



# Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit



## Worship for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May *(May already!!!)*

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### Our Services

As always, we have prepared a Circuit Service on YouTube which will be available from 9am on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Our Worship this week is led by our circuit superintendent minister, Rev Nigel Young and Rosie Bryant, one of our circuit lay workers.

You can find this video at <https://youtu.be/Gg5YQPAbEKQ>

And on the YouTube Channel for **St Stephen's Methodist Church**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV6zqsSPYw0zUXI-QCtBwsA>

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

### **St Stephen's Methodist Church**

We have some online 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](mailto:chasetownmethodist@gmail.com) or use the contact form on website [www.chasetownmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://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](mailto:mark.timothy1@virginmedia.com) to get the connection details.

#### **Circuit Sunday Club** at **Handsacre Methodist Church** at 2pm

Fun activities for all ages, games, Bible stories, prayer, discussion, craft, music.

Contact Melody Jones [layworkermelody@hotmail.com](mailto:layworkermelody@hotmail.com) for more details

#### **Handsacre Methodist Church** at 4pm

Contact Andrew Jones at [andrew.melody@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andrew.melody@hotmail.co.uk) to 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](mailto: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 if you want more details.

**St Stephens** phone in service is at 3pm every Sunday afternoon, again popular for those without internet. Contact Alison Baker, Val Ward or Barbara Brooks for all the phone numbers and how to join.

**Watch on Catch-Up** Chasetown and Handsacre services are posted on YouTube, so if you missed the service, you can still see what was said and sung.

Chasetown catch-up can be found at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0Oo7BQCUZ\\_65EZXHtvOyQA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0Oo7BQCUZ_65EZXHtvOyQA).


Handsacre catch-up can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZIWX-2lyckl2FF2paXwJ1g>.

## ***A few shining signs of things starting up again ... but slowly***

**Thinking about opening up for services.** Because of the Lock-down III Regulations applying from 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 our churches are still advised not to open their buildings for worship. Your stewards will have further details if you need them. **But things are changing.** I have been told that St Paul's in Rugeley will open from May 2<sup>nd</sup> which is not long now – contact the stewards at St Paul's if you would like to go as space and numbers are still limited. Other churches are looking to Pentecost at the end of May, while some have pencilled in July and September, but nothing is really set in stone yet. The latest advice from the offices of the Methodist Church is here - <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus/>



**Prayer changes things.** Every **Tuesday night at 7.30** there is a short prayer meeting for 30 minutes followed by a bible study. Normally about 6-9 people attend from all over the circuit. And the best way to learn how to pray, of course, is to pray regularly, and it is easier with other folk, even if you just listen. Join us at 7:30 every Tuesday on Zoom. You can use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7711426177>. [Melody Jones](#) has more information.

**New Bible Study** Rev Jacob Donkoh and Melody Jones are to host a new  **Open Doors** series of bible studies which look at persecuted churches around the world. This is to use material from OpenDoors and will challenge us to what it is that constitutes church. Some videos associated with this course can be seen at <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8202932> and it is eye opening when compared to our comfortable position here in the UK. There is more information on the OpenDoors website which you can find here <https://opendoorsuk.org/act/what-if/>. The bible study will be held every Tuesday from May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm for about an hour. Join at 8 or why not join at 7:30 and have a prayer before. As above, you can use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7711426177> and once again Melody has more information

**NEW**

**The Methodist Church**  
Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District



**\*\* New again this week \*\***

The Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District of the Methodist Church - <https://www.wsmethodist.org.uk> - of

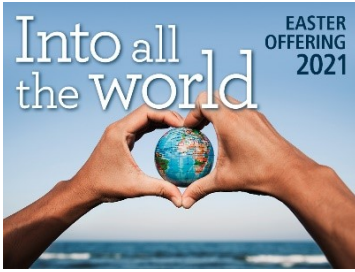
which we are a part, have a weekly newsheet which tells you what is going on in the district. It is always a good read and can be found here. ***New this week.***

<https://mailchi.mp/6d8825992ece/from-the-district-office-5437341?e=5e93f934b9>

## **Have fun EVERY Sunday - 2pm to 3pm**

**Circuit Sunday Club at Handsacre Methodist Church**

Sunday School used to be a little bit boring and somewhere that our parents made us go to. Not anymore. And every Sunday on Zoom Melody Jones is leading a whole raft of fun activities for all ages, games, Bible stories, prayer, discussion, craft, music. Now this is on Zoom, so you can all watch together. It is just the thing for after lunch on a Sunday, have a story, play a game, make a craft. What is not to like. *Why not join in yourself with your grandchildren and children!!* Run by Melody Jones, so contact her at the addresses above if you would like more details.



## Easter Offering 2021

## Into all the World

### Dedication Service



Our District Officers of Methodist Women in Britain are aware that it may well be difficult for individual circuits to hold their own dedication service for this year, so they have decided to offer a District service, with a symbolic offering, on Zoom. The date is **Thursday, 13th May at 7pm**, when readers around the District will join to lead the worship. All are invited, women and men, remembering that the money raised is for the World Mission Fund of our Church. It will be put on YouTube afterwards. If you would like to join the service on Zoom you would be most welcome. The Zoom login codes are available from June Scrimgeour or Mark Timothy ([mark.timothy1@virginmedia.com](mailto:mark.timothy1@virginmedia.com)) so just drop me a line.

**Every Tuesday** there is an online coffee morning from 10-12 which we call **Tuesday Chat**. This is simply an opportunity for folk across the circuit to chat together, share news and play around with the technology. All you have to do is follow this link and log on for a group chat. Come and have a chat about all these changes in an informal and free manner

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89707949919>. Meeting ID: 897 0794 9919



**Two job opportunities.** We are **still** looking for a **Circuit Property Secretary**. In very brief summary, we are looking for someone to maintain the Manses and to help the individual Church Property secretaries in their roles. You also attend a Circuit Leadership Meeting where you report back. This is obviously a job for those of you who are practically minded and we can provide a fuller job description if you are interested.

We are also looking for a **Circuit Safeguarding Officer** as Barry Tointon is stepping down. A huge thank you to Barry as he has done a sterling job, in difficult times. This is a vital job and we would like you to think carefully and pray about this.

The first step is probably to talk to your minister, and register an interest.

**And importantly once again, if you need anything, get in touch**, either through stewards, your minister or direct to me, [mark.timothy1@virginmedia.com](mailto:mark.timothy1@virginmedia.com). We can probably help and if we can't, we probably know someone who can! ... and we're all always available to pray with you.

If you have any news that you think I should circulate then let me know as it is really great to include what is happening across our circuit. [mark.timothy1@virginmedia.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA)