

Circuit News

Dear Friends

I have just returned from the final day of our Holiday Club at West Bridgford. The words of one of the songs, sung so eagerly by the children, are running through my mind:

Our God is a great, big God and he holds us in his hands.

Life is truly a mixture of continuity and change, and this includes church life too. As we enter a new Connexional Year, Revd Simon Rose is now ordained (following the recent Methodist Conference) and Revd Marian Crawford has 'sat down' (retired). After 9 years of wonderful service as a Circuit Family Worker, Andy Harris has decided to move on to new employment with children excluded from school. In our churches there are those who have stepped down from certain responsibilities and others have been elected to take their places. To all these people, may I say on your behalf and my own: thank you for all your various ministries.

Many others will continue to hold positions of responsibility in the life of our Circuit and churches. We are particularly grateful to Margaret Thurston who has agreed to stay on an extra year as Circuit Steward and is serving as the convenor of our Circuit Invitation Committee as Revd Janet Tanner and I have, after much prayerful consideration, decided to serve the Methodist Church elsewhere from September 2016.

The year ahead will be a mixture of continuity and change, but our God is a great big God and he holds us in his hands. Please remember our Circuit in your prayers.

Paul

Revd Dr Paul Hill

Calendar

September

3	West Bridgford	7:30pm Circuit Executive
10	Keyworth	7:30pm Local Preachers' Meeting
19	Derby	District Representative Synod
21	West Bridgford	7:30pm Circuit Meeting
28	Bradmore	6:45pm Harvest Supper and Auction

October

3	Keyworth	Mabel's Market
3	Bradmore	12:45pm Family Fun Event
10	Littleover, Derby	District Discipleship Day Grow in God- Grow the Church
10	Cotgrave	7:00pm Lady Bay Community Choir Concert
24	Keyworth	Charity Card Sale

November

6 & 7	Cotgrave	Art and Craft Exhibition
14	Keyworth	Christmas Fair in the Village Hall
17	TBC	7:30pm Circuit Executive

Advance Notices

5 December	Radcliffe on Trent	Advent Fair
12 December	Ruddington	Nottingham Ukulele Orchestra
12 December	West Bridgford	Singing Christmas Tree Event Begins

Please send any articles, dates and other information for the September to November 2015 Circuit News to Andy Proffitt by **Saturday 31 October**

The next edition is expected to be available in churches on **Sunday 22 November**

The Circuit News is also available as a PDF file. If you would like to receive a copy please send an email Andy and you'll receive the next edition to read on your computer, tablet or smartphone.

News from around the Circuit

West Bridgford

It has been a pleasure and an honour to host a number of Circuit events during the last quarter. The church was full for Simon's (Revd Simon Rose) Testimony Service which took place prior to his wonderful Ordination Service in late June at Liverpool Cathedral. The church was full of wonderful displays and visitors for the Circuit Flower Festival that certainly brought the theme to life: What a Wonderful World. The church was full of love and joy when Revd Marian Crawford spoke about her years of ministry on the occasion of her 'sitting down' (retirement).

In recent days our church has held its Summer Holiday Club for children. The theme of this year's club was: Go Global. Over five days we thought about John the Baptist, Simon Peter, the Day of Pentecost, Philip and Saul (Paul) to explore with the children how the good news of Jesus spread throughout the world.

We had a great time. Our Family Workers, Karen (Middleton) and Andy (Harris) were supported by a great team of volunteers. Karen coordinated the club and was responsible for the craft activities. Andy organised games and

provided much entertainment when he dressed up as the Bible character for each day, along with performing magic tricks – some of which worked! Our minister, Paul (Revd Dr Paul Hill), retold the Bible stories and along with Andy and our young helpers – who were all fantastic – led the singing at the beginning and at the end of each session.

As expected, the Holiday Club was very well organised, but there was plenty of time and opportunity to talk to the children about Jesus. What pleased me so much was the comment of one young girl. When asked, "What have you learnt today?" She simply replied, "God loves the world and God loves me!" I cannot think of a better response. It made my heart glad.

