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CHURCH RE-OPENING, and SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER Preaching Plan

Most churches in the circuit have re-opened, and others are re-opening soon. Details of when and where services are being held, and which are joining in the weekly Sunday ZOOM service, are given in the circuit preaching plan.

CIRCUIT SERVICES / MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

Church Services. For those churches which have not re-opened, each Sunday currently there is a ZOOM service for our entire circuit, starting at 10.30 am.

For details of the ZOOM link for any service, please contact your minister or the Circuit Administrator.

PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

At this year’s Methodist Conference – held via Zoom – Rev Sonia Hicks was appointed to be the President of the Methodist Conference for the year 2021-2022.

We send to her our congratulations and prayers.
Climbing Snowdon ... for St Mark’s Building Project

Our CONGRATULATIONS go to Anthony Nicholls who has achieved his ambition to climb Snowdon before the end of August. He and his family went up by the Pyg Track. The upper part of the climb was in the clouds - cold, wet and windy. They came back by the Llanberis path. Altogether it took 6 hours from bottom to top to bottom. If anyone is willing to sponsor him, half of what he raises will go to Thames Hospice and half to St Mark's 2020 Vision.

Donations may be made via https://www.goldengiving.com/f/tonynicholls or by cheque to Ed Filmore.

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LATEST CIRCUIT MEETING MINUTES ON THE WEBSITE

In accordance with GDPR, although most of the website being entirely “open”, as the Minutes of Circuit Meetings may include confidential information, these are in a **MEMBERS ONLY** section.

The section is password protected. The password is available to *bona fide* members from the Circuit Webmaster or Circuit Meeting Secretary.

The latest “minutes” added are those of the Circuit Meeting held on Zoom on 17th September 2020.

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CONNEXIONAL THEME FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

Each connexional year the Methodist Church has a specific theme chosen by the President and Vice-President of Conference. This year it is “Best of all is God is with us”.

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Methodist Church Fund, Opportunities for the Disabled

There is a small Methodist connexional charity, **Opportunities for the Disabled**, which provides bursaries to registered disabled people with artistic abilities to use their talents in the service of the Church. Projects such as painting, singing and dramatic productions were cited as being suitable.

If any Methodist church or circuit has any project that may align with these purposes, please contact Sue Haworth with full details and she will pass the request on.
PICTURES TO SHARE

The Circuit has two sets of illustrated books which are intended for use with people who have problems in communication, such as those suffering with stroke or dementia.

Each Church in the Circuit has at least one book which is available for use when visiting Care Homes, etc. If you wish to take advantage, please check with your church’s Senior Steward for details of the procedure for borrowing.

THAMES VALLEY CIRCUIT ANNUAL REPORT

The Circuit’s 2020 Annual Report, for the connexional year September 2019 – August 2020 is available on the website. You can access it from the ABOUT US page of the website or by clicking this link.