



## THE SUPERINTENDENT'S VALEDICTORY LETTER

*And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. Acts 20:32*




In the Ordinary Season stretching from the Solemnity of the Blessed Trinity until Advent, we honour God who offers a covenant relationship with us, and who keeps stirring us through the Spirit with inspirations of love and tenderness, compassion and courage. To many people, God is all too often a 'far-away' God, seemingly not easy to approach, but to whom we turn when all else fails. Yet our God *is* near - so very close to us. Already in the Old Testament God identifies as the one who is there for God's people - the God who feels our troubles and our joys. In Jesus, God is made one of us: a brother and companion on the road of life. Through the Spirit of love, God lives in us and makes us capable of loving community.

The Holy Trinity in action is a loving parent: taking the initiative in sending the Word to save a fallen world. The Holy Trinity in action is Jesus, Son of God and Word made flesh: showing us what God's transforming love looks like in human form - identifying with and transfiguring our sin and suffering. And the Holy Trinity in action is the Holy Spirit: bringing new birth, new identity, and the loving invitation to be sewn into the patchwork quilt of love and delight that is the *oikonomia* of God. Although at times it seems a Sisyphean enterprise, it is in this very faith that each one of us is called and equipped to serve together.

After forty-two years of travel, it is an opportune time for me to sit down. Christine and I offer grateful thanks to everyone in our Methodist Circuit family in Cannock Chase for their love, friendship and support, and wish our successors the very same goodwill which has sustained and fortified us with joy over the past five years.

Every blessing:

Nigel.

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## The Methodist Church CANNOCK CHASE CIRCUIT 28/08

Here to worship God, serve our communities, and grow our Churches

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2023	June				July					August				
	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
	TRINITY	10 in OT	11 in OT	12 in OT	13 in OT	14 in OT	15 in OT	16 in OT	17 in OT	18 in OT	19 in OT	20 in OT	21 in OT	
Year A Matthew		St Barnabas/MHA		Sanctuary		ActionforChildren				Transfiguration				
	Mt28:16-20	Acts11:19-30	Mt9:35-10:8	Mt10:24-39	Mt10:40-42	Mt11:16-30	Mt13:1-23	Mt13:24-43	Mt13:31-52	Mt14:13-21	Mt14:22-33	Mt15:10-28	Mt16:13-20	
<b>WEST SECTION</b>	<b>The Revd Nigel Young</b>													
BETHEL	5.00 pm	Young HC	Lowther CP	Mason CP	LA	Young HC	Lowther CP	3. UC@THed	3. UC@StS	LA CP	Sigley CP	Lowther CP	LA	2. Culver B Mess
FEATHERSTONE	11.00 am	PLA	Maguire	Glover	LA	Lowther CA	Young HC B	Cowell Café	LA	Alexander	Cowell ➤	Devey	4. Cowell Café	LA
MILL STREET	11.00 am	Devey	X	Whitson	X	LA	X	Young HC	3. UC@StS	LA	Hoe HC	3. UC@Bourne	Sigley	X
PENKRIDGE	10.30 am	LA	Haywood	Young HC/GCM	LA	Bates	Cowell ➤	P Dunn	Bates HC	LA	Boot	Haywood	U@StM	LA
		X	X	X	2. Young B	X	X	3. UC@THed	3. UC@StS	X	X	3. UC@Bourne	X	X
St STEPHEN'S	10.30 am 3/6.30 pm	Young HC B	Boot	PLA	Young CA GCM	Glover	C Parkes	Alexander	PLA	Devey	Timothy	Cowell ➤	Lowther	LA
		X	X	X	X	X	X	3. UC@THed	3. Young UCHC	X	X	3. UC@Bourne	X	X
U/LANDYWOOD	10.30 am	LA	Trigg	LA	Glover	Young HC B	Donkoh	Boot	3. UC@StS	Cowell ➤	LA	C Parkes	Whitson	LA
<b>CENTRAL SECTION</b>	<b>The Revd Chris Ambler</b>													
CHADSMOOR	10.30 am 6.00 pm	Ambler HC Ctemp	J H-Walker AA Glover	Cowell ➤ LA	Sigley Ambler Mem	LA Ctemp	P Dunn Glover	Mason 3. UC@THed	Ambler B 3. UC@StS	LA Ambler HC	Maguire Ctemp	LA Glover	M Dunn AA Ambler HC	LA Crook
GREAT WYRLEY	11.00 am	LA	Sigley 6. Ambler Mem	Ambler B	Ryder	LA	Trigg	Hoe	Young 3. UC@StS	Ambler HC	LA	Ambler HC	C Parkes	LA
SALEM	11.00 am 4.00 pm	LA X	C Parkes X	LA Ambler HC	Devey X	Maguire X	Hoe CA X	LA Goode&Crook HC	Timothy 3. UC@StS	LA X	Ambler X	Ryder 3. UC@Bourne	LA Ambler HC	Ambler X
TRINITY & BOURNE	11.00 am 3.00 pm	LA Ambler P	S Parkes X	P Dunn X	LA X	Sigley LA	LA X	Ambler HC 3. UC@THed	C Parkes 3. UC@StS	Glover X	LA X	X Ambler UC	Ambler B X	LA X
TRINITY HFORD LEP	10.30 am	LA	Ambler B	Herring HC	Ambler	Glover	LA	3. Ambler UC	3. UC@StS	X	X	X	X	X
<b>EAST SECTION</b>	<b>The Revd Jacob Donkoh</b>													
BRERETON	10.30 am	U@StP	Alexander	Timothy	Trigg	U@StP	Haywood	Sigley	Donkoh HC	Lowther	U@StP	S Parkes	Glover	U@StP
BURNTWOOD	10.30 am	Lowther	PLA	U@Ctown	Alexander U	PLA 1. Donkoh B	U@Ctown	Donkoh HC U 3. UC@THed	U@Ctown	Timothy	LA	Glover	U@Ctown	Whitson
CANNOCK WOOD	6.00 pm	LA	Crook	Donkoh HC	Ryder	Donkoh HC	LA	3. UC@THed	3. UC@StS	LA	Donkoh HC	3. UC@Bourne	Timothy	PLA
CHASETOWN	10.30 am	PLA	Starling Mess	Donkoh HC U	U@Bwood	Timothy	S Parkes U	U@Bwood	Furr U	Donkoh HC	Alexander	PLA	Trigg U	U@Bwood
HANDSACRE	9.30 am	LA	Lowther MHA	LA	Whitson	Ryder	Lowther Café	C Parkes	S Parkes	LA	Donkoh HC	LA	Timothy	Trigg
St PAUL'S LEP	11.00 am 6.00 pm	Donkoh HCU Donkoh HC	LA X	Alexander X	LA X	Donkoh HC U LA	Herring X	3. UC@THed Donkoh HC	Mason 3. UC@StS	Whitson X	Donkoh HC U Herring HC	LA 3. UC@Bourne	S Parkes Crook	Glover X

AA All-age Worship / B Baptism / Café Café Worship / CA Church Anniversary / CP Coffee & Prayer / Ctemp Contemporary Worship / GCM General Church Meeting / HC Holy Communion / LA Local Arrangement

Mem Memorial Service / Mess Messy Church / MHA Methodist Homes Sunday / OT Ordinary Time / P Parade Service / U United Service/ UC United Circuit Service / UC@Bourne United Circuit Service at Bourne

U@Bwood United Service at Burntwood / U@Ctown United Service at Chasetown / U@StP United Service at St Paul's / UC@StS United Circuit Service at St Stephen's / UC@THed United Circuit Service at Trinity Hednesford LEP / X No Service / ➤ Transport requested