

THE METHODIST CIRCUIT OF WEST OXFORDSHIRE (23/3)

Charity number 1134159

CIRCUIT PREACHING PLAN No.15 - SPRING QUARTER 2024

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PASTORAL LETTER from the Superintendent

Hopefully by the time you start to use this plan, signs of Spring will be well in evidence. Only this week I've seen snowdrops pushing up through the soil signifying new life, and soon the days will be getting noticeably longer. During the term of this plan we will be celebrating Easter, the most important of Christian festivals. Unlike Christmas, which was not celebrated until the second century, the Resurrection has been celebrated right from day (whenever that might have been!). It is why we worship on a Sunday - every week is a mini-Easter! We share in telling the story of Christ's Passion during Holy Week, culminating in the crucifixion on Good Friday and following with the great celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. As we do so we are reminded that death came before resurrection, and in life we find that often there must be an ending before something new can emerge or begin. This is so also in our life together also.

In the Summer we will be saying Thank-you and Goodbye to Rev'd Fred Ireland as he 'sits down' after over 40 years of active ministry both in Circuit and as a prison chaplain. Subject to agreement by Synod and Conference, Fred will move from Active Ministry to take on the mantle of 'Supernumerary' in retirement - a new phase of ministry for him. The precise arrangements have yet to be finalised but we wish him well. We will also send our thanks to Rev'd Charles Harris for the pastoral support and care he has given for several years at Long Hanborough, a role he will step down from at the end of August.

In September we will welcome Rev'd Susan (Sue) Jacobs to join our ministry team. Sue will come as a probationary minister having just completed her studies at Queens Foundation. Sue, her husband Mark, and her two children Edward (Woody) (11) and Phoebe (Dotty) (9), stepson Zac (a student in Bristol) and their dog, Hope, will move to the Circuit in August and will be based in Long Hanborough. Sue will begin her ministry in the Circuit from September, following her Welcome Service - (date to be confirmed). Sue will have pastoral charge of Long Hanborough, Minster Lovell, Bampton and Davenport Road Churches. Sue comes to us from the West Sussex Coast and Downs Circuit, where they currently live in Worthing.

Sue's Welcome service will be held at Davenport Road (date to be confirmed) and led by our new Chair of District Rev'd Sonia Hicks, who we will also welcome sometime around August. Our current Chair Rev'd Helen will by then have been installed as our new President of Conference in Leeds on 29th June. We hold them all in our prayers as they take on their new roles.

So, we have much to look forward to and pray for during the coming months!

Every Blessing,

Andrew

Rev'd Andrew P Biggs
Superintendent Minister

Circuit Ministers Contacts and Days Off			
Revd. Andrew Biggs			Friday
Revd. Jason Cooke			Friday
Revd. Fred Ireland			Friday. Not available in the Circuit on Thursday
Revd. Ian Worrall			Thursday
Associate Minister			
Revd. Charles Harris			
Supernumerary Ministers taking appointments on this plan			
Revd. Stephen Bywater			
Revd. James Skinner			
Student Presbyter			
Owen Carney			

Local Preachers			
<i>An asterisk (*) denotes no longer taking services</i>			
<i>A hatch sign (#) denotes not taking services for this quarter</i>			
2003*	Brenda Belcher		
2019	Julie Biggs		
1997*	Mary Blow		
2011	Richard Bowler		
1986	Stella Bristow		
2017	Margaret Broadberry		
1992	Marjorie Brown		
1994*	Martin Bucknall		
2021	Jenny Bywater		
1953*	Ada Cooper		
1973	Keith Crawford		
1986	Grahame Faulkner		
1987	Eddie Fowler		
2020	Penny Fowler		

1991	Tony Gibson		
1986*	Robin Gurney		
1992	Dawn Haley		
2011	Martin Hannant		
1994	Jude Levemore		
1988	Andrew Maisey		
1962*	Philip Mansell		
1955*	Michael Moss		
1963*	Ruth Neville		
1991	David Sarbutts		
1965*	Philip Shaw MBE		
1980	Kath Skinner		
2005*	Jeanne Taylor		
1994*	David Tee		
2022	Karl Williams		

