



# 'BEING CHURCH'

TADCASTER METHODIST CIRCUIT  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021



*"If Donald spent less time looking out of the window, he might gain more from his lessons"*

Wanstead County High School, circa 1967

Dear friends,

All my life, I've been a bit of a butterfly. Not, you might be surprised, in the sense that I bring beauty and grace into people's lives; more that I've never been able to concentrate on one thing for a long period. My mind wanders onto other things.



During my professional life that meant that I would typically work on several projects at the same time, jumping around between them, rather than focussing on one and getting it done. That was sometimes frustrating for other people, but hey, it worked for me.

When it comes to prayer (and this is a terrible thing to admit for a Local Pastor), I have the same problem. If there's a need for prayer, I pray, but the idea of sitting down with a blank sheet and praying for an extended period (I know people who pray for one, two, even three hours a day) - well, it just isn't me. And the frustration here is squaring the circle that I know my prayer life is less than it should be but, at the same time, there's no point pretending I'm somebody that I'm not.

Fortunately, I've found an answer! Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 08:00 we now have Circuit Morning Prayer. It lasts around 15 to 20 minutes and follows the Methodist Worship Book, with fresh Scripture readings and space to pray about daily concerns. For me, the discipline of turning up every time has been hugely helpful. It's a bit like taking the dog for a walk even when it's raining and you're not in the mood - the discipline helps me to start the day aright (even if it's sometimes in my PJs!)



So why not start your day aright - you don't need a computer, just a phone - details overleaf.

Stay safe, and God bless. *Donald.*



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## YEAR OF PRAYER

Wetherby, and Tadcaster Churches are hosting weekly Prayer Meetings

**Wetherby: Every Wednesday, 7pm – 7.20pm**

All are invited to join us. **Please contact Revd Ann for the Zoom log on details.**

**Tadcaster: Every Tuesday, 9.30am – 10am (join from 9.15am)**

All are invited to join us. **Please contact Eileen Clarkson for the Zoom log on details.**

On **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, at 8am**. A great way to kick-start your day by joining with friends, in the presence of God, for 15-20 minutes of **Morning Prayer** on your telephone. Details, and a Service Sheet, have been sent out with an earlier newsletter, but please contact Rev Steve if you don't have them and would like to join us.



## Worshipping Together - Online:



This week the Circuit Reflection, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, is led by Joseph Kwallah, Local Preacher and Candidate for the Presbyterian Ministry.

The Reflection will be available from **7am Sunday morning**, on [Boston Spa MC](#), and [Tadcaster Circuit](#) websites, and our Facebook pages; Joseph's homily will be available via **Dial-a-Sermon 01937 228811**



**Radio 4** Sunday at 8:10 am, Sunday Worship '**Young People In Lockdown**'.

This third Sunday of Lent we focus on young people in lockdown. Led by Jamie Cutteridge from the UK's first bespoke ecumenical Christian community serving young people.

**BBC1** Sunday at 11:30am, Sunday Worship '**Lent Worship 3**'.

The Rev Kate Bottley introduces a church service for the season of Lent.

The service comes from All Saints Church in Hale Barns, led by the Rev Clair Jaquiss.



**BBC1**, Songs of Praise '**Personal Prayer**'

Katherine Jenkins reflects on personal prayer with young Christians in East Sussex, while Gemma Hunt hears how prayer changed the life of the founder of 24-7 Prayer.

**Lent Sessions:** 4 sessions, via Zoom, all on a Monday evening, starting at 7:30 and finishing at 9:00.

8th March - '**Learning and Caring**'

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88355328544?pwd=M1NxZzJlTSmJmMlFlMnRVanVOS0JnQT09>

Meeting ID: 883 5532 8544 Passcode: Lent2  
or join us by 'phone: 0203 051 2874 United Kingdom

15th March - '**Service**'

22nd March - '**Evangelism**'



We will be using the **Methodist way of Life - "Finding the Way"** booklet, which can be found on <https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/19583/mwol-finding-the-way-booklet-1120.pdf>



From 29th March Ann will lead a **Holy Week** programme based on '**The Nail**', and we are considering Services for Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.

## World Day of Prayer – Friday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1.50pm for a 2pm start – 'Build a Strong Foundation'

You are invited to join Churches Together - East Keswick & Bardsey, for a 'zoom' service to mark the World Day of Prayer. This will be led by our very own Rev Steve and will follow a liturgy produced for the day by Christian women from Vanuatu, an archipelago of 80 islands some 1800 miles east of Australia, in the South Pacific.



Please join us via the link below; **and have a pebble or stone with you to use during our prayers.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82465928779?pwd=d2V5aHZvWC9XeTRNWTVEaHM1czBHQT09>

Meeting ID: 824 6592 8779 Passcode: Vanuatu.

Or join by 'phone: 0203 051 2874



The service will be followed by 'coffee, cake & chat' – bring your own drink and cake, of course.

If you would like a copy of the recipe for **Coconut Cake** (a Vanuatu speciality)

please contact Penny Harrison [pennywood1@btopenworld.com](mailto:pennywood1@btopenworld.com)



from **Rev Ann...**

"On an ongoing basis, if any amendments are needed in the **Circuit Directory**, can you please notify Cath, our Circuit Administrator, on [tadcastercircuit@gmail.com](mailto:tadcastercircuit@gmail.com).

**Circuit Mission Strategy:** Please let me know the name of the Representative from your Church who is to join the Circuit Mission & Ministry Team. We can then plan an initial meeting together.

Thank you."



If you would like to explore this week's themes from **John 2: 13-22: 'Under Construction'**. You can find both **Adult and Children's worksheets** on the BSMC Home Page: [www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk)

If you would like to explore deeper, there is also a **Bible Study** available from the same place.