



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.

PRAYER RESOURCES

The District has stopped sending out its weekly worship resource, but the last one (sent 22nd September) included a leaflet giving a variety of prayer resources for October.

CIRCUIT WEBSITE

Jim Nicholson has managed this for a number of years. Sadly Jim passed away earlier this year. Peter Collins has taken on this important task.

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.

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.

- Ministers' contact numbers:**
- Rev Tim Boocock - 07926 584858
 - Rev Graham Cutler - 01833 638272
 - John Howard - 01833 640823
 - Rev Alan Coustick - 01833 908604
 - Rev Richard Hunter - 01833 630315

Lectionary Readings for October 2020

Date	Sunday	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
4th October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
11th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Exodus 32:1-14	106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
18th October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Exodus 33:12-23	99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
25th October	30th Sunday in	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-	Matthew 22:34-46

OUR CALLING

Worship

Learning and Caring

Service

Evangelism

FUTURE EVENT

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

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

The Circuit Meetings have decided by ballot that the name of the new circuit will be
Darlington and Teesdale Circuit
(subject to approval by Conference)

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

MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS

Study Groups led by Alan and John are postponed. New dates will be published when they are agreed.

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.



CIRCUIT WEBSITE www.teesdalemethodists.co.uk

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