During the coming quarter, we hope to follow up from the Holiday Club. Please join us and help us to pray for our work with children and young people.

Finally, a word of thanks to Andy Harris who has a new job. Andy will continue to be part of church life, but will no longer be one of our Family Workers. We are extremely grateful to Andy for all his hard work over so many years. Thank you.

News from around the Circuit Clifton

As I write this article, summertime has arrived; a time for relaxation, enjoyment and holidays – a time when we can appreciate the wonders of God's world. But June and July have also been busy.

In June, we were delighted to go to West Bridgford and join our many friends from around the churches for an enjoyable Circuit Service when Revd Simon Rose gave his testimony. During the month our Beaver Scouts held a 'sleep over' at church and our Golden Oldies provided a concert for our entertainment, which brought much pleasure and helped our finances.

Also in June, we held our General Church Meeting. After scones and jam we considered the needs of our members and friends and looked towards the future. As part of our discussion, we talked about our revised Luncheon Club, planned to hold more Family Services and carefully thought about how we might rearrange our small chapel to include some comfortable chairs to benefit users of our premises seeking some quietness and relief. A few days later, we held our Church

Anniversary – giving thanks for all that is past and trusting to God for all that is to come.

In July, we saw, and we were delighted, with the Circuit Flower Festival held at West Bridgford: 'What a Wonderful World'. We also joined with people from around the circuit to celebrate the ministry of another of our ministers. We were glad to celebrate with a long-time friend of Clifton, Revd Marian Crawford, as she 'sits down' (retires). At Clifton, our Boys' Brigade held an excellent Awards Night with many parents and friends applauding the achievements of the boys and girls.

We are enjoying the Summer, but as the new quarter arrives we shall look forward to our Harvest Festival and all that God has in store for us during the new Connexional year. Sadly, Andy Harris, our Family Worker is moving to a new job. We are grateful for all his hard work and will pray for him. Indeed, our small group who meet for weekly Prayers every Tuesday morning will continue to pray for the work of our church and God's leading.

News from around the Circuit

Ruddington

Thank you to everyone from the Circuit who supported the Ruddington Flower Festival held over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend. The Rainbows Children's and Young People's Hospice and the Lincs/Notts Air Ambulance received over £1500 each – a splendid result!

The other event to which many had eagerly looked forward, and which more than fulfilled our expectations, was the Ordination of Rev. Simon Rose in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on 28 June. What an overwhelming occasion! We shall long remember the sound of that mighty organ and the hundreds of voices raised together, the joy of seeing Simon and others gain full recognition of all the years of hard work and study, and the lovely feeling of 'togetherness' as we took part in the Service and shared Communion with Christian people from many other places. (The luxurious coach in which many of us travelled also helped to make the day special!)

One of our members had a very special birthday in July – John Rogers (who made the wonderful heavy wooden cross behind the Communion Table in our church

when he was a mere 92!) is now the proud recipient of a telegram from Her Majesty the Queen.

At the time of writing these notes the various organisations are enjoying the summer break, and we wish them all happy holidays, looking forward to starting up again in September.

At the beginning of September we are looking forward to our Holiday Club for children of primary school age. We are really pleased to be working together with the other Ruddington churches on this project. Last year we welcomed over 50 children to this two day event and hope to do the same again. Our theme is inspired by the Minions from the film of the same name and their quest to find a despicable leader and linking this to our need for Jesus to be the leader in our lives.

We have a Concert by the Nottingham Ukulele Orchestra arranged for 12th December at 7.30pm (not 7pm as previously stated) and details of this and other Autumn events will be sent out later.

News from around the Circuit
Bradmore

Bradmore Open Gardens day was disappointingly damp – though considerably lightened by the Roving Barber Shop singers who performed in every open garden round the village and in the tea-room with a bright rendering of, “What A Wonderful World”, and other songs. A total of £1080 was raised for the Nottinghamshire Leukemia Appeal (and £24.10 in “pennies” for the Bradmore church steeple); many thanks to all who contributed in any way.

