

# **WIRRAL METHODIST CIRCUIT (18/09)**

## **Preaching Plan**

**July and August 2021**



**Wirral  
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## Circuit Letter

Dear all

As I guest write this letter, we have recently heard of the delay to the full relaxation of Covid restrictions, and that has again caused us to ponder the impact for our churches. Although the worship and “business” meetings of the church can, legally, take place we also live in spiritual and moral dimension – our reputation and solidarity with our communities and neighbours also need to be considered. Meetings that we had hoped to have on-site may need to revert to on-line. It is a time of frustration and trial for us all.

As you receive this plan, the Methodist Conference will be shortly due to start, and whilst there are plans for this to be conducted in a hybrid fashion (i.e. with representatives both on-site and on-line) even at this late stage there is still some doubt as to the capacity on-site given the increasing incidence of the delta variant. By whatever means, the Conference will consider some major, and at times contentious, issues. Foremost in many minds will be the outcome of the “God in Love Unites Us” report, but there are also significant reports on Ministry in the Methodist Church (a proposed Conference Statement), Changing Patterns of Ministry, Oversight and Trusteeship, the Theology of Safeguarding, a Schools Strategy, and many other matters.

As you will see, this plan again covers 2 months: July and August. During this period (and through September) Rev’d Steve Carpenter is on Sabbatical, which we trust will be a time both of rest but also of refreshment and renewal – please respect his being away from the circuit even when he is at home in the manse. The dates given at the back of the plan booklet are probably established, but the methods by which we meet are having to be reconsidered – please look out for further announcements. We will be celebrating the accreditation of two of our Local Preachers and making plans to recognise the long service of others; we will be saying a fond farewell and thanks to Rev’d Sheila and, we trust, an equally fond welcome to Deacon Ellie.

It looks like being a busy summer. Many of us will have had holiday plans changed (perhaps again), or have decided not to make any holiday plans. I hope and trust that, nonetheless, you will find the time and opportunity to take rest and refreshment, which is such an important part of our well-being.

Every blessing, Steve Cooper – Circuit Manager

## Heather's Additions

Thanks to Steve for preparing this and I just have a couple of additions.

In September we expect the preaching plan to be back to 3 months, however with staffing changings and some reduced capacity amongst the Local Preachers every church will have to carry some local arrangements.

Any staff member is happy to offer a fully scripted service which can be used, plus the resources available on the circuit website.

Steve referred to the God in Love Unites Us – please pray for Conference that the decision made is in accordance with God's will.

Be aware that whatever the outcome people will be hurt and we will need to find ways of living together even holding contradictory beliefs.

I commend to you *The Runaway Train* written by Rev Dr David Hull which looks at the journey that has brought us to this point.

This can be accessed via the Methodist Evangelicals Together website under resources.

Blessings

Heather

	Church @ The Cross	Woodchurch
	11:00 am	10:30 am
4th Jul 14th in Ordinary Time	C Conway	J Barnett
11th Jul 15th in Ordinary Time	A Clough	J Knight
18th Jul 16th in Ordinary Time	P Fanning	P Colyer
25th Jul 17th in Ordinary Time	M Halliday	B Banton
1st Aug 18th in Ordinary Time	H Jobling	M Atherton Communion
8th Aug 19th in Ordinary Time	C Conway	C Natton
15th Aug 20th in Ordinary Time	Own Arr.	A Clough
22nd Aug 21st in Ordinary Time	Own Arr.	A Fisher
29th Aug 22nd in Ordinary Time	T Edwards	B Banton

	Hoylake	St Andrews	Claremount
	10:00 am	10:45 am	10:30 am
4th Jul 14th in Ordinary Time	C Price Action for Children	H MacLeod	J Crowther
11th Jul 15th in Ordinary Time	H Cooper	LA-Threlfall	B Exley Communion
18th Jul 16th in Ordinary Time	L Pillow	LA-Threlfall	Local Arr.
25th Jul 17th in Ordinary Time	Local Arr.	D Rimmer	V Gasteen
1st Aug 18th in Ordinary Time	H Cooper	LA-Threlfall Communion	J Knott
8th Aug 19th in Ordinary Time	C Price	LA-Threlfall	V Gasteen Communion
15th Aug 20th in Ordinary Time	Local Arr.	D Powell	Local Arr.
22nd Aug 21st in Ordinary Time	C Price	LA-Threlfall	V Gasteen Baptism
29th Aug 22nd in Ordinary Time	H Cooper	H MacLeod	C Price

	Little Sutton	Mayfields	Trinity E. Port	Hope Farm	St James' Ince
	10:45 am	2:30 pm	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:00 am
4th Jul 14th in Ordinary Time	No Worship in Building	No Service	J Bellfield	J Yaxley	Anglican Arrang't
11th Jul 15th in Ordinary Time	Mr S Cooper	No Service	No Worship in Building	J Bellfield	Anglican Arrang't
18th Jul 16th in Ordinary Time	No Worship in Building	No Service	P Wildman	No Worship in Building	J Ford
25th Jul 17th in Ordinary Time	J Bellfield	No Service	No Worship in Building	L Twist	Anglican Arrang't
1st Aug 18th in Ordinary Time	No Worship in Building	No Service	J Bellfield Baptism	No Worship in Building	Anglican Arrang't
8th Aug 19th in Ordinary Time	Own Arr.	No Service	No Worship in Building	Mrs S Cooper	Anglican Arrang't
15th Aug 20th in Ordinary Time	No Worship in Building	No Service	J Ford	No Worship in Building	J Bellfield
22nd Aug 21st in Ordinary Time	J Bellfield	No Service	No Worship in Building	P Wildman	Anglican Arrang't
29th Aug 22nd in Ordinary Time	No Worship in Building	No Service	P Wildman	No Worship in Building	Anglican Arrang't

