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Worship... Service ... Witness ... in the name of Jesus

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Worship and Fellowship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

2 May 2021

What's On This Week....

Monday 3 May
Bank Holiday Premises Closed
7.00pm Worship & Discipleship Group on Zoom

Tuesday 4 May
Office Closed
5.00 - 6.00pm Dinky Divas

Wednesday 5 May
Office Closed
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)

Thursday 6 May
Office Closed
7.00am - 10.00pm Premises being used as a Polling Station

Friday 7 May
Office Closed

Saturday 8 May
11.00am - 1.30pm Dinky Divas

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
God of mercy, as we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, the Bread of Life, feed us with your plenty and increase in us compassion for the hungry; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 9 May 2021
at Church or on Zoom
Sixth Sunday of Easter
10.30am Christian Aid Service
led by Wendy Bate and
Brenda Shuttleworth**

**10.30 am Morning Service
led by Dr. Janet Anderson
in Church and on Zoom**

Holding Together in Christ

Call to worship

Come apart from your busyness
Leave your stresses at the door.
Come reconnect with God,
Remain in him and grow.
Grow closer, grow deeper,
Grow and be fruitful.
Come and glorify God

God, beyond all our naming, the glory of creation reaches out to you.
God, beyond all our reasoning, the voice of the universe sounds your
praise. God beyond all our knowing, all that lives finds destiny in your
presence.

Gregory of Nazianzus (c329-389)

StF 306 Now the green blade rises

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

A branch is grafted

Reading from Acts of the Apostles 8: 26 - 39 read by Wendy Bate

Rooted, grounded and growing in Jesus

Gospel Reading: John 15: 1 - 8 read by John Bate

StF 258 You are the Vine,

Reflection - All things hold together

Prayer for Forgiveness

StF 615 Let love be real, (v. 1 & 3)

Prayers for Others

Offertory Prayer

Upper Ettingshall

Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Revd Steve Jackson. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.

Wombourne

Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am with Revd Teddy Siwila.

EASTER OFFERING DEDICATION SERVICE. Our District Officers of Methodist Women in Britain are aware that it may well be difficult for individual circuits to hold their own dedication service for this year, so they have decided to offer a District Service, with a symbolic offering, on Zoom. The date is Thursday, 13 May at 7.00pm, when readers around the District will join to lead the worship. All are invited, women and men, remembering that the money raised is for the World Mission Fund of our Church. It will be put on YouTube afterwards. For zoom details please contact Sue.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. Farewell Service for Revd. Barry and Revd. Chris on Sunday, 18 July at 6.00pm at St. Andrew's Church, Sedgley.

Coven
 Sunday Service in Church. Local Arrangement. Spaces Limited.

Cranmer
 Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Revd Sam Hagerman. Zoom link available on request from Revd Sam Hagerman.

East Park
 Sunday Service in Church at 11.00am. Local Arrangement.

Fallings Park
 Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Revd Sam Hagerman. Zoom link available on request from Revd Sam Hagerman.

Fordhouses
 Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Revd Sam Hagerman. Zoom link available on request from Revd Sam Hagerman.

Hurst Hill
 Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Revd Steve Jackson. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.

Lanesfield
 Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am with Revd William Davis.

Rakegate
 Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am. Local Arrangement.

St. Andrew's
 Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am with Tim Jevons, also live streamed on YouTube channel at "ST ANDREWS CHURCH SEDGLEY" and is accessible during the week. www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrvvypBKFcY

St. John's
 Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Revd Steve Jackson. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.

Springdale
 Sunday Service in Church and on Zoom at 10.30am with Revd Robert Readshaw. Zoom link available on request from Janet Fenney or Revd Teddy Siwila.

Stowlawn
 Not open for worship but you are welcome to join other acts of worship around the Circuit.

Stratton Street
 Sunday Service in Church 11.00am - Minister, Revd Chris Collins.

StF 608 All praise to our redeeming Lord, (v. 1, 3, 5, 6)

The Blessing
 Lord as we leave this place, may we abide in you.
 Help us to stay connected to one another and to you,
 bearing fruit wherever your love takes us.

