



'BEING CHURCH'

TADCASTER
METHODIST CIRCUIT
Sunday 2nd May 2021

Its May, its May...!

May is a month when we see the days getting longer; the burgeoning of the season of spring when nature produces an abundance of new growth and life; with the sense of emerging from the dark days of winter into the awakening of spring, and the promise of the bright days of summer.



This year we celebrate both Ascension Day and Pentecost in May. For the disciples, Ascension Day had all the hallmarks of a bereavement, a second one in the space of a few weeks. They experienced again the sadness of parting. They listened to Jesus' last words to them. They had the opportunity to let Jesus go as he ascended to his Father.

Yet they continued faithfully in expectation of the fulfilment of a promise that Jesus had made: **'I will send you the Spirit who will lead you into all truth'** (John 14:25ff).

And then, a few days later, the Holy Spirit burst upon them, and gave them the power to boldly continue Christ's ministry **'starting in Jerusalem.....'** (Acts 1:8), and then all over the world to this day. In many ways the moods of Good Friday and Easter are reflected in the moods of Ascension and Pentecost respectively.



But the two seasons differ in one important respect. Before Good Friday, the mood is of fear, foreboding, penitence, bewilderment, tragedy. Before Ascension, the mood is expectation, hope, excitement, promise of new power, new life and new opportunities.



The natural world, emerging from the darkness of winter into the life and light of spring, provides a visual aid that resonates more strongly with the Christian story than at any other time during the year. And more so this year as we have the extra dimension of emerging from the constraints of lockdown; that dark, oftentimes lonely, place that we have all found ourselves in.

I pray that you will all be blessed this month, as you look forward to this new season with hope and expectation.

With every blessing,
Rev Steve.



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YEAR OF PRAYER Wetherby, and Tadcaster Churches are hosting weekly Prayer Meetings

Wetherby: Every Wednesday, 7pm – 7.20pm

All are invited to join us. Please contact Revd Ann for the Zoom log on details.

Tadcaster: Every Tuesday, 9.30am – 10am (join from 9.15am)

All are invited to join us. Please contact Eileen Clarkson for the Zoom log on details.

On **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, at 8am**. A great way to kick-start your day by joining with friends, in the presence of God, for 15-20 minutes of **Morning Prayer** on your telephone.

Details, and a Service Sheet, have been sent out with an earlier newsletter, but please contact Rev Steve if you don't have one and would like to join us.



Worshipping Together - Online:



This Sunday we have an online Circuit Reflection by Dr Alan Bell.

Available on the Circuit Website: <https://www.tadcastercircuit.org.uk/home-worship/>

Alan's reflection will also be available via **Dial-a-Sermon** 01937 228811.

Some of our buildings are now open for Sunday services: [Please check the 'Plan'](#).

Please, also check locally as you may be required to book, as space is limited.



Radio 4 Sunday at 8:10 am, Sunday Worship

'100 Years': reflecting on the past - building a future together

A Service led by the members of the Church Leaders' Group, Ireland, marking of the centenary of the partition of the island of Ireland and the formation of Northern Ireland.

BBC Local Radio Sunday Service at 8am.

Local Pastor Eileen says 'I tend to listen to this service, and then turn over for the ending of the Radio 4 service'.



Radio 4 DAB & There is a **Daily Service** broadcast every Mon. - Fri. from 9.45am – 10am.

198 Long Wave An opportunity to listen to missed episodes can be found on the website from Sat am. - episodes of the Daily Service can be accessed for 26 days after they were first broadcast. 24 hours 7 days a week.

If you have a DAB radio the Christian Premier radio station is superb and always good to tune in to 24 hours a day.

It can also be found on your TV, **Channel 725** (no picture of course, only sound).

It is not just music but also testimonies, teaching, and news. Why not give it a try this week?



BBC1 Sunday at 11:30am, Sunday Morning Stories - Series 2: **Episode 4**. of 8

Rev Kate Bottley: How specially trained therapy dogs are helping schoolchildren with their reading, and the UK's first Muslim ballet school, which teaches the importance of looking after yourself.

BBC1 Songs of Praise **'Northern Ireland's 100th'**.

Claire McCollum marks the Partition of Ireland and formation of Northern Ireland 100 years ago, meeting Christians from across the denominations to discuss the past and their hopes for the future.



Holy Land Pilgrimage 2022

9th-19th May 2022

11 days based in **Jerusalem** and **Galilee**
plus optional 5-night extension in **Jordan**

Further details from Rev Steve Jakeman
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Oberammergau 2022

plus Lake Garda, Venice and Verona

7 days departing 21st June 2022

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If you would like to explore this week's themes: **John 15: 1-8 - 'Stay Connected'**.



You can find both **Adult, and Children's, worksheets** on the BSMC Home Page: www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk

If you would like to explore deeper, there is also a **Bible Study** available from the same place.