**PREACHING PLAN - September – November 2021**

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|  | **Sept 5th** | **Sept 12th** | **Sept 19th** | **Sept 26th** | **Oct 3rd** | **Oct 10th** | **Oct 17th** | **Oct 24th** | **Oct 31st** | **Nov 7th** | **Nov 14th** | **Nov 21st** | **Nov 28th** |
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| **Barley**  **10.30am** | R Hoyle  **HC** | LA | Dickinson | George | Reid | Jason  **HC** | Dickinson | **LA** | R Hoyle | **Utd @ WL** | Ormrod  **HC** | LA | Barnes |
| **Briercliffe Rd**  **11am** | Landriau | Booth  **HC** | Ormrod | Booth  Hv | LA | Booth  **HC** | Booth | Ormrod | LA | Green  COP26 | Booth  **HC** | Booth | Jason |
| **Brierfield**  **9.30am** | Ormrod  **HC** | LA | Jason | Atkinson | Ormrod  **HC / Hv** | Edbarg | Wheeler | Richardson | LA | Cole | R Hoyle  **HC** | Ormrod | LA |
| **Brunshaw**  **11am** | Reid | Ormrod  **HC** | Reid | LA | Jason  **HC** | Edbarg | R Hoyle | Reid | LA | Heyworth | Richardson **HC** | Dickinson | LA |
| **Central**  **11am** | Jason  **HC** | LA | R Hoyle | Green | Heyworth | Ormrod  **HC** | Jason (Hv) | LA | K Hoyle | Jason  **HC** | Wheeler | LA | Edbarg |
| **Christchurch**  **11am** | Ormrod  **HC** | LA | Jason | Atkinson | Ormrod  **HC** | LA  Hv | Gildea | Jason | George | LA | Edbarg | Ormrod  **HC** | Richardson  Miss. in Brit |
| **Greenbrook**  **9.30am** | LA | R Hoyle  **HC** | Ormrod | Jason (Hv) | LA | R Hoyle  **HC** | Edbarg | Jason | Ormrod | Reid | LA | Jason  **HC** | K Hoyle  (toy service0 |
| **Hapton**  **9.30am** | Reid | Jason  **HC** | Reid | LA | Dickinson | Ormrod  **HC** | Jason | **LA** | Dickin  son | R Hoyle  **HC** | LA | Wheeler | Jason |
| **Higherford**  **11am** | Gildea | Richardson **HC** | Landriau | Wheeler | R Hoyle  **HC** | LA | George | Green | LA | Godfrey | R Hoyle  **HC** | Reid | Ormrod |
| **Padiham Rd**  **9.30am** | Jason  **HC** | Ormrod | Godfrey | LA | Jason  **HC** | Richardson | Godfrey | LA | K Hoyle | Jason  **HC** | Wheeler | LA | Edbarg |
| **Parkside**  **11am** | Dickinson | Atkinson | LA | Jason  **HC** | Richardson | R Hoyle **HC** | Edbarg | LA | Ormrod  Hv | Reid | Dickinson | LA | K Hoyle |
| **St.Andrew’s**  **11am** | Edbarg | Godfrey | **Utd @ St. Peter’s** | Ormrod  **HC** | Gildea  Hv | **Utd @ St. Peter’s** | LA | Heyworth | Richardson **HC** | **Utd @ St. Peter’s** | Jason  **HC** | Godfrey | R Hoyle |
| **St. John’s**  **11am** | LA | Jason  **HC** | Cole | Edbarg (Hv) | George | LA | Wheeler | Richardson  **HC** | Landriaui | K Hoyle | Gildea | R Hoyle  **HC** | LA |
| **St. Peter’s**  **11am** | Hartley | LA | Hartley | R Hoyle  **HC** | Hartley | Edmonson  Hv | Ormrod  **HC** | Hartley | LA | Hartley | **Utd HC@ St.And** | LA | Dickinson |
| **Southfield**  **(Saturdays)**  **5pm** | (Sat 4th)  Ormrod  **HC** |  |  |  | (Sat 2n)  Jason  **HC** |  |  |  |  | (Sat 6th)  R Hoyle  **HC** |  |  |  |
| **Wheatley Lane,**  **9.30am** | R Hoyle | LA  Family  Worship | Beaumont | Richardson | LA  (Hv) | Jason  **HC** | R Hoyle | Ormrod | Wheeler | Landriau | Atkinson | R Hoyle | Richardson |
| **ZOOM**  **11am** | Beaumont |  | K Hoyle |  | Beaumont |  | Cole |  |  | Beau-mont |  | Beau-  mont |  |