Worship Leaders			
An asterisk (*) denotes in training			
Bampton	Matt Wareham		
Carterton	Sue Worrall		
Davenport Road	Rosemary Britton		
High Street	Val Donoghue		
High Street	Jane Heath		
Long Hanborough	Julie Adcock #		
Long Hanborough	Gill Breakspear		
Long Hanborough	Judy Haynes		
Long Hanborough	Nigel James		
Long Hanborough	Valerie Tee		
Long Hanborough	Emily Woodley		
Long Hanborough	Jane Oldfield*		
Faringdon	Tracey Liddiard		
Minster Lovell	Mary Willis *		

Visiting Preachers

Mr	Pete	Allen		
Rev'd Dr	Stephen	Blake		
Rev'd	David	Cook		
Rev'd	Richard	Crippen		
Mr	Bob	Forster		
Mr	David	Hopkins		
Mr	Steve	Hutchinson		
Mr	Chris	Stratta		
Rev'd	David	Winstanley		

PREACHING APPOINTMENTS AND MAKING THE PLAN

If you are unable to fulfil an appointment on the plan, it is your responsibility to try to find an accredited substitute and inform the Superintendent, and the relevant church steward of the change. Or, if you are unable, through illness or other significant reason to arrange a suitable substitute, to notify this to the Superintendent.

Availability for Preachers on the next plan will open on **1st March** and the deadline is **29th March**. A reminder please to offer as wide a range of dates as you can and to enter the total number of appointments you wish to take in the "Maximum number of appointments this period box". Please also remember to use the comments box to let me know any information you would like me to take into account when I make the plan. And remember to select the churches to which you are willing to travel, *in terms of distance for the time of year*, not just to select your favourite churches!

Code	Title
HC	Holy Communion
HGP	Hosting God's Presence
LA	Locally Arranged Service
AAW	All age worship
B	Baptism
CC	Cafe Church
Celeb	Celebration Service
CA	Church Anniversary
Circ	Circuit Service
LM	Leprosy Mission
US	United or ecumenical Service

CIRCUIT CONTACT DETAILS

Contact details for Circuit Ministers, Local Preachers, Circuit and Church Officers, and address details for churches are in the Circuit Directory which can now be found online at

www.westoxfordshiremethodists.org.uk

Under GDPR requirements this information may only be accessed by those who have a 'legitimate interest' in its use. This means those with Circuit leadership and administrative roles and responsibilities and those connected with leading worship and preaching, including local church stewards. You will need a user name and password to access the online directory from the link at the top of the home page of the web site. Please inform the Superintendent of any changes or updates to contact details or any changes of office holders.

Spring 2024		March 2024				
Church		3rd Mar 3rd of Lent	10th Mar 4th of Lent	17th Mar 5th of Lent	24th Mar Palm Sunday	31st Mar Easter Day
Bampton	11:00 am	Ireland HC	J Skinner	Bowler	Harris	Ireland HC
Carterton	10:30 am	Crawford CC	Worrall HC / CC	LA / CC	Worrall CC	Worrall HC / Celeb
Charlbury	10:30 am	Biggs HC	Bristow	Williams	P Fowler	Hannant
Chipping Norton	10:45 am	Hutchinson AAW	Brown	J Bywater	LA	Biggs HC
Churchill	11:00 am	US @ Chipping Norton 10.45 am	Maisey	Allen	J Bywater	US @ Chipping Norton 10.45 am
Davenport Road	10:30 am	Levermore	Biggs HC	G Faulkner	Biggs B	J Biggs
Davenport Road	6:00 pm	Cooke HGP	Ireland HC			Biggs HC
Faringdon	10:30 am	Harris	LA	Ireland HC	E Fowler	Maisey
High Street	10:30 am	Cooke HC	Cooke	Broadberry / Moyo	Cooke CC	Cooke HC
Long Hanborough	10:00 am	J Biggs	Harris HC	Harris AAW	Ireland	J Skinner HC
Minster Lovell	11:00 am	LA	S Bywater	Cooke HC	Maisey	K Skinner
Newland	3:00 pm				Ireland	
Stonesfield	11:00 am	LA	Hannant	Biggs HC	Crawford	Sarbutts
Sutton	3:00 pm		Harris HC			
Westcote	11:00 am	Hannant	Ireland HC	Blake	US @ ST Mary's	Gibson
Homestead MHA	3:00 pm			Ireland HC		