Our next major event is the Harvest weekend, with the Festival service at 10:15 on Sunday 27 September followed by the ever-popular harvest supper and auction of produce, raising money for the Friary Drop-In. Please book with John and Jean Pooley, tel: 0115 9213123, tickets £6/£3 for children.

The following weekend features our Family Fun Event on Saturday 3rd October, for 5-13 year olds and their parents or carers – bookings to Andy Proffitt please. The afternoon begins with registration

at 12:45 and moves on to “Bugs’n’Bones”, a return of the popular hands-on show with various creatures. This starts at 1pm and there will be an opportunity to take photographs from 2-2:30. Following on, there is an hour of Fun Crafts including Bug Jenga, build a giant T-Rex, snake in the grass activity and more.

A number of young people from our youth group took part in a weekend away at Stathern Lodge in June along with other teens from Ruddington and Keyworth. Using images from the “Christ we Share” material they spent time looking at the person of Jesus and aspects of his character. Crafts included making a large mosaic picture of the face of Christ using torn up magazines. It’s currently on display in Keyworth Methodist and looks stunning!

In September we are starting a Youth Alpha course exploring the Christian Faith in a fun and relevant way. It will be at Bradmore on Sunday evenings and aimed at young people from across our section.

Keyworth

Our Keylink Charity Committee hosted a Mammoth Book Sale in the Church Hall in June. There were thousands of books all sorted into many and varied categories and what we had left was on sale at the Keyworth Show in July.

A total of £905.00 was raised, which disappointingly was well down compared to 2013. Whether this lower amount was the 'Kindle effect', the weather or other factors who's to know? However it is money that the charity Self Help Africa would not otherwise have had and it will be useful and very much appreciated, doing an enormous amount of good to those in need.

The next charity event will be Mabel's Market on 3 October when there will be Traidcraft goods and handmade cards on sale. If any readers have suitable items they wish to donate to the bric-a-brac stall or garden produce, cakes and preserves, etc. please bring them early [very!] on the day.

Our Church Fellowship Group held a Garden Party in July. There were cake, card, craft, bring and buy stalls and a bouncy castle for the younger ones. Despite a very grey and chilly afternoon the excellent

total of £291 for MWiB funds was raised.

Our annual Holiday Club was held at the end of July in Keyworth Primary School. This year the theme was 'Polar Explorers.' 71 primary age children learnt stories from the book of Acts about of some of Jesus' first followers over the week. We ended the week with a celebration service proclaiming that no one is too ordinary, too far, too bad or too young to be part of God's expedition. Our holiday club an ecumenical event led by Andy Proffitt with a team drawn from the other churches in the village.

We have a good number of members booked for our church holiday cum retreat on Lindisfarne next June. We have already filled the Retreat Centre and are beginning to spill over into other accommodation. These events serve to increase our fellowship with each other and enable a closer understanding of God's purpose for us.

Our Christmas Fair [yes it's that time already!] is booked for Saturday 14 November so put the date in your diary to buy those 'things' for Christmas.

Radcliffe on Trent

We had a rather wet church family picnic in June- which took place in the church hall due to the weather, but was enjoyed by all.

In June we had a successful concert by the Newark and Sherwood Concert Band which raised £466 towards our regeneration fund.

Our float in the Radcliffe Carnival celebrated the moon landing and was followed on the Sunday by a wonderful service led by Louise Detain.

We are now looking forward to a prayer day in September in order to seek God's will and to focus on the direction, vision and future of our church for 2015-2016.

Our Harvest Festival will be on 20 September. The Church Anniversary weekend will be celebrated with a Barn Dance on Saturday 17 October and this will be followed by a service on Sunday 18 October led by the Chair of District, Loraine Mellor.

Our Advent Fair will take place on Saturday 5 December and will include our Community Café.

What a Wonderful World

A huge thank you to all of you who contributed in any way to making the Circuit Flower Festival the great success that it was.

-to those of you who raised money, prepared and arranged the displays, welcomed, baked, grew plants, made jams, stewarded, provided music, served food, washed up, visited, brought family and friends along, chatted with visitors... the list goes on.