**For the relevant lectionary readings, please follow this link (for 5th Sept):** https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=218

**You might need to cut and paste this link into your browser search engine. Thereafter, for each week, click on the tabs on the left, starting with Proper 18 (= 5th September)**

**Important information about the September - November Preaching Plan**

**At the time of writing this, the following guidance is advised by the Methodist Church (dated 22/7/21). What is included below is only an extract of the guidance relevant to sunday worship. Please read the full article can be read here:**<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/coronavirus-guidance-for-property/>

* No maximum numbers for meeting in any indoor or outdoor environments, including removing restrictions on group sizes attending communal worship.
* Communal singing can resume.
* No legal requirement to wear a face covering, although it will be ‘advised’ for enclosed and crowded spaces.
* No social distancing rules, although the risks to those deemed vulnerable need to be considered.
* Encouragement to continue good cleaning and hygiene procedures.
* An encouragement to continue to use the NHS Test and Trace system.

This is the first 'weekly' Plan that we are adopting since we went into lockdown in March 2020  (when we did eventually reopen, we have been operating on a fortnightly Plan). This shift has proved challenging for the following reasons:

1.All 16 churches are now open for worship.

2. We still do not have enough Preachers. For various reasons, we are still operating with a reduced capacity of circuit staff and Local Preachers

3. Communion services will begin from September. While each church will have communion every month (unless I have been informed by the church that they do not wish to have communion), at this stage we cannot provide communion on the same sunday of every month.

4. As a result of this, Rick, Richard and I are spread across the circuit each week in order to lead communion services in most churches. This necessarily means a shift in the way the circuit sees our ministry as we need to function more fully as 'circuit' ministers / Lay Pastors and be available across the circuit. I am grateful that we also have the help of Rev. James Booth (Briercliffe Rd), Rev. Keith Richardson (Supernumerary Minister), Rev. Roger Green (Authorized Minister) which eases some pressure off the Plan.

5. We are restarting double appointments for Preachers as this is the only way we can cover all 16 churches. As I said earlier, we still do not have enough preachers to cover services in all 16 churches. This means that there will still need to be locally arranged services. I have tried to equally and fairly distribute these, so for this Plan every church will have 3 Locally Arranged services. In some instances, united / joint services have been planned to reduce the need for LAs.

6. I am very grateful to all churches that have changed their start time in response to my request to facilitate these double appointments. Churches that are not starting at either 9.30am or 11am are more difficult to assign a preacher to as it does not give the preacher enough time to get safely from one church to another. That said, churches with a different start time have given me valid reasons why they are not able to change their start time.

7. Because all 16 churches are now open, we are unable to provide a weekly zoom service as all of our available ‘zoom’ preachers are leading building based worship. Zoom services have therefore had to be reduced to a fortnightly pattern. These will start at **11am** (please note the change in time), to bring it in line with the rest of the Plan. This is because for the ‘in-between’ weeks (when we don’t have a zoom service marked on the Plan) we are exploring the possibility of live-streaming worship from a few churches, which will then be the 'zoom' service for that week, This might sometimes be in the form of a link for a service taking place in the wider Methodist connexion if we are not able to stream from one of our circuit churches.

As you will see, because of the various factors I have mentioned above, this Plan in many ways is to be seen as an ‘experimental’ and will be reviewed before the next quarter begins. If you have any questions, suggestions or observations about the Plan, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

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