

THE METHODIST CIRCUIT OF WEST OXFORDSHIRE (23/3)

Charity number 1134159

CIRCUIT PREACHING PLAN No.16 - SUMMER QUARTER 2024

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PASTORAL LETTER from the Superintendent

As we look forward to the Summer months of, hopefully, sunshine and warmer weather we also look to the annual season of change within Methodism. August is the time when the removal lorries begin to arrive at manses, transporting Methodist ministers and their families from one station to the next as part of our tradition of itinerant ministry. I must say that I am glad we don't move every 3 years as our predecessors will have done until the 1970s!

As I mentioned in my last letter, we will be saying goodbye to Rev'd Helen Cameron and to Rev'd Fred Ireland. We will also welcome our new Chair Rev'd Dr Sonia Hicks and our new probationary minister Rev'd Sue Jacobs. Helen leaves at the end of May and Sonia arrives at the beginning of August, so please note that Chair of District duties will be covered by our current deputy chairs Rev'd David Alderman and Rev'd Kate Strange as Acting Co-chairs during June and July. Any requests should be directed through the District Office.

Summer is also the time when many of us take holidays and this is no doubt one contributory factor to the number of LA's that appear on the current plan. We are grateful for our preachers who work very hard for us throughout the year and certainly deserve a break. I am also aware that some have been unwell and we offer them our prayers. But the situation also highlights how dependent we are on our preachers and how tight it gets when there are a few absences. The current ratio of preachers available to number of services required by churches on a Sunday morning is fast becoming unsustainable and so, at the recent Circuit meeting, we asked churches to discuss seriously how we might find creative ways to reduce the number of preachers required on a Sunday morning. The intention is to continue this conversation at the next meeting. If you have any suggestions for how this might be achieved then please talk to your Circuit Meeting reps. Ideas being considered include: more sharing of services; some churches choosing to change their time of worship to allow preachers to take more services on a Sunday; greater use of technology enabling services to be streamed or recorded.

In the meantime if you have several LA's, please remember The Vine resource that we have subscribed to and which can be used by anyone leading worship, as well as the resources available on the Methodist Church Web site.

I hope that you all have a very blessed and peaceful Summer.

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			
Title	First Name	Last Name	
Mr	Pete	Allen	
Rev'd Dr	Stephen	Blake	
Rev'd	David	Cook	
Mrs	Ann	Hopkins	
Rev'd	Godfrey	Nicholson	
Mr	Chris	Stratta	

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 **5th June** and the deadline for entry is **28th June**. 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!

Church Stewards need to ensure that any requests for the next plan are given to **their minister** by **3rd July** please and section planning (for ministers) opens on **3rd to 10th July**. I hope to publish the next plan on **31st July**.

CODES USED ON THE PLAN	
Code	Title
HC	Holy Communion
HGP	Hosting God's Presence
LA	Locally Arranged Service
AAW	All age worship
B	Baptism
CC	Cafe Church
CA	Church Anniversary
CM	Church Meeting
JCA	Junior Church / Sunday School Anniversary
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.

Summer 2024	June					
Church	Time of Service	2nd Jun 9th in Ordinary Time	9th Jun 10th in Ordinary Time	16th Jun 11th in Ordinary Time	23rd Jun 12th in Ordinary Time	30th Jun 13th in Ordinary Time
Bampton	11:00 am	LA	Allen	Broadberry	LA	Ireland HC
Carterton	10:30 am	Worrall HC / CC	Worrall CC	Ireland CC	Williams CC	Worrall CC
Charlbury	10:30 am	Bristow	LA	Maisey	Haley	Biggs HC
Chipping Norton	10:45 am	Maisey	Biggs HC / CM	Cooke	E Fowler	LA
Churchill	11:00 am	US @ Chipping Norton US	US @ Chipping Norton 10:45 am	S Bywater	US @ Chipping Norton	J Bywater
Davenport Road	10:30 am	LA / AAW	Cooke	Biggs HC	Harris	Hannant
Davenport Road	6:00 pm	Worrall	Cooke / Worrall HGP		Biggs HC	
Faringdon	10:30 am	LA	Bowler	J Biggs	Ireland B	Crawford
High Street	10:30 am	Cooke HC	G Faulkner	LA	Cooke	Cooke
Long Hanborough	10:00 am	LA	Harris HC	Sarbutts AAW	S Bywater	LA
Minster Lovell	11:00 am	J Skinner HC	LA	Levermore	Crawford	LA
Newland	3:00 pm				Cooke	
Stonesfield	11:00 am	LA	Maisey	J Bywater	Biggs HC	LA
Sutton	3:00 pm		Harris			
Westcote	11:00 am	Ireland HC	LA	Hannant	Gibson	@ Village Hall CC / 10:30 am
Homestead MHA	3:00 pm			Biggs HC		

