	at Writhlington	D Robinson
Trinity at Writhlington	11.00	at Radstock	-----	-----	Pottage U	-----
Weston	10.30	Souter	Stiddard	Lee HC	R Fletcher	Lee

## NEWS ABOUT PREACHERS

During the last Quarter we gave thanks to God in worship for the lives of REV JOHN WHEATON and MRS GILL DAVIS who passed away. We give thanks to God for their faithfulness to the gospel to which He called them to preach.

JACKIE MITCHELL has now moved to Abergavenny and transferred her Local Preacher status there.

We will come together and celebrate the admission of ANNA AUTY as a fully accredited local preacher on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

We are also mindful of a number of our Preachers who are not able to preach at the moment for a variety of reasons. Please remember them in your prayers.

### CIRCUIT SERVICE

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
6.30pm at Horizon

Service of Admission as a Local Preacher  
for Anna Auty

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

### **DEADLINES FOR PLAN:** **DECEMBER – FEBRUARY 2014-15**

**Presbyters (and churches via Presbyters): 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014**

**Supernumeraries and Preachers: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014**  
***(Local Preachers Meeting date)***

## ABBREVIATIONS

A	All Age Worship	E	Ecumenical Service	P	Parade Service
B	Baptism	HC	Holy Communion	PC	Parish Church
CA	Church Anniversary	HT	Harvest Thanksgiving	R	Reflective Service
CFD	Church Family Day	IP	Informal Praise	SoP	Songs of Praise
CM	General Church Meeting	JMA	Junior Mission for All	T	Please provide transport for the preacher
Cong	Congregational Church	K	Korean Worship	Th	Thanksgiving Service
CWE	Church Weekend	LA	Local Arrangement	U	United Service (Methodist)
Cov	Covenant (inc HC)	MC	Messy Church		

**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**