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Covid response Livestream Preaching Plan : June – Aug 2020

Superintendent's Notes

Dear Friends,

We are living in unusual times and wherever we look in society we are faced with scenes of empty shops, businesses and streets. As I write, the Prime Minister has just announced some easing of restrictions and we are all trying to work out what that really means.

It is clear that any easing of restrictions does not lead us to a quick resumption of what used to be normal and the future is likely to look very different indeed, especially while we wait for the amazing work of medical scientists to bear fruit in providing an effective vaccine for the coronavirus. Like the NHS and all our key workers, they need to be applauded for their amazing efforts.

With this in mind, we will not be in a position to open our churches for the foreseeable future and will only do so when it is safe and loving for everyone to do so.

In the meantime, we continue to express our fellowship through social media and streamed worship and feel our sense of Connexion to use John Wesley's spelling at the heart of the Methodist Church's understanding of what it means to be church. There are also printed acts of worship for those who are unable to access the streamed services.

I am grateful to my colleagues who are working so hard to ensure that people feel as included as possible in these days of restriction. I am also grateful to those named on this livestream preaching plan along with others who have taken part in worship by recording sermons, readings, prayers and testimonies to ensure a variety in our worship. Thank you!

I hope that you feel a sense of connexion with one another and, maybe more importantly, with God as we worship from home and sense the moving of the Holy Spirit 'right where we are', as the old children's worship song says.

So here is our preaching plan for June to August 2020 in an unusual format during unusual days.

May we all be blessed by the presence of God at all times and in every way as we stay safe and care for one another at a distance.

With every blessing,

Andy.

Sundays at 10.30am

Broadcast from:

7 th June 2020	Chris Ballard	Deeping St James
14 th June 2020	Sarah Lamb	Grantham
21 st June 2020	Rev'd Andy Fyall	The Manse
28 th June 2020	Chris Pursehouse	Deeping St James
5 th July 2020	Phil Jones	Deeping St James
12 th July 2020	Rev'd Andy Fyall	The Manse
19 th July 2020	Sarah Atwell-King	North Luffenham
26 th May 2020	Rev'd William Booker	Frognall
2 nd August 2020	Sarah Lamb	Grantham
9 th August 2020	Chris Ballard	Deeping St James
16 th August 2020	Chris Pursehouse	Deeping St James
23 rd August 2020	Phil Jones	Deeping St James
30 th August 2020	Rev'd Andy Fyall	The Manse

Praying for the Circuit

Sunday	Please pray for:
w/c 7 th June	Oakham Methodist Church
w/c 14 th June	Ryhall Methodist Church
w/c 21 st June	Chair of District, Rev'd Canon Helen Cameron
w/c 28 th June	Stamford Methodist Church
w/c 5 th July	Thurlby Methodist Church
w/c 12 th July	Uppingham Methodist Church
w/c 19 th July	Local Preachers and Worship Leaders in the circuit
w/c 26 th July	Deeping St Nicholas Methodist Class
w/c 2 nd August	Ketton Methodist Church
w/c 9 th August	Circuit Leadership Team
w/c 16 th August	Empingham Methodist Church
w/c 23 rd August	Deepings Methodist Church
w/c 30 th August	Bourne Methodist Church
General prayer	Lay Employees in the Circuit, -Sarah, Phil, Rowan and Luke

Worship & Prayer Around The Circuit

FOR THE WHOLE CIRCUIT:

Due to the unprecedented situation we find ourselves in the Stamford Circuit is offering Worship and Prayers as per below.

Daily Evening Prayers video – 7pm each day

If you wish to join with others around the circuit (and, indeed, elsewhere!) in evening prayers, please go to Stamford Methodist Church, Lincolnshire Facebook page and ask to join. If you're not on Facebook, please email Andy and ask to receive the You Tube recording of the prayers by email.

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Sunday worship at 10.30am

You are welcome to watch and share in Sunday worship each week during the days of restrictions placed upon us in response to the coronavirus. To access worship in this way, please go to Stamford Methodist Church, Lincolnshire Facebook page and ask to join. If you're not on Facebook, please email Andy and ask to receive the You Tube recording of the service by email.

Andy

FOR THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE SECTION

Morning and evening prayer at 8am and 8pm -

Following the Worship Book order and readings from the daily lectionary in the Prayer Handbook. If you need copies please let me know

An invitation to join me also in prayer and reflection at 11am on a Wednesday morning with resources circulating by e-mail and post.

Ruth

FOR THE RUTLAND WATER SECTION

Services of Worship -

Are being prepared each week and distributed to the Oakham, Uppingham and Empingham Congregations by email, post or by hand.

If anyone else would like a copy please email Leo at lionel.osborn@methodist.org.uk or by phone 01572 720721.

Leo

FOR RYHALL

A worship pack is available by contacting the Rev'd William Booker:
williambooker10@gmail.com or 01778 380195

William

Lockdown: A Reflection

Yes there is fear. Yes there is isolation. Yes there is panic buying.
Yes there is sickness. Yes there is even death.

But,
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.

Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighbourhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.

So we pray and we remember that Yes there is fear but there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation but there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying but there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness but there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death but there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe.
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing, Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
to touch across the empty square,
Sing.

Brother Richard Hendrick, 13 March 2020