

10th October 2021

The **Methodist Church** 

South Warwickshire Circuit

Registered charity no. 1154830

Superintendent Minister: Rev Dr Iain Ballard

This message is inspired by a recent sermon given at Stratford by Sheila Brown, who was inspired by a prayer by Sahr Yambasu, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, who was inspired by Tom Fuerst's *Underdogs and Outsiders*.

The prayer, which is in the Methodist Prayer Handbook, starts: "Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world, took on flesh and lived among us. You ate with sinners, healed foreigners, welcomed children, embraced outcasts and broke all sorts of rules in order to be a bridge rather than a wall." Reflecting on the International Day of Peace, Sheila picked out the words 'be a bridge rather than a wall'.

"Help me to be a bridge rather than a wall" has now been added to my composite daily prayer, made up of bits of various psalms, a bit of Micah and other snippets that have inspired me along the way. I've also tweeted it.

We can never know the full ripple effect of our words.

Janet Mee
Circuit Steward

Reminder: Dial – a – Prayer, Methodist Church

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514 Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

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:

<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

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 for the password (07412 401988).

Pastoral Support

A reminder that if you are in pastoral need of any kind please contact your own Minister direct by e mail 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.

Rev Dr Iain Ballard <i>(Day off – Friday)</i>	07368 875790	iain.ballard@methodist.org.uk
Rev Sally Jones <i>(Day off – Monday; Study day – Friday)</i>	01926 740846	sally.jones@methodist.org.uk
Rev. Jeongsook Kim <i>(Day off – Tuesday)</i>	01926 426084	revjeongsook@gmail.com_
Rev. Audrey Simpson <i>(Day off – Friday)</i>	01789 267971	revaes@gmail.com, _
Rev. Jemima Strain <i>(Part-time)</i>	<i>Rev Jemima is on Sabbatical</i>	
Rev. Richard Wilde <i>(Part-time)</i>	07971 218356	revrichardwilde@gmail.com,
Chris Flood <i>(Part-time)</i>	07772 292033	chrisflood_erniescheu@hotmail.com_

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