We are truly grateful for the time given and the skills shared. So, did we achieve our objectives? I think so.

-We certainly worked together, and friendships were made or grew
-We involved people beyond our church membership
-We were welcoming and shared God's love, and hopefully this may have encouraged a few people to join us on a regular basis

-We illustrated just a few aspects of God's Wonderful World with flowers
-And we raised £4,217 (including the amount raised by churches prior to the event) for Circuit funds to help us to continue our work in the communities across the Circuit.

Well done to everyone and thank you for your support.

Margaret Thurston

Note. If you think we could have done something better, or differently, please let me know. We may decide to do another festival sometime, you never know!

	September 2015				October	
Service Times	6	13	20	27	4	11
		Racial Justice Sunday				
Cycle of Prayer	Circuit	WB	Clifton	Gotham	ROT	Cotgrave
West 10.30 Bridgford 3.00 NG2 7PQ 5.30	P Hill HC Faith & Light	J Mellor Soul Café @ 5.30pm	P Hill WT	L Detain	P Hill HF Faith & Light	P Hill HC Soul Café @ 5.30pm
Clifton 10.30 NG11 8AU	M Heard	P Hill HC	J Collinson	P Hill HF	J Mellor	R Farrow
Gotham 11.00 NG11 0HW	Parish Church	M Blyth	Parish Church	Parish Church	Parish Church	R Johnson
Radcliffe on Trent 8.30 10.00 NG12 2AG	P Curtis	J Tanner HC V TTC JT 4pm	J Tanner HF WT	L Blyth	J Smith	R Jones TTC JT 4pm
Cotgrave 10.30 NG12 3JR	J Tanner CFW	A Harris WT	J Clark	J Tanner HC	L Beaumont HF	J Tanner HC WT
Tollerton 10.30 NG12 4EA	K Jones	R Jones HF	US St Peter	S Foulds	J Tanner HC	P Curtis
Keyworth 8.30 NG12 5AH 10.15 4.00 6.30	S Rose HC	R Wilcockson TTP	S Rose HC WT @ St. Marys	D Kerr S Rose	A Barker HC	S Rose HF TTP
Ruddington 10.30 NG11 6EF 6.00	R Leake S Rose	B Horler	S Rose HC	M Lees	S Rose HF J Tanner	J Clark
Bradmore 10.15 NG11 6PE	US Bunny 10am	S Rose HC	B Horler	S Rose HF	US Bunny 10am	D Morley

Please send all requests for the next Plan to the Superintendent Minister by 4 October 2015

er 2015		November 2015				
18	25	1	8	15	22	29
		All Saints Day	Remembrance	Prisons Sunday	Christ the King	Advent Sunday
Tollerton	Keyworth	Ruddington	Bradmore	WB	Clifton	Gotham
M Heard WT	L Mellor	P Hill HC Faith & Light	P Hill WT Soul Caf� @ 5.30pm	R Jones	R Johnson	P Hill
L Beaumont	P Hill HC	A Harris	A Barker	D Morley	P Hill HC	D Kerr
Parish Church	Parish Church	Parish Church	Parish Church	Parish Church	Parish Church	Parish Church
L Mellor CA	J Tanner HC	D Kerr	J Tanner TTC JT 4pm	M Blyth	R Leake	J Tanner HC
S Foulds	J Mellor	J Smith	R Farrow WT	J Tanner HC	L Blyth	I Collinson
P Johns US	R Leake	J Tanner HC	B Horler	LA CA US SOP	J Clark	R Farrow
S Rose HC LA HM WT	P Curtis S Rose HC	S Rose HC	P Johns TTP	S Rose HC WT @ St Mary's	S Foulds P Hill	LA
S Rose HC	K Jones	I Collinson S Rose	RS @ St Peter's	P Curtis	L Beaumont	S Rose HM HC
R Wilcockson	S Rose CA	US Bunny 10am	D Kerr	S Rose HC	L Detain	J Smith

