

The Methodist Church

Bishopston, Easter Compton, Horfield, Shirehampton Methodist Churches and St Peter's Pilning.

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God's table is open to all

Sunday 6 February 2022



Ten years ago, I was in the middle of 'candidating,' the process through which the Methodist Church discerned whether I should be trained for ordained presbyteral ministry. Almost thirty years before that, I had felt a call into ministry as a local preacher, but I felt God calling me into a new stage in my journey of discipleship. That call was expressed in various ways, tested during that process, as part of my training at Sarum College, then during the first two years I was here ahead of my ordination.

I've been thinking about my call quite a lot over recent weeks as I've led Covenant Services, not least when reading the account of the prophet Jeremiah's call (Jeremiah Ch 1). He heard God's voice but felt he had every reason to say 'no'. God does not always pursue each of us with the same persistence shown to Jeremiah. Yet I believe that God speaks to each of us all the time, inviting us to live for God in specific ways, even when that might be met with derision, even disbelief (as Jeremiah discovered for himself)

Our inner voices narrate our lives, thoughts, amusing stories, moments of anger, ... the list goes on. Is it 'just' our own voice or is it God's working within and through us? Mental illness aside, it's the same voice with which you tell jokes, relate sad events, speak words of endearment, encouragement and much more. I can't answer my question for you, but I can say is simply trust and listen to the voice you have been given by God and see what it is telling you. *Rev Patrick*

WORSHIP DETAILS for 6 February

Horfield with Bishopston at 10.00 in person and on Zoom, conducted by Rev. Patrick Stonehewer with Holy Communion. If you are planning to join online and would like to share bread and wine where you are, please have some bread and some grape juice ready to use. Once the service is finished, please consume or dispose of any remaining bread and wine reverently, in common with our usual practice. Equally, just because you can, doesn't mean that you must share the elements at home - that decision rests with you. The words of our communion prayers will continue to acknowledge that we join together in God's name, however we do that.

Shirehampton at 11.00, conducted by Rev. D. Edwards

St Peter's, Pilning with Easter Compton at 10.00. conducted by Rev. Philip Rowe with Holy Communion
Circuit Evening Service at Horfield at 6.00 in person and on Zoom conducted by Rev. Sally Spencer.

Current guidance at Horfield about Covid-19. The stewards on duty will use their discretion to decide when the building is full. Please continue to arrive in good time so you can register your Track and Trace details, entering via the left-hand doors from Gloucester Road, with the side (red) door in Churchways Avenue solely for those needing level access. You must wear a face covering whilst in the building unless you have a medical exemption, and follow other Covid-19 arrangements whilst inside, including maintaining two metres social distancing. Do not attend worship in person if you have any symptoms of Covid-19. You will continue to be able to join the service via Zoom

OTHER WORSHIP DETAILS for 6 February and the week

Sunday Worship. Radio 4 at 8.10. The Queen's Accession. -Westminster Abbey marks the Queen's accession to the throne with a service of matins.

Songs of Praise. BBC 1 at 11.20- The Final of the Gospel Singer of the Year.

Daily Service at 09.45. BBC Radio 4 Long Wave.

Open Café Church 7 February from 10.00 onwards hosted by St Peter's, Pilning. Please contact churchwardenpilning@gmail.com for joining details.

Evening Prayer every Wednesday at 4.00 hosted by St Peter's, Pilning, using the Church of England "Join us in Daily Prayer" - <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-andworship/joinuservice-daily-prayer>

WORSHIP DETAILS for 13 February

Horfield at 10.00 in person and on Zoom. Local Arrangement

Bishopston at 10.30 Led by Rev Patrick Stonehewer.

Shirehampton at 11.00, conducted by L. Parker

St Peter's, Pilning with Easter Compton at 10.00. conducted by H. Cook

Circuit Evening Service at Horfield at 6.00 in person and on Zoom conducted by Rev. P. J. Jackson.

WEEKLY NOTICES. Please send items to Eurfron by Tuesday, eurfron@blueyonder.co.uk or 0117 969 1908

Fairtrade Fortnight February 21 to March 6, 2022.

As part of the 'Wes Talks' series, John Wesley's New Room is running an online talk called "The Future of Fairtrade" on Monday February 21 at 7.30pm.

A speaker from the Fairtrade Foundation will be sharing how Fairtrade farmers & producers are looking to the future & responding to the challenges of climate change & other issues.

More details & book: www.newroombristol.org.uk/events/

Bristol Seed Swap is taking place on Sunday February 13th 12 - 4 pm at Trinity Centre Bristol. Entry is free but tickets must be booked in advance. It brings people together to exchange seeds, promote food growing and gardening and encourage resilience in our food system. There will be speakers and organisations including our church eco charity Grow Wilder. www.bristolseedswap.com

Half Term Activities - Remarkable Remedies:

John Wesley was very interested in health and wellbeing. In 1747 he published a book called 'The Primitive Physick' full of remedies and ideas. It was a best seller!