The Grace

**The Plants in Church for May
 are in loving memory of:**

Charles and Connie Sutton

Parents of Loraine and Rob Harris

Christian Aid - 300,000 Steps Challenge
 Last year we were unable to reach out into the community with our Christian Aid Week house-to-house collection which is such a valuable source of income for the charity, and, although we learned very recently that a May 2021 house-to-house might be possible, UK supporters are encouraged to seek other means of fundraising too. Brenda Shuttleworth, a self-confessed couch potato, is taking the Christian Aid challenge to walk 300,000 steps (equivalent to about 120 miles) during May on behalf of the Wolverhampton Christian Aid committee. She will set out at 10.00am on Saturday, 1 May from the canal bridge at Newbridge, walking towards Compton.
 If you would like to support her, you can do so by going to her Just Giving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Brenda-Shuttleworth> or by sending a cheque payable to Wolverhampton Christian Aid to John Bate, 79 Cranmere Avenue, Wolverhampton, WV6 8TR, including your name address and post code if you are indicating that you wish to Gift Aid.
 If you would like to walk with Brenda one day, (max. 4 miles), please ring her on 01902 330002 to arrange details.

DONATIONS FOR ACTION FOR CHILDREN. Since the last note concerning donations for Action for Children, I have received a further £205 for the Charity. £120 of this is Gift Aided and will increase the amount raised by a further £30. Many thanks to all who have been so generous. June Sperring

CHURCH OFFICE is closed at the present time so if you need to contact me ring on my home number or email. Many thanks. Sue.

ZOOM PRAYER MEETING on a Wednesday at 9.00am. All are welcome and for further details please contact Sue.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2021

Very many thanks for all your generous donations in recent weeks. The total raised towards the Burundi Appeal was £630 - a really worthwhile sum.

Christian Aid Week this year 10 - 16 May and for those who have not already donated, this will be a further opportunity to support work across the globe to alleviate the difficulties facing the poorest of the world's poor. Current focus is on the effects of Climate Change, particularly in Kenya, and also the devastating impact of the Pandemic.

Of course opportunities for fundraising are very limited this year but there are a variety of ways to give. You could:- Support Brenda Shuttleworth's sponsored walk of 300,000 steps. Test your knowledge as you buy a copy of the Big Midlands Quiz from Roger Poole - rapoole@virginmedia.com Or donate in the traditional way using your envelope, or sending a cheque to John Bate or by paying directly into the bank :-

Acc Christian Aid Wolverhampton
Sort code 20-97-78
Acc No. 50250163 (Please ref. your name and CA Week)
Many Thanks. John & Wendy Bate

WOLVERHAMPTON CITY OF SANCTUARY invite you to an information-sharing meeting about the government's proposed New Plan for Immigration. This will take place via Zoom on Tuesday, 4 May at 11.00am.

Wolverhampton City of Sanctuary is keen to explore the possibility of developing a wider and more collective response to the proposed new legislation which is likely to be included in the Queen's Speech on 11 May.

The meeting, which will last for about an hour, will include:-

- A presentation by Emma Birks (Asylum Matters)
- A Question and Answer session to clarify understanding of the key proposals
- Consideration of possible next steps at the beginning of what could be a longer process of advocating on behalf of refugees and asylum seekers and influencing the legislators

If you would like to join the Zoom Meeting please contact Sue for the details.

"SOUL SPACE" a Sunday evening gathering for quiet and reflective worship lasting about forty minutes. We will share simple prayers, readings, poetry, quietness and reflective music. We meet on Zoom at 6.30pm. For further details contact Rev. Chris Collins.

Opportunities for Worship and Prayer around the Circuit

If you need help accessing information for on-line worship, please contact Revd Christopher Collins: christopher.collins@methodist.org.uk

Midweek Opportunities

Brewood

Evening Prayer on a Tuesday and Friday at 7.45pm, online or by phone. Details from Helen Share.

Codsall

Evening Prayer on a Tuesday and Friday at 7.45pm, online or by phone. Details from Helen Share.

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Worship on Sunday, 2 May 2021 - Easter 5

Beckminster

Sunday Service in Church and on Zoom at 10.30am with Dr. Janet Anderson. Zoom link available on request from Sue Lorimer.

Bilston

Sunday Service on Audio Phone at 11.00am with Revd William Davis. Telephone Number and Pin available from Revd William Davis, Jonathan Mtsambilwa or Andy Dale.

Bradley

Not open for worship but you are welcome to join other acts of worship around the Circuit.

Brewood

Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am with Adam Wilkinson. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.

Codsall

Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am with Adam Wilkinson. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.