



Thames Valley Methodist Circuit CIRCUIT NEWS



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CIRCUIT THEME FOR THE YEAR

Each connexional year the Thames Valley Circuit has a specific theme, which we invite everyone to remember and think about!

For 2017-18 it is

“I have come that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.”

(John, chapter 10, verse 10.)

When thinking about this theme, you might like to look at the various translations and consider the slight differences in emphasis and meaning.

NB CHANGE OF TIME

Please note – in your diaries and your Preaching Plan – a change of time:

The Circuit Service at High Street Methodist Church on 29th October with Mrs Jill Baker, Vice-President of Conference, will be **at 5 pm**, preceded by **tea at 4 pm**.

SMALLER CHURCHES NEWSLETTER

The Smaller Churches Newsletter for Q1, September – November 2017 is available on the website. You can access it from the OUTREACH page of the website or by clicking [this link](#).

A BIG THANK YOU FROM ST MARK'S CRESCENT !

On behalf of St Mark's Crescent Methodist Church a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who contributed their Windsor and Maidenhead recycling points to St Mark's 2020Vision Project.

The project came third on the list at the end of June with over 213,000 points.

As a result, the Project has been awarded £1000 under the scheme. Thank you, everyone! This could not have been achieved without your help!

BOOK THE DATE ... and avoid a clash!

Jill Baker, who will be Vice President of the Conference for the church year 2017-8, will be taking our Thames Valley Circuit Service on the evening of **Sunday, 29th October 2017 at High Street Methodist Church Maidenhead**. We look forward to welcoming her back!

Our Superintendent Minister, Sonia, says it would be good if as many of the Circuit as possible are able to attend. Please do book this date and do avoid arranging any other events which would clash with this visit!

CIRCUIT MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Circuit Meeting held on 23rd May 2017 can be accessed by clicking [this link](#).

MEDITATION WEBSITE

If you have a few minutes to spare, why not try one of the meditations at "TakeTime"! This is a recently-launched website, www.taketime.org.uk.

These meditations are inspired by the tradition of St Ignatius and the stories of Jesus. They are free and are meant to enable you to encounter Jesus in a new way through guided meditation – all you have to do is listen and relax! If you would like further information, go to the website or contact [Connie Jeffery](#).

A VERY SUCCESSFUL HIKE

Overcoming the rain, Liz Tottingham has successfully completed her marathon Thames Path Might Hike from Windsor to Henley for Macmillan Cancer Support in thanks to show that she is fit again! She has so far raised over £630. There is still time to donate ... via the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LizTottingham>

WORLD CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS NEWS BULLETIN

The September edition of The World Church Relationship News Bulletin has stories and information from Fiji, Chile, South Africa, Colombia and Sri Lanka. [Click here to see it.](#)

PICTURES TO SHARE

The Circuit has two sets of illustrated books which are intended for use with people who have problems in communication, such as those suffering with stroke or dementia.

Each Church in the Circuit has at least one book which is available for use when visiting Care Homes, etc. If you wish to take advantage, please check with your church's Senior Steward for details of the procedure for borrowing.

THAMES VALLEY CIRCUIT ANNUAL REPORT

The Circuit's 2016 Annual Report, for the connexional year September 2015 – August 2016 is available on the website. You can access it from the ABOUT US page of the website or by clicking [this link](#).

PLEASE SEND YOUR NEWS

If you have any news you would like to share with the circuit (and further afield) please send it to the [circuit webmaster](#).

NEVILLE WALTON: "HEADS UP" CHARITY APPEAL

Neville Walton is raising money for 'Heads Up' an Oxford based pioneering scientific research charity, aligned to The Head and Neck Cancer Unit, at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford. His treatment for tonsil cancer was recently carried out by this unit.

Such was the excellent skill and care Neville received, he is asking family and friends to consider making a donation to support their clinical, teaching and research work in the field of cancer of the head and neck.



His daughter, her partner, his grandson and friends, The Pink Mohicans, are committed to cycling more than 500 miles across France in aid of the Charity.

The family would like to thank you in advance for any gift you feel able to make.

Please send your donation to:

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Benwell House
Cox Green Lane
Maidenhead
Berks
SL6 3EY

or via The Just Giving website <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Gillian-Walton>
