

SPOTLITE OCTOBER 2020



Happy
Halloween



Black Country Circuit – Next Circuit Service

Following on from other successful Saturday morning circuit services, circuit service is on Saturday 17th October, on zoom. Zoom room will be for coffee and fellowship from 10:30am and the service celebrating and thanks for the work of MHA will commence at 11am.



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Zoom details are –

Phone number, for those not able to access online 0131 460 1196 or 0203 901 7895

*Meeting ID (online or phone) 856 6283 7177
(followed by # for those on the phone)*

For those joining by phone, you don't need a participant ID, just enter #

*Meeting Password 414668
(followed by # for those on the phone)*

The service is being led by lay members of the Circuit Leadership Team

Order of Service

Call to Worship and Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving and Confession:

Singing the Faith 33 – O Lord we are always in your presence
Singing the Faith 45 (verses 1, 2, 6 and 11 only) – Earth's creator, everyday God
Singing the Faith 435 – We come to you with no pretence
Singing the Faith 78 – Give thanks with a grateful heart

Bible Reading: Ruth 2:1-13

Hymn: Singing the Faith 693 – Beauty for brokenness

Introduction

Video: Erika's Story

Hymn: Singing the Faith 611 – Brother, sister, let me serve you

Video: Erika's Story

Reflection

Hymn: Singing the Faith 610 – Best of all is God is with us

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Singing the Faith 503 – Love divine, all loves excelling

Closing Prayers



We're not allowed to sing in church services at the moment, but we make up for it with plenty of singing in our online worship, led by Steve & Helen Allen

The next circuit service after this will be on Saturday 5th December, 10:30am for 11am service and will be an Advent Service.

COVID-SAFE WORSHIP

You will know from our last edition of Spotlight that we have created as safe a place as possible for worship and it has been lovely to see people in church on Sunday mornings since we re-opened.



We continue to monitor Government, The Methodist Church and Local Council guidelines and rules to ensure that we act appropriately. Thank you to everyone who comes for adhering to the protocols we have put in place. We hope that you feel safe attending worship.

I am sorry to have to keep reminding people to adhere to the 2m rule, use hand sanitiser and to not sing, move out of the concourse into the worship area when you arrive and then move out to the carpark, and move away from the doors after the service but this is for everyone's safety. The last thing any of us want is for Public Health England to visit our premises and discover we are not practising all that is included in our Risk Assessment.

Please remember three words – HANDS, FACE, SPACE – so that everyone who wants to, can feel comfortable worshipping with us.

Helen Allen

COVID-19 Co-ordinator

Harvest Thanksgiving

Thank-you to everyone who donated to our Food Bank Harvest this year; we didn't see Beryl pushing her trolley round to the foodbank this year, but we did have Linda on guard outside church looking after all the food everyone gave (thankfully the rain held off).

Thanks too to Rev Carole Holden for leading our Harvest Thanksgiving service and for the insight into the rural ministry in her first circuit where they actually had Harvest Festival Thanksgiving in the truest sense, just without any of the "spiritual stuff" of course! (see, I was listening!)

While we weren't able to sing our traditional harvest hymns, the service started with "Come ye thankful people, come" as Rev Carole brought our monetary offerings into church and closed with Rev Carole leading us in a spoken version of "We plough the fields and scatter", with a final verse and chorus played on the organ.



All good gifts around us, are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord for all his love.

How can we celebrate Christmas 2020 at Wesley?

Many of the services and events that usually happen at Wesley over the Advent and Christmas period will not of course be able to take place as they would usually due to the coronavirus pandemic.

But of course, Christmas isn't cancelled!

I am sure there are some creative people reading this edition of Spotlight?

Please get your thinking caps on for ideas of how we can celebrate Christmas within our own church family and also how we might be able to spread the good news of Jesus' birth in a covid-19-safe way to those in our wider community.

No idea is a silly idea; if you have any ideas, please get in touch. A few things we've thought of – A Virtual Christmas Tree Festival, Outdoor carol singing, a large Christmas Tree outside of Wesley.

Steve and I have some really crazy ideas sometimes, such as holding Sunday evening worship on zoom! But unless we share these ideas, discuss them, try them, we will never know....

Thank-you

Steve & Helen Allen

Well pickle my onions!

As many of you will know, for the last few years I have been producing some jars of homemade pickled onions which have then been on sale at the Christmas Tree Festival and have produced a small amount of profit for the Church.

It is my intention to continue to produce these this year even though there will presumably be no Christmas Tree Festival to sell them at.

So if you would like to purchase a jar or two or even three of my pickled onions let me know by phone, text or e mail and as long as you don't live too far away I will get them to you.

They are far better than Tesco's or Asda's !

Ian P Collett

Onion pickler extraordinaire

STOP THE PRESS PICKLED ONIONS NOW AVAILABLE!!!

Top 10 Christmas Carols

Yes, it's not long until Christmas; we haven't a clue how we will all be celebrating this year, with families, friends or within Wesley, however I will be collating votes for the Wesley Top 10 Carols as I have in previous years and will announce the non-movers and new entries to the charts at some point.

Please choose your favourite 5 carols and return your form to your group leader, Helen Allen or via email (info@wesleywestbrom.co.uk) by 1st December. (the numbers are from Singing the Faith)

A Boy Is Born in Bethlehem	-	Joy to the World	330
A Great and Mighty wonder	-	Let earth and heaven combine	208
A special star, a special star	223	Let me tell you about a baby	209
Advent candles tell their story	165	Light a candle in a darkened place	174
Angels, from the realms of glory	190	Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness	175
As with gladness men of old	224	Like a candle flame, flickering small in our darkness	176
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed	191	Little Donkey	
Beneath the paper wrappings	192	Lo, he comes with clouds descending	177
Bethlehem, of noblest cities	225	Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come	178
Birth brings a promise of new life awaking	226	Love came down at Christmas	210
Born in the night, Mary's child	193	Mary and Joseph came to the Temple	229
Brightest and best of the sons of the morning	227	My Lord! What a morning	179
Child of joy and peace	194	Night of peace: hail the holy child	211
Christians, awake, salute the happy morn	195	O Christmas Tree	-
Christmas is coming! The Church is glad to sing	166	O come, all ye faithful	212
Colours of day dawn into the mind	167	O come, O come, Immanuel	180
Come and join the celebration	196	O Holy Night	-
Come, Lord Jesus, come	168	O little town of Bethlehem	213
Come, thou long-expected Jesus	169	Of the Father's love begotten	181
Coventry Carol	-	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry	182
Cradled in a manger, meanly	197	Once in royal David's city	214
Darkness like a shroud covers the earth	170	Praise to the God who clears the way	183
Deck the Halls	-	Riding out across the desert	230
Ding Dong Merrily on High	-	Round orange, round orange, you serve as a sign	184
Emmanuel, Emmanuel	198	See him lying on a bed of straw	216
Glory be to God on high	199	See, amid the winter's snow	215
Go tell it to the Mountain	-	Silent night, holy night	217
God is born among us: earth receives the Christ child	200	Sing we the King who is coming to reign	185
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen	-	Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!	186
Good Christian Men Rejoice	-	The Angel Gabriel from heaven came	187
Good King Wenceslas	-	The First Noel	-
Good news, good news to you we bring	201	The Holly and the Ivy	-
Hail to the Lord's Anointed	228	The silent stars shine down on us	231
Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes	171	There's a light upon the mountains	188
Hark! The herald-angels sing	202	Through long years of watchful waiting	232
Hills of the north, rejoice	172	Unto us a boy is born!	218
I had a dream that I was standing on a hillside	203	We see the eyes of Mary shine	219
I Saw Three Ships	-	We Three Kings of Orient are	-
In the bleak midwinter	204	When a young unmarried couple	220
Into the darkness of this world	173	When Jesus came to Jordan	233
It came upon a midnight clear	205	While shepherds watched their flocks	221
It was on a starry night	206	Who would think that what was needed	222
Jesus is the heart of Christmas	207	Wild and lone the prophet's voice	189

I am pleased to say that we have continued with our weekly Zoom Anchor Boy meetings, these are enjoyed by the boys and their families. As I write we are on the letter 'Q'. We have made deliveries to the boys so that we were able to make a cake together, play dough and decorate glass jars with leaves and petals to make a candle holder.

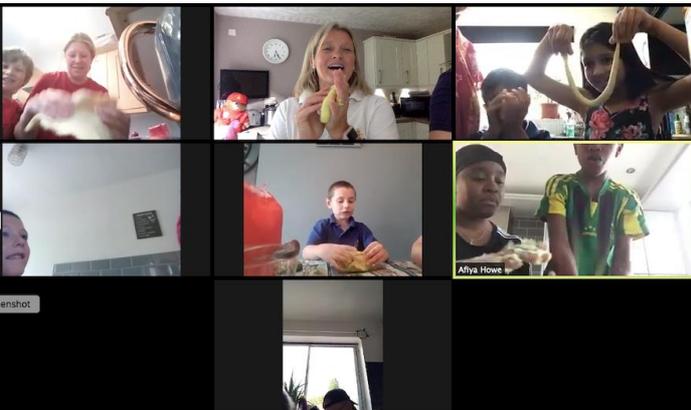
We have been successful in obtaining a grant therefore we have provided the boys with a box of materials which can be used during the meetings and once we return face to face they will have their own equipment, so this will reduce the risk of cross contamination.

Every year in October the Battalion hold a parade service, however this year due to covid-19 this is being held virtually. Our boys have been asked to take part in the service by saying our Anchor Boy prayer, which we use at the end of each meeting and performing an action song. In order to do this when we delivered the activity boxes to the boys we recorded them saying the prayer and singing Father Abraham.

As part of our Harvest at Wesley the boys also donated to the food bank.

Making Play Dough

VE Day Badges



Activity Boxes



Food Bank Collection



Time To Get Active – September 2020

As many of you will already know during the month of September Jane and Ruth have taken part in the “Time To Get Active” challenge in order to raise much needed funds for Parkinson UK, a cause which for obvious reasons is now very close to our hearts.

Jane’s aim was to cycle 500kms (310 miles) during the month and Ruth’s aim was to run 50kms (31 miles) during the month.

I can report that Jane has been up and out every morning during the month, on week days by 6.00am, and cycled 14/15 miles a day before going to work and by the end of the month had exceeded her target and cycled in the region of 736kms (457 miles).

Ruth has equally been out running every other day and has achieved her target of 50kms.

Team Collett has exceeded their original target and to date has raised over £1500.

Jane, Ruth and I would like to thank all of you who have made generous donations to this cause, your support is really appreciated, thank you.

The window for making donations stays open until the end of October so if you haven’t donated already but would like to you still can.

Thank you again for your support.

Ian, Jane and Ruth



Information regarding all things Wesley can be found below.

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Jasmine.whatmore@yahoo.co.uk

**ALL ITEMS TO ME BY MONDAY 7th DECEMBER
PLEASE**

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