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Sunday 15th November

Second Sunday before Advent

Lectionary: Zephaniah 1.7,12-18; Psalm 90.1-8[9-11]12; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

10:30 **Circuit Zoom Service** led by Rev Keith Underhill

Please contact Keith for joining details

*** Please note that there will be no service in the Chapel. ***

Verse for this week

Psalm 57:1

Have mercy on me O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.

Text Services for this Sunday are posted on the website.

Monday 16th November 14:30 Knit & Chat on Zoom

Please contact Helen for joining details.

Tuesday 17th November15:00Tea@Three on Zoom

Please contact Keith for joining details

Friday 20th November

19:30 Zoom Quiz - please contact June Grunwald to take part.—see over

Sunday 22nd November

Sunday next before Advent

Lectionary: Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Psalm 95.1-7; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

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Prayer Focus

Pray for : The Circuit Staff and their families

Give thanks for all the support we have received from Circuit Staff in these recent difficult months.

Please pray for : Jean M, Bethan Grant, Jane, Alan Bunn and family, Carl, Anne, Jenny, Kathy, Carol Mackinder, Emma Wright and family, Alex and Brian, Gordon and Marina, Betty, Caroline, Adrian, June Coppock, Margaret Watts, Edwina and Simon, Sarah Holt, Margaret McAlpin, Diane Barton, Alastair Wright and family, Sharon and her family, Jinnie Brown and her sons, the family of Derek Morris (Gill Skidmore's brother), Pauline Hawkins, Charlie Webb, Emily, Marianne, Fiona and family,

all at Bullingdon Prison, staff, prisoners and visitors,

YMOSES, kids@church and Street Pastors and those members of our church family who, through frailty or ill health, can no longer worship with us.

We give thanks for Sheila Hall's life and pray for her daughters Lynda and Nicky and their families as they mourn her passing,

Ian Campbell

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Ian Campbell, who peacefully passed away in the morning of Monday November 9th at the age of 94 after a long illness. We remember Marianne, Fiona and all the family in our prayers. His funeral will be at the Crematorium on 25th November.

Brian Mansfield

We have received the sad news that **Brian Mansfield** died peacefully in the morning of Thursday November 12th in Sobel House.

Brian served his beloved Methodist Church with great faithfulness and commitment; locally, at All Saints, within our Circuit as a Circuit Treasurer and helping other churches and also at Connexional level. Brian will be greatly missed by us all. May he rest in peace and rise in glory We remember Gillian and their daughter Alison in our prayers at this time.

Revd Jeffrey Bloomfield

Some of you may well remember **Revd Jeffrey Bloomfield**, a former Superintendent Minister of this Circuit. Jeffrey lived in Wantage when the Manse was then in Witan Way.

One of his daughters Emma, has contacted Keith to inform him that her dad had died peacefully on 6th November after a short illness.

Emma thought that those who remember Jeffrey's time in the Circuit would like to know.

Jeffrey's funeral will be held on the 18th November 2020 at 12:30 pm, in Risby.

If anyone would like the link to the live streaming of Jeffrey' service or to be able to view it online (three days afterwards where it will be available for twenty-eight days), please contact Keith directly so that I can pass this information on.

Likewise, if you would like to send a card or a greeting to Anne, Jeffrey's widow, Keith can let you have her address.

We give thanks for Jeffey's ministry and service in this Circuit and for new life in heaven even as we mourn his passing.

Zoom Quiz

Alan and June Grunwald have offered to run another **Zoom Quiz**, with the help of Ian Sturt from Grove, The quiz will be held on **Friday**, **20 November at 7.30 pm**. The quiz will be low brow with some short rounds with some time to break out in groups and have a zoom chat. If you would like to quiz, please email June so that she can send a zoom invitation out. <u>jnurdglaw@live.co.uk</u>

Bible reading Notes [IBRA]

This year's notes are now on order.

HMP Bullingdon Christmas card appeal (from Helen Carter)

Many thanks for the contributions of Christmas cards I have received so far. It would be really great if a few more people were able to buy a pack of Christmas cards and let me have them by 22nd November please. I am very happy to collect them from anywhere. With the lockdown I am thinking that it might be easier for some people to give me a financial donation and I can use the money to order some online. It would be great if we were able to send a good quantity to the chaplain at Bullingdon. The more we send the more men will be able to send a Christmas card to their family. Thank you. Helen (764810 or 07881 504623)

Sunday Worship In line with the current lock down there will be no services in the chapel until 6th December at the earliest. Zoom services will continue at 10:30 on Sunday Mornings.

Worship on Wednesdays.

Worship on Wednesdays is planned to continue in December subject to CV19 constraints. The theme for December will be Advent so any photos on the theme of advent or wintry photos would be appreciated too.

Worship will consist of a short (30-40 min) powerpoint with prayers, bible reading, hymn(s) and images at 2pm in the Chapel. During these continued strange times, it will be another opportunity to meet in our Chapel (with all the social distancing etc in place) for those who would like to attend. Please book in advance by phoning or emailing June Grunwald. 01235 760488.

Each week Wesley's Chapel in London will continue to live-stream worship. Wednesday 12:45 Thursday 12:45 Sunday 9:45 and 11:00. All these services will be available at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA

More information can be found at

https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/ worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/

Dial-a-Prayer - a free phone service

A FREE phone service to hear prayers and news from the Methodist Church is available.To access this, simply ring the numbers below:

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514 Listen to news: 0808 281 2478 The content is updated weekly on Thursday evening.

Notices for next week should reach Gordon Skidmore by 10 pm next Thursday please. wntgmethodistnotices@gmail.com Tel: 07710 214601

Christmas Cards 2020 Wantage Scout Post

Please note that because of CV19 issues there will not be a Scout Post delivery service this year. The issue revolves about the concentration and sorting of the cards.

Because of the Coronavirus situation, the buildings are closed to all external users.