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The **Methodist Church**

South Warwickshire Circuit

Registered charity no. 1154830

Superintendent Minister: Rev Dr Iain Ballard

Dear Friends,

It is ten years ago this week that I travelled to High Leigh Conference Centre where I appeared before the Connexional Candidates Selection Committee. This week I am again present at the CSC, on this time I am attending as a panel member and not as a Candidate. Reading through the candidate portfolios has caused me to ask again what am I called to? What is my vocation in the church and in the building of the Kingdom of God? Right these are often questions that we think should be answered by our Ministers, Preachers, Stewards etc. However these questions aren't just for those called to 'church offices.' Outside the church we might well look at particular jobs and consider those a 'calling.' Health or social care, policing, teaching may be on that list of 'secular' callings.

Perhaps our sense of what is a calling needs to be much wider and even over shorter periods of time. For the question of calling is one every Christian needs to answer. Sometimes the answer is a church role or a job (voluntary or paid) outside the church, in the community. It may also be to something much simpler. Today I am called to help someone or to give someone a call, undertake a pastoral visit or pray for someone. You might be called to give someone a lift, or just say hello.

Today as the war in Ukraine continues, we might be called to pray for peace, to make a donation, offer items to a collection, offer our homes to provide a place for a refugee or support someone else as they open their home. In this time of an ecological crisis we might be called to respond by saving energy. Calling is much more than church jobs. SO my question to you is a simple one, 'What are you called to?'

Blessings,

Iain

Reminder: Dial – a – Prayer, Methodist Church

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to news:

0808 281 2478

Sunday Worship and Daily Prayers

There are plenty of opportunities to join in worship if you have the internet, eg Methodist Central Hall (London) streams worship each Sunday at 11:00 am (<https://mchw.live/>)

Livestreaming of worship takes place at other venues associated with the Connexion – see

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

for more details.

Circuit Service

The Circuit now provides a pre-recorded service each month (on the first Sunday of the month), via YouTube, Facebook and our website – see below for details:

Please access the YouTube video by clicking the following link or typing it into your browser:

[tinyurl.com/SWCplaylist](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

or if this doesn't work, try the long version:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzyDSCOYMtQvpCroUvvxjE93MqkTWQomY>

If you regularly watch the Circuit Service, do consider subscribing to the Channel.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SW.Methodist/>

Website: www.methodist-swc.org.uk

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Additional pre-recorded services will be provided by the Circuit for special feasts (Easter, Christmas etc)

A full text of the pre-recorded service is available on the website, and is being sent by post to all those people who do not use the Internet so they can join in too.

In intervening weeks, the Circuit will be using the service provided by the Methodist Church.

TV & radio opportunities for worship:

Radio 4, Sunday Worship, Sunday 8:10am,
Radio 4 Long Wave, Daily Service, 9.45am Mon-Fri,
Radio 3, Choral Evensong, Sunday 3pm.

BBC 1, Songs of Praise, Sunday 1:15pm
(The times of the TV services can alter, please check the times)

Daily prayers at 10am are led by members of the circuit via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/328494818> - all zoom meetings are now protected by password – please contact Michael Sharman (see below) for the password. All members of the Circuit are invited to join, **you do not need a zoom account to join**. You can also join by **telephone**. Please contact Michael Sharman on 07412 401988 if you'd like help getting in.

Pastoral Support

A reminder that if you are in pastoral need of any kind, please contact your own Minister direct by email or phone. We may also be able to arrange practical help with shopping and so on. Our details are below.

If in any doubt, please contact Rev Dr Iain Ballard and he will link you up with help locally to you.

Rev Dr Iain Ballard <i>(Day off – Friday)</i>	07368 875790	iain.ballard@methodist.org.uk
Rev Sally Jones <i>(Day off – Monday; Study day – Friday)</i>	01926 740846	sally.jones@methodist.org.uk
Rev. Jeongsook Kim <i>(Day off – Tuesday)</i>	<i>Rev Jeongsook is on sabbatical until 31st May 2022</i>	
Rev. Audrey Simpson <i>(Day off – Friday)</i>	01789 267971	revaes@gmail.com
Rev. Jemima Strain <i>(Part-time)</i>	07969 345389	jemima.strain@methodist.org.uk
Rev. Richard Wilde <i>(Part-time)</i>	07971 218356	revrichardwilde@gmail.com,

Keep safe. Keep caring. Keep praying. With every blessing to you and yours.
The Ministers and Stewards of the South Warwickshire Methodist Circuit of Churches