Key

Bap = Baptism service

BS = Bereavement service

CA = Church Anniversary

CFW = Church Family Weekend

CS = Circuit Service

F&L = Faith and Light

FS = Family Service

G = Gift Service

HC = Holy Communion

H F = Harvest Festival

HM = Home Mission

LA = Local Arrangement

MS = Mission Service

Soul Caf  = Contemporary caf -style worship

SPP = Songs of Praise

TTC = Teatime Church

TTP = Teatime Praise

US = United Service

V = Vision Weekend

WT = Worship Together

Lectionary Readings Year B September 2015 - November 2015

6th September		Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
AM	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Psalm 146	James 2:1-10, 14-17	Mark 7:24-37	
PM	Exodus 14:5-31	Psalm 119:49-56		Matthew 6:1-18	
13th September		Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
AM	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 116:1-9	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38	
PM	Exodus 18:13-26	Psalm 119:73-80		Matthew 7:1-14	
20th September		Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
AM	Jeremiah 11:18--20	Psalm 54	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37	
PM	Exodus 19:10-25	Psalm 119:137-144		Matthew 8:23-34	
27th September		Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
AM	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Psalm 19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50	
PM	Exodus 24:1-18	Psalm 120;121		Matthew 9:1-8	
4th October		Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time			
AM	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16	
PM	Joshua 3:7-17	Psalm 125; 126		Matthew 10:1-22	
11th October		Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
AM	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31	
PM	Joshua 5:13-6:20	Psalm 127		Matthew 11:20-30	
18th October		Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
AM	Isaiah 53:4-12	Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45	
PM	Joshua:14:6-14	Psalm 141		Matthew 12:1-21	
25th October		Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
AM	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Psalm 126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52	
PM	Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:14	Psalm 119:121-136	2 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 18:9-14	
1st November		All Saints Day			
AM	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 24	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44	
PM	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalm 148; 150	Hebrews 11:32-12:2	Mark 8:34-9:1	
8th November		Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time			
AM	1 Kings 17:8-16	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44	
PM	Isaiah 10:33-11:9	Psalm 46		John 14:23-29	
15th November		Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
AM	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25	Mark 13:1-8	
PM	Daniel 3:13-30	Psalm 95		Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	
22nd November		Sunday before Advent			
AM	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37	
PM	Daniel 5:1-31	Psalm 72:1-7		John 6:1-15	
29th November		First Sunday of Advent			
AM	Jeremiah 23:14-16	Psalm 25:1-10	I Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36	
PM	Joel 3:9-21	Psalm 9:1-8	Revelation 14:13-15:4	John 3:1-17	

News from around the Circuit
Cotgrave



Art and Craft Exhibition

6th & 7th November

Fri 2-4pm & Sat 10:30-3pm



This is a display of Art from a local Artist and other exhibits from Cotgrave Art and Craft Group. The paintings will be on sale via a closed bid auction throughout the exhibition.

Bids will be opened at 3pm on Saturday 26th September.

All monies raised for Opening Doors Community Engagement Project at Cotgrave Methodist Church.



Saturday 10th October 7-9pm The Lady Bay Community Choir Concert



Entrance £5 with refreshments

@ **Cotgrave Methodist Church**
+ **Bingham Road**



Raising funds for the Opening Doors
Community Engagement Project
at Cotgrave Methodist Church

Moving on with GOD - Following JESUS - Caring for our COMMUNITY

£1 week

Art & Craft Group
Tuesday 8th September onwards
Now, Every Tuesday at 1:30-3pm



Have you always wanted to have a go at painting, drawing, or sewing, or other crafts. This group is a relaxed way to give it a go just for fun whilst having a chat and cuppa. Do you spend a lot of time on your own in the house then why not give this group a go, all abilities, welcome! This group is for anyone interested in art or crafts, beginners or experts!
Call Lynda on 9894670 for further info.

From Rev Marian Crawford

I had an amazing weekend giving thanks to God for the 35 years that have passed since I started my ministerial training in Manchester.

My family had prepared many surprises for me and it culminated in the service on the Sunday evening, July 19th, when our closing hymn – To God be the glory – said what I wanted to say! On that

evening I received a very generous gift from you all in the circuit. Many, many thanks!! It will be spent wisely and prayerfully.