	Greasby	Irby	West Kirby	West Kirby
	10:45 am	10:30 am	9:00 am	10:30 am
4th Jul 14th in Ordinary Time	J Stelfox	Y Yi Communion	Bacon Butty Church	Own Arr.
11th Jul 15th in Ordinary Time	M Boswell	C Wood		Y Yi Communion
18th Jul 16th in Ordinary Time	Local Arr.	Y Yi Baptism		I Jackson
25th Jul 17th in Ordinary Time	Y Yi Communion	Local Arr		A Boswell
1st Aug 18th in Ordinary Time	P Fanning	Y Yi Communion	Bacon Butty Church	J Barnett
8th Aug 19th in Ordinary Time	J Stelfox	C Wood		L Twist Communion
15th Aug 20th in Ordinary Time	Local Arr.	P Fanning		Local Arr.
22nd Aug 21st in Ordinary Time	A Boswell	M Boswell		J Knight
29th Aug 22nd in Ordinary Time	Y Yi Communion	J Knight		Mr S Cooper

	Little Neston	Neston	Neston	Willaston	Heswall
	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:45 am	10:45 am	10:30 am
4th Jul 14th in Ordinary Time	Mrs S Cooper	Shoppers' Service July 9th	H Cooper Covenant	Own Arr.	A Boswell
11th Jul 15th in Ordinary Time	Own Arr.	Shoppers' Service July 16th	M Thomas Cafe Style	G Evans	V Gasteen Communion
18th Jul 16th in Ordinary Time	M Halliday	Shoppers' Service July 23rd	Own Arr. Cafe Style	Own Arr.	Local Arr.
25th Jul 17th in Ordinary Time	M Thomas	Shoppers' Service July 30th	R Staines Cafe Style	I Jackson	C Vickers
1st Aug 18th in Ordinary Time	J Ford	Shoppers' Service August 6th	P Simms Cafe Style	N Ford	M Boswell
8th Aug 19th in Ordinary Time	P Wildman	Shoppers' Service August 13th	Own Arr. Cafe Style	H Cooper Communion	M Thomas
15th Aug 20th in Ordinary Time	Own Arr.	Shoppers' Service August 20th	R Staines Cafe Style	P Simms	J Crowther
22nd Aug 21st in Ordinary Time	H Cooper Communion	Shoppers' Service August 27th	J Barnett Communion	Local Arr.	L Pillow
29th Aug 22nd in Ordinary Time	M Thomas	Shoppers' Service September 3rd	Own Arr. Cafe Style	R Staines	C Vickers



	Higher Bebington	Lower Bebington	Prenton
	10:45 am	10:45 am	11:00 am
4th Jul 14th in Ordinary Time	S Prest Communion	M Daley	V Gasteen
11th Jul 15th in Ordinary Time	No Service	S Prest Communion	L Twist
18th Jul 16th in Ordinary Time	No Service	Local Arr.	S Prest Communion
25th Jul 17th in Ordinary Time	No Service	J Ford	N Ford
1st Aug 18th in Ordinary Time	M Daley	J Knight	C Natton
8th Aug 19th in Ordinary Time	No Service	N Ford	A Lovelady
15th Aug 20th in Ordinary Time	No Service	H Cooper Communion	J Knight
22nd Aug 21st in Ordinary Time	No Service	S Prest Baptism	M Atherton Communion
29th Aug 22nd in Ordinary Time	No Service	V Gasteen	Local Arr.

	Trinity w Palm Grove	Bromborough	Moreton
	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
4th Jul 14th in Ordinary Time	B Gould	A Clough	T Edwards
11th Jul 15th in Ordinary Time	C Jones	P Colyer	J Barnett
18th Jul 16th in Ordinary Time	C Natton	J Bellfield	Local Arr
25th Jul 17th in Ordinary Time	M Bates	Own Arr.	S Prest Communion
1st Aug 18th in Ordinary Time	A Brame	P Colyer	T Edwards
8th Aug 19th in Ordinary Time	B Gould	J Ford	Mr S Cooper
15th Aug 20th in Ordinary Time	M Halliday	Own Arr.	A Fisher
22nd Aug 21st in Ordinary Time	C Jones	A Clough	L Twist
29th Aug 22nd in Ordinary Time	M Bates	J Bellfield	J Knott

## Circuit Dates

**Wednesday 7th July: 7:30pm—Circuit Meeting—(it is intended that this meeting will be held on site at Trinity with Palm Grove, but it may be necessary to restrict attendance and provide hybrid model by Zoom - please see details that will be circulated with the agenda and papers).**

**Monday 26th July: 7:30pm—Accreditation Service for Lynda Pillow and Pam Simms as Local Preachers, led by the Superintendent Minister Rev Heather Cooper and the preacher will be Rev Dr Christine Jones. (This service will be conducted will be conducted at Trinity with Palm Grove and be restricted to the necessary participants and their invited guests—we expect to be able to live stream the service, the details of which will be circulated nearer to the date).**

**Saturday 31st July—2:00pm at Lower Bebington Methodist Church—Circuit Farewell Service and Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Rev Sheila Prest: it may be necessary to book for this service—details to follow.**

**Friday 3rd September—7:30pm Circuit Welcome Service for Deacon Ellie Griffin; venue details to follow.**