

Sunday 10 January 2021

Greetings to all our church family. We hope you are able to join in with our “at home” worship this week, whether online or using the printed worship sheets.

10.30am Morning worship on Zoom – Covenant Service

Led by Rev Nick Wood

For the Zoom link, please email nick@nickthevic.co.uk

Listen anytime Circuit audio worship

(10.30am suggested)

Led by Mr Brian Tucknott

The audio links and the print version of the worship material are on our website at www.broadstonemethodist.org.uk

Churches Together in Broadstone – praying together

(January prayer themes prepared by St Anthony’s Church)

We pray for the unemployed and those in financial difficulty in Broadstone. We pray that they will not despair and will have faith, hope and love in Christ.

Family & pastoral news

Sadly we have lost two of our Church family in recent days.

Alan Rice died in hospital after a long period of poor health. We send our condolences to his wife - our dear friend Pat and to their families at this sad time.

Our friend Josie Wright died peacefully on New Year’s Eve from complications following pneumonia. We bear up her husband Tony and their family in the days that lie ahead.

We remember in our prayers all who have been bereaved, the sick, the lonely and so many who are finding life difficult in these troubled days. We look forward to warmer days and signs of spring, as green shoots appear in our parks and gardens.

Church news: a new ‘Lockdown’

We were warned that there would be a second wave of Covid infections but somehow we were all hoping it wouldn’t happen. However, it has and a recent post even declared that Broadstone was a ‘hotspot’. Following the announcement by the Prime Minister on Monday evening we now know what to expect as a new lockdown begins.

The advice is to stay at home except for essential reasons. So we (the Church Council) have prayerfully made the decision to close our church for Sunday worship and also for the Saturday private prayer. We know this will be very difficult for some, but we are reminded that 'Best of all is God is with us!'

Please use the time to explore the many forms of worship available, via the internet, Church and Circuit websites, telephone, T.V. and radio. We will endeavour to continue to deliver the printed Circuit service as before. Please let us know if you (or someone you know) would like a copy and are not currently on the delivery list.

May I also remind you of this week's Zoom service which will be a Covenant service at 10.30am. Please email Rev Nick Wood if you need the link: nick@nickthevic.co.uk

Please continue to keep in touch with as many people as you can by phone, email or even snail mail!! Also should you need help with shopping, collecting medications or anything else, don't hesitate to get in touch.

In the meantime, take care, stay safe and we hope and pray that we'll be able to reopen again before too long.

God bless,
Joan Jackson (on behalf of the Church Council)

Circuit news

After more than eight years as a Circuit Steward and most, if not all, of that as Senior Steward, Di Baggs stepped down from the role on 31 December 2020.

We give thanks for Di's devoted service and leadership and wish her joy in whatever she decides to do next.

The Circuit team has given Di a gift and card on behalf of everyone in the Circuit and we all look forward to being able to say 'thank you' to her face-to-face, later in the year.

Worship next week - Sunday 17 January 2021

Morning worship at 10.30am on Zoom

Led by Rev Nick Wood

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Circuit audio worship

Led by Deacon Suzie Viana

The audio links and the print version of the worship material will be available on the Poole Bay Methodist Circuit website and on our own website:

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Next Sunday's noticesheet

If you have any news items for next Sunday's noticesheet, please send to Judith Hewins by 7pm on Tuesday 12 January.