



Newsletter from the Bury St Edmunds Circuit  
for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Friends,

*I don't know about you, but patience is a virtue that I definitely struggle with. My prayer is "O Lord, please give me patience – right now!" This has been a particular trial at the moment as we are having an extension built. Clearly this takes time, but I would love to have it all done instantly, without the dust and mess of course!*

*Waiting well is a definite gift and it is one that the disciples would have needed post-resurrection. After the first resurrection appearances, Jesus came and went at will and the disciples had no idea where and when he would next be with them. When he ascended into heaven, the disciples were told to wait in Jerusalem for a gift that would help them share the good news. They had no idea of how long the wait might be or of what exactly they were waiting for.*

*We don't know a lot about how the disciples filled their time between Jesus' appearances, other than the odd fishing trip, but we know that after the ascension, time was spent in prayer.*

*Perhaps we might learn from their example as we wait for the gradual lifting of lockdown. Can we use this time well in prayer and reflection as we look forward to being able to share God's love face to face once again.*

God bless.

Ruth, Debbie, and Rita.

### Rev Peter Dainty RIP

Rev Peter died peacefully at home with his family on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021. We give thanks for the life of Peter. We hold Margaret and the family in prayer.

There will be a service for Peter at West Suffolk Crematorium at 2.30 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> May. Due to current restrictions attendance is by invitation. The order of service will be on the circuit website and there will be a live webcast. The link is:-

Website <https://www.obitus.com/>  
User name robe3221  
Password 745009

Further details from the webcast company are:-

You can login to our website at any time to view a test connection (and we strongly recommend you do this) but you'll only be able to view the Live Webcast approx. 5 mins before the service start time. Please be aware this is a public building and the timing of the Live webcast is semi-automated to allow for services running early or late – please use your discretion if you can see activities not applicable to the service you are here to watch. Once the service has finished, it will take us up to 3 working days to get the 28-day Watch Again onto the website.

**Sunday Worship** A Circuit video recording of the Sunday Worship Sheet can be found at:

<http://www.trinitymethodistchurch.org.uk/worshipthisweek.htm>

**Zoom Sunday Worship:** You are welcome to join Zoom Worship on a Sunday morning with Rev Debbie Borda or Francis Carr. If you would like to join in worship in this way then please contact Debbie and she will give you details of how to join a zoom meeting. The Stowmarket group Zoom service will continue during the period of Rita's sabbatical hosted by Francis.

**Live stream service** Ruth Ridge is leading a weekly service on the St John's Facebook page live at 6pm every Thursday. The service lasts about 30 mins and is available to watch live and on the page at any time after it has been broadcast. The service is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsmethodistchurchsudbury> and you do not have to have a Facebook account to access it.

## The joint Methodist and All We Can emergency appeal.

You would have seen the devastating scenes of what is going on in the country of India. An appeal has been launched between All we Can and the Methodist church to act quickly and support of partners in country.

You can find details at


<https://www.allwecan.org.uk/indias-coronavirus-crisis-urgent-support-needed/>

## APOLOGIES

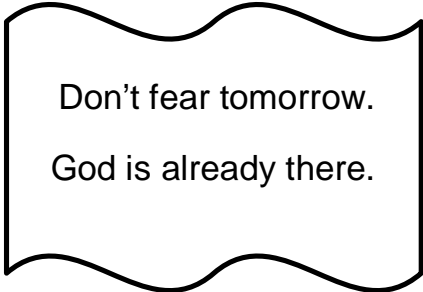
To all who receive your newsletter and worship sheet by post. I understand that some of you have received a card from the Royal Mail to say that you needed to collect a letter and pay £1.50. This has come about because we sent out the Prayer Journal – exactly as we have sent out booklets of this size and weight before – with the material. We used the ordinary post but they have said it was overweight! Obviously the Royal Mail are getting stricter! So please accept our apologies and we will try to ensure any extras, in future, have the correct postage.

## Circuit Administrator

Our new circuit administrator is Caroline Edwards. Caroline will be working Monday and Thursday 9.30 am to 2.30 pm. The same telephone number and email address. We welcome Caroline to the circuit.



Never let  
yesterday  
use up too  
much of  
today!



Don't fear tomorrow.  
God is already there.



## Thy Kingdom Come – Join the Global Wave of Prayer

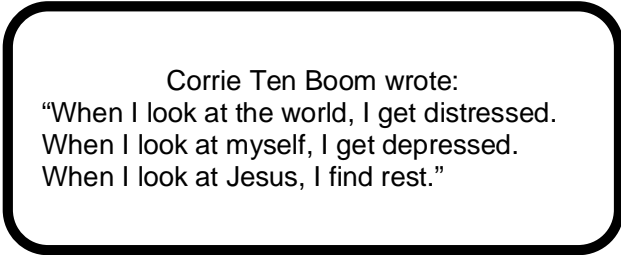
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May is Ascension Day when we remember Christ returning to his Father. Ascension Day is also the beginning of Thy Kingdom Come which is a worldwide prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Christians from 172 Countries and 65 denominations have taken part in praying for friends and family to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

The days between Ascension and Pentecost have always been full of expectation and anticipation. The renewed call across the Church is to set these days apart to pray, and each individual to pray for five people to come to know the love of Jesus Christ.

We have again bought the Prayer Journals and have tried to distribute them as best we can in this current climate.

To find out more visit

[Thy Kingdom Come | Thy Kingdom Come](#)



Corrie Ten Boom wrote:  
“When I look at the world, I get distressed.  
When I look at myself, I get depressed.  
When I look at Jesus, I find rest.”