

**Circuit Service for Ash Wednesday
17th February 2021 7pm on Zoom
'A Methodist Way of Life'**

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Welcomes and Introduction

A quick introduction to 'A Methodist Way of life' and the 4 themes.

Worship

StF 24 Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God, come.

*One day every tongue
will confess you are God,
one day every knee will now.
Still the greatest treasure remains
for those who gladly choose you now.*

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Worship: The Commitments

- We will pray daily.
- We will worship with others regularly.
- We will look and listen for God in Scripture, and the world.

A question to ponder

What do you believe you are doing when you pray?

Prayer point

What one thing is foremost in your mind today?

Take a moment to hold it before God in prayer.

An action for Lent

Take a photo of a place that helps you to recognize God is with you.

Learning and Caring

Bible reading: Mark 12:28-31

Learning and Caring: The Commitments

- We will care for ourselves and those around us.
- We will learn more about our faith.
- We will practise hospitality and generosity.

A question to ponder

Who has helped you in your Christian journey this month and how have they helped?

Prayer point

Take a moment to give thanks to God for those who have helped you in your Christian journey.

An action for Lent

Think how you might offer one act of caring or hospitality to others each week during Lent. How too might you do something each week to care for yourself?

Service

Service: The Commitments

- We will help people in our communities and beyond.
- We will care for creation and all God's gifts.
- We will challenge injustice.

A question to ponder and prayer point

What are the issues of injustice you notice in your local community and how might you challenge them? We bring them before God as we sing:

StF 706 Longing for light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

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Sharing in the Lord's Prayer

An action for Lent

Identify one issue around care for creation or injustice beyond your local community you might learn more about. Think of one way your local church might respond to that issue. Please do share your ideas with others in the church.

Evangelism

Evangelism: The Commitments

- We will speak of the love of God.
- We will live in a way that draws others to Jesus.
- We will share our faith with others.

A question to ponder – small groups

What one thing this month has really helped you to feel the love of God?

Prayer point

Take a moment to pray for someone you would like to be able to speak to more about God's love.

An action for Lent

Try to write one short sentence each week about where you have seen God at work in your life.

StF 660: Called by Christ to be disciples

To the tune Blauenwern (StF503)

Called by Christ to be disciples
Every day in every place,
We are not to hide as hermits
But to spread the way of grace,
Citizens of heaven's kingdom,
Though this world is where we live,
As we serve a faithful master,
Faithful service may we give.

Richly varied are our pathways,
Many callings we pursue;
May we use our gifts and talents
Always, Lord, to honour you;
So in government or commerce,
College, hospice, farm or home,
Whether volunteers or earning,
May we see your kingdom come.

Hard decisions may confront us,
Urging us to compromise;
Still obedience is our watchword-
Make us strong and make us wise!
Secular turned to sacred,
Made a precious offering.
As our daily lives are fashioned
In submission to our king.

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Blessing – The Grace

We share in these words together.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore, Amen.