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The **Methodist Church**

South Warwickshire Circuit

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Superintendent Minister: Rev Dr Iain Ballard

It is in John's Gospel, that we have the seven I am saying of Jesus. In today's service we hear Nigel preach on the passage which contains, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' In these sayings Jesus is not only declaring who he is, but also the nature of his relationship with the people around him and with us the church today.

Often over the summer life seems to slow down a little. We have more time for being rather than doing. I invite you in this slower time to take time to just be. Be with those around you whether that is family or friends, just be. Sit together or talk together, but try not to let that become doing, as though you must be doing something for them or with them. Also spend time being with God, not reading scripture or actively using words to pray, just be. Sit in the presence of God, allow yourself to feel God sitting next to you. Allow yourself to be surrounded by God's love for you and the world around you.

There will be plenty of time to do things later, in September when the world restarts and the hectic run of life pick up again. So today, this week, just be with yourself, family and friends and most importantly allow yourself to be with God.

Richest blessings,

Iain

Rev Dr Iain Ballard

Reminder: Dial – a – Prayer, Methodist Church

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514
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Listen to news: 0808 281

Sunday Worship and Daily Prayers

There are plenty of opportunities to join in worship if you have the internet, eg Methodist Central Hall (London) streams worship each Sunday at 11:00 am (<https://mchw.live/>)

Circuit Service

The Circuit continues to provide a pre-recorded service each week, via YouTube, Facebook and our website – see below for details:

Please access the YouTube video by clicking the following link or typing it into your browser:

tinyurl.com/SWCplaylist

or if this doesn't work, try the long version:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzyDSCOYMtQvpCroUvvxjE93MqkTWQomY>

If you regularly watch the Circuit Service, do consider subscribing to the Channel.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SW.Methodist/>

Website: www.methodist-swc.org.uk

A full text of this service is available on the website, and is being sent by post to all those people who do not use the Internet so they can join in too. These worship opportunities will be available and sent to you every Sunday. We will be offering worship in a similar way each Sunday as the health crisis continues.

District Messages: The Birmingham District puts out a message each week on their YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC65eOm7QtM4Wu1R6jTI7frw>

or you can search on YouTube for *Birmingham Methodist District*.

TV & radio opportunities for worship:

Radio 4, Sunday Worship, Sunday 8:10am,
 Radio 4 Long Wave, Daily Service, 9.45am Mon-Fri,
 Radio 3, Choral Evensong, Sunday 3pm.

BBC 1, Sunday Worship, Sunday 10.45am,
 BBC 1, Songs of Praise, Sunday 1:15pm
(The times of the TV services can alter, please check the times)

Daily prayers at 10am are led by members of the circuit via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/328494818> - all zoom meetings are now protected by password – please contact Michael Sharman (see below) for the password.

All members of the Circuit are invited to join, **you do not need a zoom account to join.** You can also join by **telephone.** Please contact Michael Sharman on 07412 401988 if you'd like help getting in.

Pastoral Support

A reminder that if you are in pastoral need of any kind please contact your own Minister direct by email or phone. We may also be able to arrange practical help with shopping and so on. Our details are below.

If in any doubt, please contact Rev Dr Iain Ballard and he will link you up with help locally to you.

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Keep safe. Keep caring. Keep praying. With every blessing to you and yours.

The Ministers and Stewards of the South Warwickshire Methodist Circuit of Churches