I'm not going anywhere so will be a supernumerary in Nottingham South continuing to support Faith and Light, L'Arche and, where possible, the circuit.
Thank you again.

Marian

Methodist Women in Britain

The Circuit Easter Offering Service was held at Radcliffe Methodist Church at 6.30pm on Sunday, 17 May. It was led by Jean Smith with ladies from around the Circuit taking part with additional readings from Kenya, Croatia and Sri Lanka, partner churches engaged in healing and healthcare, where the Church is involved overseas in national and international reconciliation.

Prepared by Methodist Women in Britain, this year's service drew inspiration from the prophetic visions of the Tree of Life, the logo for the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, which celebrated its 75th anniversary in October 2014, and of which MWiB is a part. During worship, prayers for reconciliation and healing for our troubled world were written on paper leaves and hung on the Prayer Tree.

Our thanks to all those taking part, and to the ladies at Radcliffe for their hospitality and refreshments.

District Day Monday 13 July at Ripley Methodist Church. During the morning we heard reports from Connexion and from churches around the District involved in projects for fund raising, spiritual reflection, and fun. After lunch Rev

Dr Keith Albans inspired us with his report on how we can become more 'dementia friendly' churches, offering welcome and inclusion for all, whatever their state of health or ability.

MWiB have produced a pack of spiritual and practical resources to help everyone, in both their church life and their neighbourhood, to become more dementia friendly for people living with dementia, and those who care for them. The pack costs £5 and can be obtained through the MWiB website, at the next District Day, or through Jean Smith, who has a copy for anyone to look at, but not to take away!

The total Circuit Easter Offering for the World Mission Fund, amounted to £1727, and on their behalf we thank all the churches in the Circuit for their efforts.

District Day Saturday 17 October at 10.30am. This will be a morning session only when 3 people will report on their experiences of the Advent Retreat last year.

Willersley Week Monday 14 to Thursday 17 March 2016, speaker Anne Browse, our new national MWiB President.

Swanwick National Residential Weekend 15-17 April 2016, speaker Dr Jill Barber, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference.

Jean Smith

Singing Christmas Tree

West Bridgford are planning a major project for December 2015, and want members and friends across the circuit to put the following dates in their diaries now!

On Tuesday 8 December a specialist scaffolding firm will be building a nine metre high structure in front of the church balcony, with three platforms at varying heights to hold a group of 24 – 30 performers. During the following three days the tower will be decorated to resemble an enormous Christmas Tree, complete with garlands and lights, and we are looking for volunteers both beforehand and in December to help with this creative task.

Once everything is set up, we are inviting everyone from the circuit to a **Gala Evening on Saturday 12 December** when we will have a celebration meal in the church and an opportunity for individuals and small groups to perform musical items to entertain the assembled company. If you think you could assist with catering or performance, please let us know.

It is hoped that the 'Christmas Tree' will be an attractive focus for our worship on two Sundays, 13th and 20th December, with lots of folk from the local community coming to join us for carols and nativity plays. Then the 'Christmas Tree' will be available for school groups to hold daytime events and community groups to give **evening concert performances over six days, Monday 14 – Saturday 19 December** - we already have eight confirmed bookings.

We hope that you will do all you can to give this initiative your full support, particularly by attending some of the concerts. There will be no charge for any of the events, but we will be inviting donations to cover our costs and hopefully to raise funds for the church and circuit

If you would like more details, please contact John Heard, and do consider if you might be able to help with this exciting project which is sure to generate lots of interest in the area.

I am the minister, I am..

I am the minister,
I am the pastor, the carer, the listener
the one with the time to drop everything and
I also understand global politics and immigration and
I am the one who knows about Afghanistan
and cares about 'our boys'
and I care about speed-humps graffiti, litter, pigeon poo on the path
and the positioning of zebra crossings near schools.
I am passionate about school assemblies
council meetings
mums and toddlers and also
I am good at one-to-one and small groups
and I listen and empathise and at the same time
I am the one who plans and strategizes and
I am the one who understands budgets
and decides if we can buy any staples
or replace the heating system.
I am the minister, I am.

