



Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit

Worship for 26th July 2020

Our Services

We have a prepared service on YouTube which will be available from 9am on Sunday 26th July. We welcome Graham & Karen Lowther and Neil & Nikki Embury to lead our worship this week, talking about Hidden Treasures

This can be found on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/0i0tWs-GFFI>

... and on our Cannock Chase Methodists Facebook page which is at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRi8ysE4lcE02bJLPuzKqiQ>

If you have a Smart TV that shows YouTube just search for

Cannock Chase Methodists

We have some worship services on Sunday which are mostly broadcast using Zoom

Chasetown Methodist Church at 10am

Contact Carol Whitson via the church email chasetownmethodist@gmail.com or use the contact form on website www.chasetownmethodistchurch.org.uk to get the connection details.

Salem Methodist Church in Cheslyn Hay at 10.15am

Contact George Hardy on thelhardy@gmail.com to get the connection details.

Jan Burns is promoting some services using phone-in technology for Bethel Church and the community around them. Contact Jan on jan.burns@safeandsettled.co.uk for more details.

Barbara Sigley is also using phone-in technology in Great Wyrley. This is new but proving popular especially amongst those without internet. Contact Barbara on whyemail46@hotmail.com if you want more details.

All the previous Chasetown services are posted on YouTube, so if you would like to have a sneaky look at what it looks like without anyone knowing, go to their YouTube Channel which is at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0Oo7BQCUZ_65EZXHtvOyQA. There you will be able to see the last 5 services that have taken place, and those of you who have been in the circuit for some time will recognise many faces!!!

Our News ... and a lot of it

This Sunday afternoon - 26th July - we will bid farewell to Edward.

Plans have been made so that members of the churches under Edward's care can meet him. If you need to know more about this contact your church stewards. The service on Sunday will be hosted on Zoom at **4pm**. The Zoom meeting ID is 853 2207 7440 and you can get on through an internet browser using this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85322077440>. You can also phone by dialling 0203 051 2874. There will be an automated answer service provided by Zoom and be prepared to tap in the meeting ID. The phone call will not be free and I think that the whole service will take about 90 minutes, so beware if you don't have a weekend call plan. There will be a "waiting room" and therefore there may be a small delay while we admit you.

We will be streaming the service on YouTube, so if you can't get onto the service, for whatever reason, and you have a Smart TV which accesses the internet, you can go to YouTube on Sunday afternoon and search for **Cannock Chase Methodists** and go to our channel where you will easily find the farewell service. The link for our channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRi8ysE4lcE02bJLPuzKqiQ>

This is a new venture for us at Cannock Chase, and I suspect that it won't be perfect, so please be patient with us and forgive any slips and mistakes. And it will obviously be new to some of you, and if you need help setting up Zoom then feel free to contact me and I will try and help.

There is Messy Church on Zoom tomorrow (Friday) at 4:30 when they are looking at Mustard seeds and Yeast. There is more information and downloads on the website here

<https://www.cannockchasemethodists.org.uk/news/messy-church-family-time.html>. The Zoom link for this is

us02web.zoom.us/j/86721175970 and as always, contact Melody Jones at

layworkerMelody@hotmail.com and more information. This is worthwhile getting involved ... and it's fun.



One of the things requested by churches in recent circuit meetings is time-limited bible study groups, so you might look at a particular book or subject for a few weeks and then move on to the next, like a Lent or Advent course. This suits my lifestyle as I can sign up for a specific length of time, rather than feeling committed forever. I guess it is like signing up at college for a night school course.

Today Graham and Karen Lowther are going to run **The Bible Course** which has been prepared by The Bible Society. This will run for 8 weeks starting on Thursday 23rd July at 7pm. Each week will last between 60 and 90 mins and comprise of a couple of videos and some discussion questions. This is a fantastic course which I have run in my previous church

and has also been run in Penkridge. It covers the whole bible (in 8 weeks!) and teaches you how everything points to Jesus, so you will take a collection of books each week, starting at Genesis, and look at the points to Jesus.

To me it seemed like being on the road to Emmaus and having the scriptures opened up before me. It is a fabulous course and will be ideal for long committed Christians who know their bible as well as folk trying to fathom Christianity.



So contact Graham Lowther on g59lowther@gmail.com for more details. The Bible Society have a promotional video for the course at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=93yCmmD7gBs and has

links for reviews and more information. Indeed the videos

for week 1 can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vv-l1CWe1G4 so you can have a sneak peak.

And again, the Stafford Methodist Circuit are doing a holiday club this year for children 5-11 starting on Monday 27th July and going through to Friday 31st July. Now this is going to be on YouTube and it may be that children younger and older will enjoy it. It will comprise about an hour's "show" each day with crafts, stories, drama, jokes all aligned along a biblical and jungle theme. The team doing this are very experienced and everyone has a fab time.



For more information contact Hilary Reynolds at hilaryr54@hotmail.com. It should be great fun and there is more information on their website [here](#) .

We have finally got our own circuit website where you can go to quickly find information. You can find it at <https://www.cannockchasemethodists.org.uk/> Drop me (Mark Timothy) an email at mark.timothy1@virginmedia.com with thoughts and comments.

We notice that the government are to allow churches to open in a very restricted format and our Anglican friends are starting to open up for prayers. We are all too aware that many of our congregations are in the 70+ age bracket. As yet there are no firm plans in the Cannock Chase Circuit, although stewards and small groups in individual churches are coming together to plan how they might possibly open the doors in some way. Each Church Council (the church trustees) will work out what to do in each individual church and guidance will come from the Circuit Leadership Team.

 The Methodist Church have put together some advice on opening the church and this includes a comprehensive risk assessment which must be signed off by the circuit superintendent. So a good starting point for our churches is to check out this site - www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/coronavirus-guidance-for-property/ - and become familiar with the questions and the risk assessment.

So, lots of things going on and sorry that this is so long. If you have any news that you think I should circulate then let me know as it is really great to know what is happening across our circuit. mark.timothy1@virginmedia.com

Other Worship

Home service sheets from the Methodist Church can be found following this [link](#).

Methodist Central Hall Westminster - Sundays 11.00 - www.youtube.com/mchwevents

Wesley's Chapel London live-streamed from the chapel as the Minister lives on the premises - Sundays 11am www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA

Swan Bank Methodist Church Burslem studio based worship with strict distancing rules being followed - Sundays 10:30 -

www.youtube.com/user/SwanBank and www.facebook.com/swanbank/

Sthie 'At home' - To join in a very different worship experience, try Sthie 'At home' from the Isle of Man. Join in live on Sundays by joining a Facebook group. For details see www.andyfishburne.com/2020/03/15/sthie-at-home-online-worship/ You can watch previous live-streamed videos at www.youtube.com/andyfishburne

Morning Prayers

08:30am Monday-Friday - from Wesley House

Cambridge: www.facebook.com/wesleycambridge

Resources for following the prayers and readings are available at: www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/prayer-space/

10:00am Monday - Friday – from Wesley's Chapel in

London: www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA