



# Wealdstone Methodist Church

## News for week beginning 23 August 2020 *the twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Minister: The Revd. John Swarbrick, officially until 31 August but he is now on leave.

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## We Worship at Home

### *Lectionary Readings for this Week:*

Isaiah 51: 1-6, Romans 12: 1-8, Matthew 16: 13-20

### **A Prayer**

When we see only trouble, Jesus, be our vision  
When we feel only uncertainty, Jesus, be our rock  
When we hear only bad news, Jesus, be our hope  
In all the circumstances of our lives,  
Jesus, our companion, be a light to our path. Amen

### **Alternative forms of Worship**

#### **Online: Sunday**

*The Harrow and Hillingdon Circuit Service* starts at 10.45am on Zoom.  
This week the service will be led by The Revd Ruth Gee.

To join the service please log on to Zoom and use:

Meeting ID: 824 5610 9501 Passcode: 681517

*Central Hall Westminster:* Live service at 11.00am at [www.mchw.live](http://www.mchw.live)  
or [www.Youtube.com/mchwevents](https://www.youtube.com/mchwevents)

*Wesley's Chapel:* Live services at 9.45am and 11.00am at  
[www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/livestreaming](http://www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/livestreaming)

*The Methodist Church web site,* [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk) has links for  
prayer and worship resources that we can use at home.

**Dial a Prayer:** A free phone service from the Methodist Church.

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514. Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

## **Wealdstone Zoom**

After the Circuit Zoom service if anyone would like to have a chat on Zoom with friends from Wealdstone please join Helen at 12noon for about 45 minutes maximum. Hope to see some of you then!

Please Click on the link on the church web site or log on to Zoom using Meeting ID: 880 3622 3175 and password wmcservice.

## **Circuit Prayer Diary**

The Circuit keeps a prayer diary and we are invited to pray for each Circuit church in turn using requests that the churches have sent in. This week we pray for *Ruislip Methodist Church*.

Be with us as we return to worship together in church here and everywhere. May the anxious feel they can partake in safety. It will be different but so good to join together again. Guide our leaders in these fresh ways. We are so thankful to be here and well.

## **Zoom House Group**

The next Zoom House Group meeting will be at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25 August when we will be thinking about the topic of *Bearing Witness*. If anyone else would like to join the group please email Helen at [whelen.riley@ntlworld.com](mailto:whelen.riley@ntlworld.com) and she will send you the link and information nearer the time.

## **Friendship Café**

Join us for our Wednesday lunchtime *Zoom* from 1.00pm until at least 2.30pm. To join click the link on the website, [www.wmclr.org.uk](http://www.wmclr.org.uk)

While the building is still locked up, we are sitting 2m apart in Locket Road by the bus stop from 10.00 until at least 11.00am each Wednesday morning. There's no cafe, no toilets, no agenda. Just a chance to catch up under a sun umbrella.

## **Circuit Welcome Service**

There will be a special Service by Zoom to welcome the Revd Julie King to the Harrow & Hillingdon Circuit On Wednesday 2 September at 8.00pm. The service will be led by the Revd Andrew Pottage and the preacher will be the Revd Michaela Youngson.

To join log on to Zoom and use  
Meeting ID: 870 4230 9482.  
Password: 931846

## **When can we come back to Church?**

The Church Council asked a small group to consider a plan for how to gradually and safely re-open the church for Sunday services and mid-week activities. This group met again on Thursday 20 August and formed a plan which is now being submitted to the church council.

It is planned that services will begin on Sunday 6 September at 10.30am with the first service being led by our new minister, the Revd Stephen Poole. However, this will not be “back to normal.”

The following rules or restrictions will be in place:

- Please enter by the front door. The hall doors will be used for exiting the church via the Locket Hall at the end of the service
- It is a legal requirement that face masks are worn at all times except for preaching, leading prayers or doing the Bible readings. Hand sanitising gel will be available.
- As you arrive, please use the hand sanitiser which will be at the door. You will also be asked to sign in and, if we don't have them already, to give your contact details. This is in case they are needed by the NHS Track and Trace system. We are required to keep that data for 21 days after the service.
- You will be asked to take your seat immediately and not to gather in the welcome area. Stewards will guide you to a seat. You will be able to sit next to your own family members but must keep apart from others. There should be two empty chairs between you and someone else. The chairs that you can sit on will be identified with a label.
- Offering plates will be at the doors as you enter. There will be no collection passed round during the service.
- There will be music played but no singing and no hymn books or service books issued. Any words needed will be projected on to the screen.
- Notices will be sent by e-mail in advance and a few copies will be available for those without e-mail.
- Toilets will be available as normal but sanitiser spray will be provided for use on the seat before and after use. Paper towels will be provided.
- There will be no after church tea or coffee.

The Senior Steward, Helen Riley, will be circulating a letter with more information next week.

## Rachel's 40Km in a week before 40!

Following the birth of her niece, Millie, who was born early at 23 weeks, Rachel Aldridge has decided to set herself the challenge of running 40Km in a week before her next birthday. She plans to do this at the end of August and to raise funds for the *Ashford & St Peter's Charitable Trust – Little Roo Neonatal*. This fund supports babies, families and staff on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit which is currently looking after Millie.

If you'd like to sponsor her you can do so at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rachel-aldridge14](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rachel-aldridge14)

## Dawn

We have not been producing *Dawn*, the church magazine, during the lockdown but we are hoping to return with the October edition, which would be published on Sunday 27 September. It might be slightly slimmer than normal unless, of course, you send us lots of interesting news and stories (eg *What I did during Lockdown*.) Please send your stories to David or Bronwyn Milne ([themilnes@sky.com](mailto:themilnes@sky.com)) by Sunday 13 September.

