



# Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit



## Worship for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May

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### Our Services

As always, we have prepared a Circuit Service on YouTube which will be available from 9am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May. We celebrate Trinity Sunday this week and our worship this week is led by Rev'd Chris Ambler and Terry Trigg of Chasetown.

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

And on the YouTube Channel for **Chasetown Methodist Church**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0Oo7BQCUZ\\_65EZXHtvOyQA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0Oo7BQCUZ_65EZXHtvOyQA)

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

### **Chasetown 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-2Iyckl2FF2paXwJ1g>

**Things ARE starting up again ... but slowly**

**Opening up for services.** I have been told that St Paul’s in Rugeley are now open for services – contact the stewards at St Paul’s if you would like to go as space and numbers are still limited. Jacob Donkoh has also contacted me to say that **Handsacre is open**, Cannock Wood will open on the 30<sup>th</sup> May and Brereton Church in June. Margaret Eales tells me that **Chasetown is open** and Bourne will open in June. Other churches have pencilled in June, July and September, but nothing is really set in stone yet and seems to be changing with each church council. Your stewards are of course the fount of all knowledge.



**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.

This week, we are running another week of 24/7 prayer.

Sign up using the above link <https://www.24-prayer.com/signup/7829f0>

As part of our commitment to care for creation and as part of Keep Britain Tidy’s “**Great British Spring Clean**” there will be litter picks taking place at three locations across the circuit.



It will be **fab** to do something together again.

| <i>Date</i>                 | <i>Where we will meet<br/>@9.50am for a 10am start</i>      | <i>Where we will be picking up litter</i>                   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| 29 <sup>th</sup> May 10-12  | The Innovation Centre<br>Chasewater Country Park<br>WS8 7NL | Chasewater Country Park                                     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> June 10-12  | Shoal Hill Tavern Car Park<br>Cannock<br>WS11 1RF           | Shoal Hill, Cannock   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> June 10-12 | Armitage with Handsacre<br>Village Hall<br>WS15 4UZ         | Village Hall, Playing Field and grass verges around village |

**Save the date** There is to be a **circuit picnic** on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July** at Hednesford Park

\*\*\*\* More details to come \*\*\*\*



Franziska Herring has a real heart for the Eco-Church movement and how we can be more planet-friendly. “As stewards of God’s creation, we must take part in God’s work of protecting, nurturing and enhancing nature.” She has written a short piece – **Moving Forward in Faith** - and it is attached to the bulletin below.



The **MWiB** conference is taking place from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June until Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June on Zoom and will be led by Revd Shalome Macneill-Cooper and is on the theme of those Celtic Christian Ways. This is a great opportunity to experience Celtic Spirituality and it is an opportunity not to be missed. Check out the district mailing below for more details.

**NEW**

**The Methodist Church**  
Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District



**\*\* Always new, every 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 ... and new every week !!!!!*

<https://mailchi.mp/05e51611c697/from-the-district-office-5443937?e=5e93f934b9>

**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



**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.

**Two job opportunities.** We are **still** - *yes, 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 there is a fuller job description below.

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)

## Moving forward in faith

Covid19 has played havoc with our churches, and we are glad that we are coming to the time, when we can think of re-opening our buildings and meeting again in person. It has been a long and difficult time. We thank God that, at least in this country, there is hope on the horizon.

We've just had Pentecost Sunday, and I was struck by the ubiquitous message this year: 'At Pentecost, God gave the new church power to grow in new and unexpected ways. This year, we need to claim this same power from God to work out what we need to do once we are back in our buildings, and then go ahead and do it.'

The news tells us almost daily that we are actually slithering from one pandemic crisis into an even greater world-wide one: climate change. That is an issue for all people on earth, but it strikes me that churches have a very special role to play. As stewards of God's creation, we must take part in God's work of protecting, nurturing and enhancing nature.

There is a lot we can do to adjust our individual life-styles, and ideas are easy to come by - whether we avoid the use of plastic, make sure our homes are well insulated, cut down on the amount of meat we eat, or think hard about the way and the amount we travel.

But there are things we can and must do as communities of faith. The A Rocha organisation has set up an Eco-Church scheme (<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>). Individual churches, circuits, districts etc can register with them and work through a questionnaire on five areas of church life:

- Worship and teaching
- Management of church buildings
- Management of church land
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

They set up an award scheme of bronze, silver and gold. The first step is for each church to register with A Rocha. Both the Circuit and the District have registered and now need as many individual churches to register. The URC West Midlands Synod has registered a while ago and is now the first in the country to have received a bronze award. So, St Paul's and Trinity Hednesford should have double motivation to join the scheme.

Help can be given when working through the various issues. In the circuit, we now have a green group of dedicated helpers to advise (contact Barbara Brooks for details [babrooks103@gmail.com](mailto:babrooks103@gmail.com)) and our three Saturdays of Circuit litter picks are in harmony with A Rocha aims. Do have a look at the proposals and the positive ways we as churches can use the climate crisis to reach out to our neighbours and move forward in the service of our Lord.

Franziska Herring ([mfherring@talktalk.net](mailto:mfherring@talktalk.net))

# CIRCUIT PROPERTY SECRETARY

After lockdown are you looking for a different challenge in your life?

Why not speak to Beryl Lovell about the job of Circuit Property Secretary.

The job has its moments, both highs and lows but it can be stimulating,  
It can be challenging, but it is never dull!

If you are interested in properties, whether they be churches or manses, you will find that you always need to be on your toes in order to help sort problems out.

You are dealing with all sorts of trades people, Estate Agents, TMCP

In Manchester, our Quinquennial Inspector, Land Registry, District Property Secretary, Methodist Insurance, etc.

The annual returns have to be completed for each church and manse once a year and that is a challenging and often frustrating job.

The quinquennial inspections need to be arranged every year for those churches and manses that need one.

We have to deal with TMCP and Estate Agents over the leasing of one of our manses.

Neil Embrey and Beryl work hand in glove with one another concerning the repairs and refurbishment of the manses.

The job can be extremely busy or can be very quiet.

If you want a challenge then this is the job for you.

Think about it and give Beryl or Neil or one of the Circuit Stewards a ring if you would like more information.