



The Methodist Church in Sheffield

... growing followers of Jesus

Dear all,

This is the eleventh mailing from the Circuit. Please find information below which may help you feel more connected at this time of separation.

Included below is a letter which one of the 3 Co Supers write each week for the Circuit newsletter;

Hello everyone!

Well, I've been working in Sheffield Circuit now for two weeks, which has involved a lot of Zoom meetings and some face-to-face, socially-distanced meetings too. These are strange days that we are in... and moving into a new Circuit, without the usual ways of connecting with people in their church lives, is proving challenging...

...But not insurmountable! I'm a firm believer in good old-fashioned snail-mail – indeed, I have a lovely Chinese cabinet which I inherited from my Dad, and it's full of letter-writing paraphernalia. Now, those who are naturally inquisitive are now wondering what such paraphernalia might be: well, it's simply a collection of lovely writing-paper and notelets; various seals and coloured wax; and if I'm writing to younger folk, I like to put a sticker or two on the envelope before sending off their chocolate buttons in the post! Snail-mail, by its very definition, may take a little longer; but the enjoyment of receiving a nice letter or card, delivered by post, can't be beaten.

Another well-tested form of communication is the phone. You can often tell on the phone how a person is feeling – not so much by what they say, but how they sound. To hear a friendly voice, someone who's prepared to listen, and share, and pray at the end of a call – this can be a real source of blessing.

It's wonderful that there are so many new ways to engage with each other: Zoom, WhatsApp, Messenger, and so on – however, no-one has to feel left behind, because all those ways of communication have their foundations in letter-writing and phone-calls. Today, you can be a blessing by using one of those two mediums to reach out to someone; as I hope someone will reach out to you, or me. And never forget – we've got a God who is always willing to listen and to speak to us through the love of people around us, and through prayer: a medium that never loses its connection.

God bless – Rev Lisa.

Revd. Lisa Quamby
Co Superintendent Minister

Streamed services

Some churches are streaming regular services. This allows you to experience different preachers from different churches in the comfort of your own home if you choose to do so. You can even 'catch up' later when it's convenient. Please see below a list of services, (if you know of others that are being streamed, please let the Circuit office know and they will be included);

[Victoria Hall](#)

[Greenhill Methodist Church](#)

[Coal Aston Methodist Church](#)

[St Paul's Methodist Church, Dronfield](#)

[St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church](#)

[Carterknowle Methodist Church](#)

[Totley Rise Methodist Church](#)

[Stocksbridge Christian Centre \(as part of the Cornerstone Mission Partnership\)](#)

[Christ Church Stocksbridge](#)

[Stephen Hill Methodist Church](#)

[St Andrew's Church Gosforth Valley](#)

Facebook

Facebook is another way to keep in touch. In addition to the streamed services Sally Coleman, James Morley and Melissa Quinn are holding Morning and Evening Prayers and Reflections at various times as Watch Parties on their Facebook pages. These are videos where there is live participation at the time and the videos can be watched later. There are also occasional slots where we can listen to one of our local preachers.

Light A Candle of Hope

It has been suggested that people might want to light a candle and if it is safe to do so to display it in their window each day at 7.00 p.m. to pray for our church, our city, our country and our world.

Methodist Church Guidance

This is regularly updated and covers many topics including; prayers and worship during the coronavirus pandemic, (where you will find resources for worship at home), serving neighbours and speaking with friends, taking care of yourself and those around you, and many others. Find out by visiting the Methodist Church in Britain [website](#)

Methodist Prayer Wall

This is for people to write and submit their prayers so they can be prayed for by people around the world. You can find out more by visiting the Methodist Church in Britain [website](#)

Circuit Newsletter

If you wish to receive the Circuit Newsletter which is being published every week during the Coronavirus Pandemic please follow this [link](#)

There is also an option to subscribe.

Dial-a-Prayer

Free phone lines for prayers and news from the Methodist Church

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

Content is updated weekly on Thursday afternoon

Property

Updated 10th September 2020 in light of current Government Guidelines*

*The Government launched its new strategy to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic in its document **Our Plan to Rebuild: The UK Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy**. A number of points within the plan will have an impact on churches and their properties across the Connexion. In response to this the Conference Office, Connexional Property Team and TMCP have co-ordinated their approach to develop a set of property related guidance for managing trustees. [Click here](#) for further advice.*

Keeping Safe on Zoom

Zoom has emerged as a very popular tool for online meetings, training and other communication activities during the coronavirus pandemic of 2020, but there are risks associated with any such app.

The National Police Chief's Council have therefore written a short guide to the main security controls and how to access them, to enable you to keep safe during meetings.

You can download the Zoom advice guide [here](#)

Finally, please let us know if you have ideas of how we can keep connected!