Summer 2024	July				
Church	Time of Service	7th Jul 14th in Ordinary Time	14th Jul 15th in Ordinary Time	21st Jul 16th in Ordinary Time	28th Jul 17th in Ordinary Time
Bampton	11:00 am	Maisey	Williams	Haley	J Skinner HC
Carterton	10:30 am	Worrall HC / CC	LA	Worrall CC	Maisey
Charlbury	10:30 am	S Bywater	Hannant	Biggs HC	US @ Chipping Norton US
Chipping Norton	10:45 am	Junior Church LA / JCA	Biggs HC	Brown	Bowler
Churchill	11:00 am	J Biggs	US @ Chipping Norton 10.45 am	Allen	US @ Chipping Norton US
Davenport Road	10:30 am	Biggs AAW / HC	Maisey	Levermore	K Skinner
Davenport Road	6:00 pm	Worrall HGP	Biggs		Cooke HC
Faringdon	10:30 am	Sarbutts	@ Market Place – CTIF Folly Fest	Hannant	Cooke
High Street	10:30 am	J Skinner HC	Worrall	Cooke CC	Levermore
Long Hanborough	10:00 am	E Fowler	Harris HC	G Faulkner AAW	Ireland
Minster Lovell	11:00 am	K Skinner	Ireland B	Maisey	Worrall CA / HC
Newland	3:00 pm				Biggs
Stonesfield	11:00 am	Harris	US @ Chipping Norton 10:45 am	Broadberry / Moyo	LA
Sutton	3:00 pm		Ireland HC		
Westcote	11:00 am	Ireland HC	D Cook	A Hopkins	Nicholson CA
Homestead MHA	3:00 pm			Worrall HC	

Summer 2024	August				
Church	Time of Service	4th Aug 18th in Ordinary Time	11th Aug 19th in Ordinary Time	18th Aug 20th in Ordinary Time	25th Aug 21st in Ordinary Time
Bampton	11:00 am	Bristow	Worrall HC	E Fowler	LA
Carterton	10:30 am	Worrall HC / CC	LA	Broadberry / Moyo	Worrall CC
Charlbury	10:30 am	US Holiday Club US	LA	Bristow	Brown
Chipping Norton	10:45 am	Biggs HC	LA	Hannant	J Skinner
Churchill	11:00 am	J Skinner	US @ Chipping Norton 10:45 am	Maisey	Hannant
Davenport Road	10:30 am	G Faulkner AAW	Biggs HC	J Bywater	LA
Davenport Road	6:00 pm	Cooke / Worrall HGP	Worrall		Cooke HC
Faringdon	10:30 am	LA	Maisey	Haley	Williams
High Street	10:30 am	Cooke HC	Cooke	Cooke	Bowler
Long Hanborough	10:00 am	J Biggs	Harris	J Skinner	Harris HC
Minster Lovell	11:00 am	Harris	Hannant	S Bywater HC	Maisey
Newland	3:00 pm				Cooke
Stonesfield	11:00 am	S Bywater HC	Crawford	Allen	Cooke
Sutton	3:00 pm		Harris HC		
Westcote	11:00 am	Maisey	S Bywater HC	Stratta LM	Blake
Homestead MHA	3:00 pm			Cooke HC	