

Welcome

... to the Spring 2023 edition of the East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Circuit Plan. This quarter covers almost the whole of Lent and the full Easter Season, as we follow the Way of Jesus from the wilderness, through the streets and villages of his ministry, into Jerusalem for his final confrontation with the authorities. Here we pause particularly to focus on the details of his crucifixion and resurrection, seeing how he fashions salvation out of suffering and life out of death. Then on to Pentecost, on the last Sunday of the quarter, when we place ourselves once more under the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, ready to take on the mission of Jesus as our own.

All this is an important reminder to us that God brings hope out of despair and life out of decay and death. Like most Circuits in post-Pandemic Methodism, ours has suffered its challenges, and at the Circuit Meeting on 22 March, we will be looking as honestly as we can at our current situation and be thinking about the possible future before us. We can approach this like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, with a heavy heart and a "We had hoped..." Or we can come at the task believing in a God who does new and surprising things, shaking us up and stirring us to fresh hope.

In that meeting we need to appoint Circuit Officers for the next connexional year. At present we have no nominations for Treasurer, Circuit Meeting Secretary, and we also will need up to five new Circuit Stewards. If you feel you could fill one of these roles for the benefit of the Circuit, please speak to your minister or to one of the Circuit Stewards named on the front of this plan.

This plan marks the launch of the Circuit's new combined zoom platform. **The Stream** continues all the ministry begun in lockdown under one umbrella, coordinated by Revd Rachel Moss, and we hope it will develop further into a Circuit Wide Digital Christian Community.

Please also check the Circuit Website and your Church notices for details of the Circuit Lent Groups beginning in the first week in March and also of the Holy Week reflections which the staff team will be offering online each day from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday.

May this season of reflection, conversion, resurrection and joy be a time of blessing and enrichment for us all.

Grace and peace,

David H. Bonny

Dates		March 2023				April 2023				May 2023				
		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28
		Lent 2	Lent 3	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	Lent 5 Passion Sunday	Lent 6 Palm Sunday	Easter 1	Easter 2	Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5	Easter 6	Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension	Pentecost
		Genesis 12:1-4a	Exodus 17:1-7	1 Sam. 16:1-13	Ezek. 37:1-14		Isaiah 42:1-9	Acts 2:1-4a, 22-32	Acts 2:14a, 38-41	Acts 2:42-47	Acts 7:55-60	Acts 17:22-31	Acts 1:6-14	Acts 2@1-21
		Ps. 121	Ps. 95	Ps. 23	Ps. 130	Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29	Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24	Ps. 16	Ps. 116:1-4, 12=19	Ps. 23	Ps. 31:1-5, 15-16	Ps. 68:8-20	Ps. 68:1-10, 32-35	Ps. 104:24-34, 35b
		Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	Romans 5:1-11 John 4:4-42	Ephesians 5:8-14 John 8:1-41	Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45	Matt. 21:1-11	Col. 3:1-4 Matt. 28:1-10	1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	1 Peter 2:19-25 Matt. 5:1-12	1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	1 Cor. 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23
Churches in Circuit	Service Times													
Acrsford	10.30	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	
DE12 BAW														
Barton	10.30	Cattermole	Harrell HC	Leese	Bonny	R Wood	9 am Harrell HC 10.45 Whitley	LA	Jefferson	Harrell	Wright CA	US Christian Aid	Ball	Jay
DE13 BAF														
Boylestone	14.00	Zoom	R Wood HC	Zoom	Halton	Zoom	R Wood HC	Zoom	LA	9.30 am US at Parish Church	Zoom	R Wood HC	Zoom	Cattermole
DE6 SAA														
Church Gresley	10.30	Mills	Palmer HC	LA	Ratubalavu	Music Group	Moss	Tilley	Palmer HC	Moss	Moss/ Wood HC	R Redshaw	Knowles	Parker Good Morning God
DE11 9QQ														
Draycott in the Clay	11.00	R Wood HC	Zoom	S & C Ryan	Zoom	LA	Jay (needs transport)	R Wood HC	Zoom	2.30 pm R Wood Café Church	Jefferson	Zoom	R Wood HC	Zoom
DE6 SHA														
Etwell	10.45	Appleby	Mills	Bonny HC	LA	Mills	Bonny HC	Robinson	Kilgour	A Parkinson	Tilley	Jefferson	Bonny Well- Dressing	Green
DE65 6HX														
Hilton	10.30	Laws	Bonny	Tilley	Davies	Cattermole	Cumpstone	Bonny	LA	T Parkinson	Millward	SSA	Appleby	Bonny HC
DE65 5GG														
Newhall	10.30	Redshaw	Sharpe	Knowles	Kilgour	Redshaw US HC	Redshaw HC	Sharpe	Redshaw	LA	Redshaw	Bonny	Moss	Robinson
DE11 DJU														
Overseal	10.30	Messy Church	Arnold HC	Café Church Bates	Redshaw	Messy Church	Arnold HC	Café Church Bates	Parker	Redshaw	Messy Church	Arnold HC	Café Church Bates	Redshaw
DE12 6JG														
Short Street	10.00	Bonny	Ratubalavu HC	Rolls	LA	Ratubalavu HC	Tilley	Redshaw	Ball	Ratubalavu US	Mills	Ratubalavu HC	Harrell	Laws
DE15 9LS														
Stanton	18.00	Appleby	Ratubalavu HC	Bonny	LA	R Wood	Tilley	3 pm Bonny CA	Laws	10 am US at Short Street	Moss	Bonny	Green	Ratubalavu HC
DE15 9TW	19.30			7.15 pm for 7.45pm Let's Praise									7.15 pm for 7.45 pm Let's Praise	
Stretton	10.00	Jay (needs transport)	Moss	Hancock	LA	Bonny HC	C Seager	Ratubalavu	Cattermole	Jefferson	Irons	C Seager	Leese HC	Whitley
DE13 DEA														
St Thomas's	10.00	Jefferson	T Wood	Redshaw	Harrell HC	A Parkinson	Harrell HC	Cumpstone	Leese	Jay (needs transport)	Harrell HC	LA	Cattermole	Ratubalavu
DE13 DRQ														
Ticknall	15.00	R Wood	Bonny HC	Redshaw						10 am US at Short Street				
DE73 1JY	18.00				Tilley	Ratubalavu HC	Bonny	LA	Rolls	Cumpstone	Ratubalavu HC	Moss	Bonny	
Trinity (Linton)														
DE12 6PD	10.30	Tilley	C Seager	Ball	Moss	Knowles	Rolls HC	Mills	Moss	Constantine	Appleby	LA	Redshaw HC	Moss
Uttoxeter	10.00	A Parkinson	R Wood HC	Green	Tilley	C Seager	R Wood HC	Cattermole	LA	Halton	Green	R Wood HC	J Coates	R Wood
ST14 7JQ														
The Stream Digital Fellowship	10.30	Fellowship	Fellowship	Mills HC	Fellowship	Moss	Mills HC	Fellowship	Rolls	Mills	Fellowship	Moss/Harrell HC	Mills	Harrell
The Well@ Midway	18.00	Wednesday 23 March - Worship				Wednesday 26 April - Worship				Thursday 25 May - Worship				
Oasis, Unit 6														
Messy Church		4 March 10.30 Etwell &The Well				1 April 10.30 Etwell &The Well				Etwell 13 May 10.30				
Key		B	Baptism	AAW / IGW	All-age or Inter- Generational Worship	HC	Holy Communion	Cov	Covenant Service	LA	Local Arrangement	US	United Service	