



BARNARD CASTLE AND TEESDALE

METHODIST CIRCUIT

JANUARY 2021

WHAT'S ON and NEWS ITEMS

CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT

CORONAVIRUS - A Covid Vision Group has been set up across the two circuits to look at the regulations from government and notes on how to apply these from the Connexion. This has enabled some churches to reopen, even though worship isn't the way we normally do it.

CHANGE HAPPENS, SOMETIMES WITHOUT WARNING

We are publishing this information in good faith, but services and other activities might have their times changed or be cancelled altogether at short notice, often beyond our control. Do not undertake a long journey without checking first.

THE PATHWAY, MIDDLETON

Sunday morning services are taking place on all Sundays except the first Sunday of the month when it is at 2:30pm, but there is no singing and no refreshments afterwards. Hand sanitisation materials are available at the door, and tracing information is being collected on entry. Chairs are arranged to comply with the Social Distancing regulations.

The Zoom Service continues on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7pm. Contact the stewards for details.

Pray, Bake, Chat continues for those unable to attend worship. Contact Debbie for details.

BARNARD CASTLE

Sunday morning services are taking place, but there is no singing, and no refreshments afterwards. Hand sanitisation materials are available at the door, and tracing details are collected on entry. Chairs are arranged and labelled to comply with the Social Distancing regulations.

The Monday Cell Group continue their fortnightly meetings via Zoom.

STAINDROP

The worshipping community at Staindrop are not meeting in the church at present, but they are having Telephone Services by telephone conferencing. These have proved very popular and will continue until the Coronavirus situation changes. Contact the stewards for details.

Lectionary Readings for January 2021

Date	Sunday	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
3rd January	2nd Sunday of Christmas	Jeremiah 31:7-14	147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9) 10-18
3rd January optional readings	2nd Sunday of Christmas	Ecclesiasticus 24:1-12	Wisdom 10:15-21	Ephesians 3:1-14	John 1:(1-9) 10-18
6th January	The Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6	72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
10th January	1st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Genesis 1:1-5	29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
17th January	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)	139:1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
24th January	3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
31st January	4th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

OUR CALLING

Worship

*Learning and Caring
Service*

Evangelism



BIBLE STUDY - a look at *St Mark's Gospel* led by Rev Adrian Roux. This is a Zoom meeting on Thursday evenings, and resumes in the new year from where we left off in November, but you can join in at any point. Contact Tricia Mitchell of the Learning Network Team at mitchellt@methodist.org.uk for further details.

The Durham Foodbank is in need of more provisions for the needy. Now we are regularly worshipping on a Sunday at Barnard Castle and at Middleton please restart bringing your Foodbank provision offerings to the church, placing them in the green bins by the entrance and they will be transferred to The Well at West Auckland. Foodbanks are working to meet greater needs at the moment than they have ever done.

COVENANT SERVICES

Sunday 17th January 10:30am at Barnard Castle led by Rev Graham Cutler

Sunday 24th January 10:30am at The Pathway led by Rev Graham Cutler

Sunday 31st January 10:30am at Staindrop a TELEPHONE SERVICE led by Rev Graham Cutler (note - there is no *Holy Communion* at this service)

Ministers' contact numbers:

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CIRCUIT OFFICE

The Circuit Office is closed for the time being. Edwin can be contacted by telephone on 07484 398958 or by email at bctmc1317@gmail.com

Praise and Prayer Points

Pray for all those recently bereaved and those who are unwell.

Give thanks for all those who work hard to maintain our buildings, and pray for them.

Pray for the Barnard Castle & Teesdale and Darlington circuit leadership teams as they continue to progress the work of forming a new circuit.

Pray for all those suffering from the effects of the many recent wars, conflicts and man-made and natural disasters around the world and other acts of violence.

Pray for the work of the Food Banks and for those who need them.

Pray for all those involved in the Coronavirus pandemic - those suffering, those working to relieve suffering and to help in other ways, and those whose lives are disrupted by it.

Pray for all those working to maintain safety in our places of worship as the start to reopen.

Pray for our Mission Partners from the UK in various parts of the world during the current crisis, feeling very isolated, but committed to their presence with the people they serve.

Give thanks for all those whose work is helping us keep in touch by Zoom meetings, telephone services and other means of communication, and for those who phone up to make sure we are well.



CIRCUIT WEBSITE www.teesdalemethodists.co.uk

The next issue of What's On/Praise Points will be for February. Please email items to bctmc1317@gmail.com or send to your contact person by 14th January.