

Letter from the Superintendent

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Mark 1:3b

Dear Friends:

Our journey on the road through Christmas and Epiphany is fortified by the preparation of Advent in much the same way as our Christian fortitude is invigorated by challenge and change. Each of us is charged with potential which we may have been fearful to actualise, yet there is a widely-held belief that God sends each person into this world with a special message to deliver; a special song to sing for others; a special act of love to bestow. And now is the time when we as Christians preside over the re-invention of ourselves. We strive to resolve our deepest problems by imagining our Christian lives as they should be, as Thomas Merton advises, ‘...the beginning of the end in us of all that is not Christ.’ Perhaps we must learn to live as if Jesus were crucified yesterday; rose early this morning; and will return for us this very hour.

Our Circuit Service in January will afford a long-overdue opportunity to celebrate the ways in which God blesses us through the exercise of his people’s gifts: offering thanks to those who served over many years – and welcoming and commissioning for service those who had taken-on roles at the beginning of the *Coronavirus* pandemic in April 2020. There is nothing our world needs more than the light of God’s presence - not in a blaze of glory, but in a baby born to live among us. He is the light that shines in the darkness and which cannot be overwhelmed. In dark days, we look around us for signs of that light, so that we may be ready to greet it now, at Christmas, and at the end of time.

Every blessing:
Nigel.

THE METHODIST CHURCH Cannock Chase Circuit Quarterly Plan



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2021/2022 Year C		December					January					February			
		5th	12th	19th	24th	25th	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th	6th	13th	20th	27th
		Advent 2	Advent 3	Advent 4		Christmas	Christmas 2	Epiphany 1	Ordinary 2	Ordinary 3	Ordinary 4	Ordinary 5	Ordinary 6	Ordinary 7	Ordinary 8
Lectionary		Malac 3:1-4	Zep 3:14-20	Mic 5:2-5a		Isaiah9:2-7	Jer 31:7-14	Isaiah43:1-7	Isai 62:1-5	Neh8:1-10	Jer1:4-10	Isaia6:1-8	Jer17:5-10	Gen45:3-11	Isai55:10-13
		Phil1:3-11	Phil 4:4-7	Heb 10:5-10			Eph 1:3-14	Acts8:14-17	1Cor12:1-11	1Cor12:12-31	1Cor13:1-13L	1Cor15:1-11	1Cor15:12-20	1Cor15:35-50	1Cor15:51-58
		Luke 3:1-6	Luke 3:7-18	Luke 1:39-45		Luke 2:1-14	John1:10-18	Luke3:15-22	John2:1-11	Luke4:14-21	Luke4:21-30	Luke5:1-11	Lke6:17-26	Luke6:27-38	Luke6:39-49
Bethel	6.00pm	Young hc	Lowther	Parkinson			Young hc	Lowther	Culver	C Parkes	Ambler	Young hc	Lowther	Eales	S Parkes
Chadsmoor	10.30am	Ambler	J Ambler	LA Carols		10.45 Ambler	Ambler CV	Haywood	Timothy	Giles	Rothery	Ambler	LA	Trigg	Sigley
	6.00pm	Eales	Cantata	Glover cs		7pm Ambler hc	X	X	Ambler CV	Crook	Spencer	Eales	Brown	Ambler hc	C Parkes
Featherstone	11.00am	Young hc	Glover	D Cowell cs			Young hc	LA	Culver	D Cowell	Donkoh	Young hc	Lowther	LA	D Cowell
Great Wyrley	11.00am	Sigley	Dunn	Ambler cs		Devey	Hoe	J Ambler	Ambler CV	Maguire	Culver	Timothy	Ambler	LA	Hoe
Mill St	11.00am	Culver	X	Young cs			Glover	X	Young hc	X	X	LA	X	Young hc	X
Penkridge	10.30am	Timothy	Young hc	6pm LA carols		9.30 Culver	LA	Hoe CV	Brown	LA	Young hc	Alexander	Haywood	Brown	Culver
St Stephens	10.30am	Rothery	LA Christgle	LA Carols			No Service	Young CV	Devey	Bryant	Hoe	LA	Young hc	Pope	Herring
	3.00pm	Young Phone	X	X		11.30 Young	Young Phone	X	X	X	Circuit Service	Young Phon	X	X	X
Salem	11.00am	Alexander	Trigg	Culver		10am Ambler	LA	Ambler	Rothery	Timothy	Ambler	Sigley	J Ambler	LA	Lowther
	4.00pm			Crook cs					Ambler CV					Ambler hc	
Trinity Hfd	10.30am	Dunn	Ambler	LA cs		10.30 LA	Trigg	LA Band	Alexander	Ambler CV	Herring	Glover	LA Band	Ambler hc	Donkoh
U/Landywood	10.30am	Giles	Alexander	Carols LA			Sigley	Lowther	Dunn	Young hc	LA	Trigg	Culver	LA	Young
Bourne	10.30am	Eales 11am	X	4pm Eales cs		X	Dunn	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brereton	10.30am	Glover	LA	Donkoh cs		10am Donkoh	Timothy	Donkoh CV	Sigley	Alexander	Dunn	LA	Donkoh hc	LA	Timothy
Burntwood	10.00am	Eales hc	HadenWalker	5pm LA cs		HadenWalker	LA	Eales CV	Worship Team	Donkoh	Culver US	Rothery	Eales b	Worship Team	Spencer
Cannock Wood	6.00pm	Crook	Donkoh hc	C Parkes			Donkoh CV	Ambler	Young hc	S Parkes	Eales hc	Donkoh hc	Culver	Crook	Eales
Chase Terrace	10.30am	Culver 10am	Sigley	10am Eales			LA	Giles	Lowther	Eales CV	US Burntwood	LA	Glover	10am Eales h	Glover
Chasetown	11.00am	LA	Rothery	Eales hc		7pm Eales hc	10.30 Eales	Eales CV	Pope	Trigg	Dunn	Eales hc	LA	Sigley	Timothy
	6.00pm	X	X	Eales cs				X	Eales St Ann	X	X	X	X	Eales St Anr	X
Handsacre	9.30am	Trigg	Donkoh hc	LA		Lowther	Rothery	Timothy	Donkoh CV	Sigley	Lowther	LA	Dunn	Donkoh hc	LA
St Paul's	11.00am	Donkoh hc	Devey	No Service		at Brereton	Donkoh CV	LA	Hoe	Glover	Trigg	Donkoh hc	Devey	Rothery	Maguire
	6.00pm	Donkoh hc	X	4pm LA cs		11.30 Donkoh	Ambler	X	Donkoh CV	X	X	S Parkes	X	Donkoh hc	X
Trinity NC	11.00am	US Bourne	Eales hc	Parkinson		at Chasetown	US Bourne	Glover	Eales CV	Pope	Haywood	Eales b	Hoe hc	Eales	Trigg

CV Covenant

cs Carol Service

T Transport needed

HC Holy Communion

CS Circuit Service

b Baptism

CA Church Anniversary