Spring 2024		Holy Week Services	
Church		28th Mar Maundy Thursday	29th Mar Good Friday
Chipping Norton	9.30am		Biggs
Chipping Norton	6.30pm	Biggs HC	
High Street	10.30am		Cooke
High Street	7.00pm	Cooke HC	
Long Hanborough	10.00am		Sarbutts
Minster Lovell	6.00pm		Ireland Circ

Spring 2024		April 2024			
Church		7th Apr 2nd of Easter	14th Apr 3rd of Easter	21st Apr 4th of Easter	28th Apr 5th of Easter
Bampton	11:00 am	LA	Allen	Sarbutts	Ireland HC
Carterton	10:30 am	Worrall CC	Maisey CC	Worrall CC	LA / CC
Charlbury	10:30 am	J Bywater	J Skinner HC	Maisey	S Bywater
Chipping Norton	10:45 am	Hannant	J Biggs	Levermore	Biggs HC
Churchill	11:00 am	J Skinner	Biggs HC	Hannant	US @ Chipping Norton 10:45 am
Davenport Road	10:30 am	LA	Haley	G Faulkner	Cooke HC
Davenport Road	6:00 pm	Worrall HGP	Biggs HC		Ireland
Faringdon	10:30 am	Crawford	Worrall HC	LA	Harris
High Street	10:30 am	LA	Cooke	Cooke HC	G Faulkner
Long Hanborough	10:00 am	LA	Harris HC	Forster AAW	E Fowler
Minster Lovell	11:00 am	Ireland HC	Bowler	Broadberry / Moyo	Hannant
Newland	3:00 pm				Cooke
Stonesfield	11:00 am	S Bywater HC	K Skinner	Biggs	Worrall
Sutton	3:00 pm				
Westcote	11:00 am	Williams	Ireland HC	D Cook	D Hopkins
Homestead MHA	3:00 pm			Biggs HC	

Spring 2024		May 2024			
Church		5th May 6th of Easter	12th May 7th of Easter	19th May Pentecost	26th May Trinity Sunday
Bampton	11:00 am	Hannant	P Fowler	Maisey	LA
Carterton	10:30 am	Worrall HC / CC	Worrall / Winstanley Celeb	Worrall CC	Worrall / Williams CC / B
Charlbury	10:30 am	Biggs HC	US @ St Mary's 10:45 am	Bristow	LA
Chipping Norton	10:45 am	Sarbutts	Stratta LM	S Bywater HC	LA
Churchill	11:00 am	E Fowler	Bowler	U @ Chipping Norton 10.45 am	Brown
Davenport Road	10:30 am	LA	Cameron CA / HC	Biggs	Broadberry / Moyo
Davenport Road	6:00 pm	Cooke / Worrall HGP	Biggs HC / CA		Worrall
Faringdon	10:30 am	S Bywater	Levermore	Ireland HC	Cooke
High Street	10:30 am	Cooke	Cooke	Cooke HC	LA
Long Hanborough	10:00 am	Ireland	Harris HC	K Skinner AAW	Maisey
Minster Lovell	11:00 am	LA	Allen	Haley	J Skinner HC
Newland	3:00 pm				Cooke
Stonesfield	11:00 am	Harris	Biggs HC	Harris	LA
Sutton	3:00 pm		Harris HC		
Westcote	11:00 am	Gibson	Ireland HC	Crippen	S Bywater
Homestead MHA	3:00 pm			Worrall HC	