



BARNARD CASTLE AND TEESDALE

METHODIST CIRCUIT

NOVEMBER 2020

WHAT'S ON and NEWS ITEMS

CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT

CORONAVIRUS - A Covid Vision Group has been set up across the two circuits to look at the regulations from government and notes on how to apply these from the Connexion. This has enabled some churches to reopen, even though worship isn't the way we normally do it.

CIRCUIT EVENT

Sunday 29th November 4pm UTCT service at *St Aidan's Roman Catholic Church, Middleton.*

CHANGE HAPPENS, SOMETIMES WITHOUT WARNING

We are publishing this information in good faith, but services and other activities might have their times changed or be cancelled altogether at short notice, often beyond our control. Do not undertake a long journey without checking first.

THE PATHWAY, MIDDLETON

Sunday morning services are taking place on all Sundays except the first Sunday of the month when it is at 2:30pm, but there is no singing, and no refreshments afterwards. Hand sanitisation materials are available at the door, and tracing information is being collected on entry. Chairs are arranged to comply with the Social Distancing regulations.

The Zoom Service continues on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7pm. Contact the stewards for details.

Pray, Bake, Chat continues for those unable to attend worship. Contact Debbie for details.

Sunday 8th November 10:45 The *Remembrance Service* around the war memorial has been cancelled in line with current restrictions. However, the church has commissioned special Remembrance Sunday artwork for its new noticeboard a few yards away from the War Memorial, and to encourage people to conduct their own memorial service in their homes or gardens the church will make resources available to go alongside those provided by the Royal British Legion.

BARNARD CASTLE

Sunday morning services are taking place, but there is no singing, and no refreshments afterwards. Hand sanitisation materials are available at the door, and tracing details are collected on entry. Chairs are arranged and labelled to comply with the Social Distancing regulations.

The Monday Cell Group continue their fortnightly meetings via Zoom.

STAINDROP

The worshipping community at Staindrop are not meeting in the church at present, but they are having Telephone Services by telephone conferencing. These have proved very popular and will continue until the Coronavirus situation changes. Contact the stewards for details.

Lectionary Readings for November 2020

Date	Sunday	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
1st November	All Saints	Revelation 7:9-17	34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
8th November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	78:1-7	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
8th November	Remembrance Sunday	Isaiah 25:1-9 or Isaiah 52:7-12 or Micah 4:1-8	9:9-20 or 46	Romans 8:31-35, 37, 39 or Revelation 22:1-5	Matthew 5:1-12 or Matthew 5:43-48 or John 15:9-17
15th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Judges 4:1-7	123	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
22nd November	Sunday before Advent	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	95:1-7a or 100	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
29th November	1st Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9	80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37

OUR CALLING

Worship

Learning and Caring

Service

Evangelism

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

The 2020 EASTER OFFERING service has been postponed until **2021**. We are working on holding an on-line service in the autumn.

Do not dispose of envelopes and other materials already distributed; these will be used in 2021.

The Durham Foodbank is in need of more provisions for the needy, and we have recently received a thank you note from The Well for what we have contributed. Now we are regularly worshipping on a Sunday at Barnard Castle and at Middleton please restart bringing your Foodbank provision offerings to the church placing them in the green bins by the entrance and they will be transferred to The Well

Creative workshop - July 2020 During July the circuit organised a Creative Workshop looking at the book of Ruth. A PowerPoint presentation of the work created can be found at the following link: www.teesdalemethodists.co.uk/creative-arts-workshop.html

Praise and Prayer Points

Pray for all those recently bereaved and those who are unwell.

Give thanks for all those who work hard to maintain our buildings, and pray for them.

Pray for the Barnard Castle & Teesdale and Darlington circuit leadership teams as they continue to progress the work of forming a new circuit.

Pray for all those suffering from the effects of the many recent wars, conflicts and man-made and natural disasters around the world and other acts of violence.

Pray for the work of the Food Banks and for those who need them.

Pray for all those involved in the Coronavirus pandemic - those suffering, those working to relieve suffering and to help in other ways, and those whose lives are disrupted by it.

Pray for all those working to reopen our places of worship safely.

Pray for our Mission Partners from the UK in various parts of the world during the current crisis, feeling very isolated, but committed to their presence with the people they serve.



MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS

Study Groups led by Alan and John are about to restart via Zoom. Contact Alan for the Zoom links.

Wednesday 4th November 7:30 - repeat of Session 3 with a recap of Sessions 1 and 2

Wednesday 25th November 7:30 - Session 4

Thursday 3rd December 2:00 - repeat of Session 4

Ministers' contact numbers:

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CIRCUIT OFFICE

The Circuit Office is closed for the time being. Edwin can be contacted by telephone on 07484 398958 or by email at bctmc1317@gmail.com

CIRCUIT WEBSITE www.teesdalemethodists.co.uk

The next issue of What's On/Praise Points will be for December. Please email items to bctmc1317@gmail.com or send to your contact person by 15th November.