



Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit

Worship for 20th September 2020

Our Services

We have a prepared service on YouTube which will be available from 9am on Sunday 20th September. Leading our worship is a team with oodles of experience, as we welcome Terry Trigg of Chasetown and Sue Hoddinott of Burntwood ... *is "oodles" a Methodist word?*

This can be found on YouTube at https://youtu.be/RnXLaNQ3v_8

... and on our Cannock Chase Methodists Facebook page' which you can find here

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2095562297397404/>

Our YouTube Channel is at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRi8ysE4lcE02bJLPuzKqjQ>

And this allows you to watch worship from previous weeks

If you have a Smart TV that shows YouTube just search for

Cannock Chase Methodists

We have some worship services on Sunday which are mostly broadcast using Zoom

Chasetown Methodist Church at 10am

Contact Carol Whitson via the church email chasetownmethodist@gmail.com or use the contact form on website www.chasetownmethodistchurch.org.uk to get the connection details.

Salem Methodist Church in Cheslyn Hay at 10.15am

Contact Mark Timothy on mark.timothy1@virginmedia.com to get the connection details.

Handsacre Methodist Church at 4pm

Contact Andrew Jones at andrew.melody@hotmail.co.uk to get the get the connection details.

Jan Burns is promoting some services using phone-in technology for Bethel Church and the community around them. Contact Jan on jan.burns@safeandsettled.co.uk for more details.

Barbara Sigley is also using phone-in technology in Great Wyrley. This is proving popular especially amongst those without internet. Contact Barbara on whyemail46@hotmail.com if you want more details.

All the previous Chasetown services are posted on YouTube, so if you would like to have a sneaky look at what it looks like without anyone knowing, go to their YouTube Channel which is at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0Oo7BQCUZ_65EZXHtvOyQA. There you will be able to see the last 5 services that have taken place, and those of you who have been in the circuit for some time will recognise many faces!!!

Our News

So once again, our churches are gradually and tentatively beginning to open up. You can find out what your church is doing by asking your stewards who will know. There are no official planned preachers until a plan is produced to run from December. Until then, informal invitations are being made by the church stewards, and offers are being made by some local preachers and ministers. We would ask you to respect the wishes of some of the preachers who may not want to put themselves at risk at this time.



Sunday 20th September There is a national initiative to pray for 20 minutes at 20:20 on the 20th of each month throughout 2020. This is called Prayer 2020 and more information can be found here

https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/327007/Prayer_2020.aspx. So, we are taking part in this and I have joined over the last couple of months and it has been awesome. And it is September 20th this weekend, so this is happening on Sunday evening. This takes place using Zoom and the Zoom ID for this is 771-142-6177 and you can access this with the URL <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7711426177>. This is being promoted by Melody Jones and you can contact her by emailing layworkerMelody@hotmail.com.

What does your prayer life look like? I know that there are some people within our circuit that are immersed in prayer as a regular practice in their day, but I am not one of them and I could do with all the help I can get.



So, **every Thursday night**, a group of people get together – on Zoom just at the moment – to watch a series of instructional video on just how to pray. Now I quite like the video because they use plain language and give me a framework of how to pray. They are presented by Pete Greig who has oodles of experience – *oodles?* – and the introduction video to this course can be seen here <https://youtu.be/uNLIkFykoBfY>. The individual sessions can also be seen on their website - <https://prayercourse.org/> - and they are all good. The group is being run by Melody Jones and you can find her email address above along with the Zoom ID for the meeting.

An offer. Now it may be that Thursday night isn't good for you, and so we have an offer for you. If you would like to get together in groups of say 4–8 to study this, or indeed any other material, then the circuit will offer you a Zoom ID and a co-ordinator to convene the group say over 6 to 8 weeks period at a time convenient to you – within reason as I am not too good at 2am!!! We can even find a study course that suits you. It is good to meet together, and a bit of prayer and study is good for the brain. Let me know - mark.timothy1@virginmedia.com



The Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District of the Methodist Church, of which we are a part, have a new newsheet published this week which tells you what is going on in the district. It is always a good read and can

be found here. <https://mailchi.mp/a29fd263ad84/from-the-district-office-4896102?e=5e93f934b9>

Every Tuesday there is an online coffee morning which we call **Tuesday Chat**. This is simply an opportunity for folk across the circuit to chat together and share news. It has been running for about 4 months now and we are all getting to know each other and it is really interesting to find out what is happening in all our churches.

All you have to do is follow this link and log on for a group chat

<https://zoom.us/j/7303390126>. Meeting ID: 730-339-0126



Online Safety. Telephone and computer scams are on the increase, and I would hate it if anyone fell victim to such criminals. Last year I wrote an article with some advice on how to stay safe online. You can find that article here

<https://www.cannockchasemethodists.org.uk/lib/staying-safe-online->

[F494749.pdf](https://www.cannockchasemethodists.org.uk/lib/staying-safe-online-F494749.pdf). The key message is not to be bullied or harassed into doing something quickly that you will regret.

If you have any news that you think I should circulate then let me know as it is really great to know what is happening across our circuit. mark.timothy1@virginmedia.com

Other Worship

Home service sheets from the Methodist Church can be found following this [link](#).

Methodist Central Hall Westminster - Sundays 11.00 - www.youtube.com/mchwevents

Wesley's Chapel London live-streamed from the chapel as the Minister lives on the premises - Sundays 11am www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA

Swan Bank Methodist Church Burslem studio based worship with strict distancing rules being followed - Sundays 10:30 - www.youtube.com/user/SwanBank and www.facebook.com/swanbank/