I am the quiet reflective prayer and
I am the speaker, the enthuser, the motivator, the learned teacher and
I can engage a room of 10, 50, 300 people
with no problem because
I am the one who relates particularly well
to children, older people, the middle-aged
the jobless, the employed
the doctors, teenagers and
I am the one who is always one step ahead and
I am the one who is endearingly disorganised.
I am the minister, I am.

I care passionately about church politics
I care passionately about domestic abuse
I listen to the President
the chair of district and Robert Schnase.
I am up-to-date with theological developments.
I understand the history of the reformation
the life of John Wesley

Singing the Faith

CPD and TMCP

the armed forces, the war, the government

the Jewish background of Jesus and

I care about the excluded and

I manage my admin and

I know how to access children's services.

I am the minister, I am.

I am the one in whom trust is placed

I am the one in whom grumbles are placed

I am the one who is always talking to everyone else

I am the one who models worship marriage, family

gardening, conversation, baking prayer, listening, talking, planning.

I often get it wrong.

I am the one who has to keep my doubts

under wraps and

I am also the one who is vulnerable and

dependable, stable, trustworthy.

I am the one who chairs meetings

I am the one who manages group discussions

I am the volunteer co-ordinator

the opinion co-ordinator

the trespasser on the territory of people

who have been around a lot longer than me

and will be there after me.

I am the minister, I am.

I understand the heating system

the financial system, the rota system.

I love committees.

I drink tea with older people

and coffee with younger people

I listen to stories of bus routes and hospital visits and

I believe in transforming our community

through the power of Jesus.

I am the minister, I am.

I am the one who is very tired.

I am the one who still smiles

I am the one who only works one day a week.

I am the one who loves this job.

I am the one who is making it up as I go along.

I am the one who would not swap this for anything.

I am the minister, I am.

HELP!

'Marian, it's cancelled. I was looking forward to it. We're not meeting now till September.'

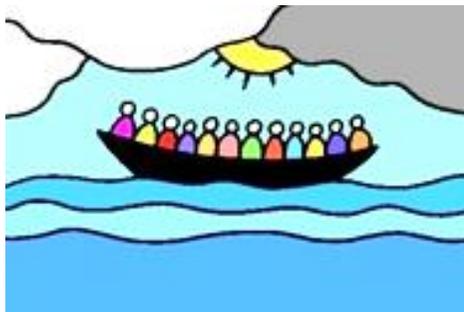
For the first time in more than 10 years we have had to cancel a Faith and Light meeting.

It was to be our picnic held at our Clifton church in August and we have disappointed our friends with learning difficulties.

With a number of people away, we did not have enough transport or helpers to enable it to happen.

This will happen again if we don't find new volunteers. Those who answered the original call to help are now 10 years older!!

Please prayerfully consider if this is something you could get involved in. Contact me for a chat. Marian Crawford



Win Win

A small group of Circuit members have been looking at ways of generating additional funds.

Here's one of their findings.

Did you know that when you take out a Home Shield policy with Methodist Insurance they will donate 20% of your first year's premium to a charity of your choice? On average this amounts to £40 so not only do you protect your home and its contents but you also support a cause close to your heart.

They can be contacted on

0845 606 1331

www.methodistinsurance.co.uk/charitydonation

Georgia 2016

This year Methodists celebrated Pentecost and Wesley Day on the same day. So we were celebrating both the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the first followers of Jesus almost two thousand years ago in Jerusalem, and the outpouring of the Spirit in John Wesley's famous 'heart-warming' experience in Aldersgate Street in 1738. Had either of those events not occurred we should not be the Methodist Circuit we are today.

The immediate background to Wesley's 'conversion' experience was in the bitter-sweet period he spent (in part with his brother, Charles) in Georgia, USA, from which he had returned just a few months earlier, an experience that left him wondering just where he

stood on his personal spiritual journey.

Together with aspects of more recent American History - the American Civil War, Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement - the experiences of the Wesley brothers will be at the heart of a visit to Georgia which June and Peter Curtis of our Keyworth church are organising in March of next year. Their trip will follow the story of the Wesleys in Savannah and further south, in Frederica on St Simon's Island.

If you would like details of that trip June and Peter Curtis would be delighted to provide them.



	September 2015				October 2015				November 2015					
	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	
Service Times		Racial Justice Sunday							All Saints Day	Remembrance	Prisons Sunday	Christ the King	Advent Sunday	
Cycle of Prayer	Circuit	WB	Clifton	Gotham	ROT	Cotgrave	Tollerton	Keyworth	Ruddington	Bradmore	WB	Clifton	Gotham	
West Bridgford NG2 7PQ	10.30 3.00 5.30	P Hill HC Faith & Light	J Mellor Soul Café @ 5.30pm	P Hill WT	L Detain	P Hill HF Faith & Light	P Hill HC Soul Café @ 5.30pm	M Heard WT	L Mellor	P Hill HC Faith & Light	P Hill WT Soul Café @ 5.30pm	R Jones	R Johnson	P Hill
Clifton NG11 8AU	10.30	M Heard	P Hill HC	J Collinson	P Hill HF	J Mellor	R Farrow	L Beaumont	P Hill HC	A Harris	A Barker	D Morley	P Hill HC	D Kerr
Gotham NG11 0HW	11.00	Parish Church	M Blyth	Parish Church	Parish Church	Parish Church	R Johnson	Parish Church	Parish Church	Parish Church	Parish Church	Parish Church	Parish Church	Parish Church
Radcliffe on Trent NG12 2AG	8.30 10.00	P Curtis	J Tanner HC V TTC JT 4pm	J Tanner HF WT	L Blyth	J Smith	R Jones TTC JT 4pm	L Mellor CA	J Tanner HC	D Kerr	J Tanner TTC JT 4pm	M Blyth	R Leske	J Tanner HC
Cotgrave NG12 3/R	10.30	J Tanner CFW	A Harris WT	J Clark	J Tanner HC	L Beaumont HF	J Tanner HC WT	S Foulds	J Mellor	J Smith	R Farrow WT	J Tanner HC	L Blyth	J Collinson
Tollerton NG12 4EA	10.30	K Jones	R Jones HF	US St Peter	S Foulds	J Tanner HC	P Curtis	P Johns US	R Leake	J Tanner HC	B Horler	LA CA 110 SOP	J Clark	R Farrow
Keyworth NG12 5AH	8.30 10.15 4.00 6.30	S Rose HC	R Wilcockson TTP	S Rose HC WT @ St. Marys	D Kerr S Rose	A Barker HC	S Rose HF TTP	S Rose HC LA HM WT	P Curtis S Rose HC	S Rose HC	P Johns TTP	S Rose HC WT @ St Marys	S Foulds	LA P Hill
Ruddington NG11 6EF	10.30 6.00	R Leake S Rose	B Horler	S Rose HC	M Lees	S Rose HF J Tanner	J Clark	S Rose HC	K Jones	J Collinson S Rose	RS @ St Peters	P Curtis	L Beaumont	S Rose HM HC
Bradmore NG11 6PE	10.15	10 Bunny 10am	S Rose HC	B Horler	S Rose HF	10 Bunny 10am	D Morley	R Wilcockson	S Rose CA	10 Bunny 10am	D Kerr	S Rose HC	L Detain	J Smith

Please send all requests for the next Plan to the Superintendent Minister by 4 October 2015

Key

- Bap = Baptism service
- BS = Bereavement service
- CA = Church Anniversary
- CFW = Church Family Weekend
- CS = Circuit Service
- F&L = Faith and Light
- FS = Family Service
- G = Gift Service
- HC = Holy Communion
- H F = Harvest Festival
- HM = Home Mission
- LA = Local Arrangement
- MS = Mission Service
- Soul Café = Contemporary café-style worship
- SPP = Songs of Praise
- TTC = Teatime Church
- TTP = Teatime Praise
- US = United Service
- V = Vision Weekend
- WT = Worship Together