This half term (February 21-26), visit the Museum at John Wesley's New Room in Broadmead and follow a trail around 12 rooms to learn more about the man and his ideas. The museum is open Monday-Saturday from 10am-4pm. We are also running two specific Wesley's Wellbeing Workshops. These fun workshops run from 10am - 1pm on February 23 and 24 and are an opportunity for all ages to learn about 18th century lotions and potions (and make some!) Tickets (including museum admission for a year) are £10 for one adult and up to three children/£15 for two adults and up to three children.

If you already have a museum pass the workshops cost £3. Please book by emailing

education@newroombristol.org.uk. Suitable for children aged 6+, who must be accompanied by an adult

Flourish is a campaign to encourage Methodist churches to connect and engage with their local school. We know that there are many places where this is already happening effectively and in many and varied ways, and we want to capture as many of those stories as possible. The hope is to share those stories on the Methodist Church website, and in the future through training and prayer events, to encourage and inspire other churches to get involved with their local school. If you have a story to share about the ways in which your church is involved with the local school, whether in big or small ways, then please could I invite you to fill in this brief survey <https://forms.gle/pZr2MfJES2tocx47> We would love to hear from you and know more!

Luke For Lent - Zoom Bible Study There are two opportunities to engage with a bible study series during Lent, arranged by the Circuit: Tuesdays 1st March - 19th April 7.30-8.30pm (to book a place contact Richard Sharples richard.sharples@methodist.org.uk 0117 962 9679), or Wednesdays 7.45-8.45pm starting Wednesdays 2nd March - 20 April (to book a place contact Rev Patrick Stonehewer, patrick.stonehewer@methodist.org.uk 0117 924 8407)

Horfield & Bishopston. An important part of our discipleship is to pray for our community and one another. This week you are asked to pray for the following and their families :- Stephen & Gail Holliday, John & Elaine Hopper Brenda How, Helen Humphreys, Beryl Jervis.

Horfield. The next afternoon tea will be on Tuesday, 8 February from 2.30p.m. to 3.30p.m. Cost £2.50. Please contact Eurfron on 0117 9691908 if you wish to come.

Horfield. Messy Church @ HMC Saturday 12 February at 11 am. Fun, worship, and food for all the family. February's theme is 'Stairway to Heaven'. We will be looking at the story of Jacob's ladder to Heaven, from Genesis 28 v10 to 19. Activities will include our own version of ladder hopscotch, making a giant ladder with Angel's ascending and descending, thinking about our pinky promises and the promises God has made. How Jacob and people can change from being unkind to being the people God wants us to be.

The next Hub's Cup Job Club at Shirehampton is:

Tuesday 8th February - and also 22nd February from 11:00am - 12:30pm

Accredited Emergency First Aid at work Training Level 3 on Wednesday 10 March from 10a.m. to 5 pm. At The Methodist Church, Penpole Road, Shirehampton, BS11 ODY. Cost £72 businesses, 32 Local Organisations, Free for unwaged & volunteers.

To book, please contact:- Steph on 07305066478 or Projectcoordinator@JTEhubshire.org

Dementia Information Sessions-on Wednesday 9 February from 1.00 to 4.00 p.m.

At the JTE Hub, Shirehampton Methodist Church. Contact-Home Instead 01174350063 to reserve a place.

JTE Hub Stakeholders Lunch on Tuesday 22 February from 12.30pm. to 2.30pm. at the JTE Hub, Shirehampton Methodist Church. Please book via Eventbrite as tickets are limited

Cream tea, silent auction & live music in aid of Bristol North West Food Bank. On Saturday, 12 March from 3.00 to 6.00 pm. At St. Andrew's Church Avonmouth. Tickets £ 10 per person, available from the church. Contact details: Phone 0479235343 E-mail: office@bristolnwfoodbank.org.uk

Horfield Recycled Printer Cartridges Boxes will be placed in the Church and Crush Hall to receive your old printer cartridges. We will receive payment which will help towards our eco group expenses

The Noise- With the new year well underway, we are also busy with preparations for The Noise 2022, when churches across the city will once again unite to reach out to the communities around them with a shared vision of SHOWING GOD'S LOVE IN PRACTICAL WAYS. and we want to use this year's projects and activities to

help our neighbours RECONNECT Prayer Gatherings on Tuesdays- 15 Feb at 12.30, 1 March at 12.30 & 15 March at 8 to 8.30pm. Zoom ID 92070571281 Passcode 111111

Dates for your diary

Horfield. Wednesday 9 February at 7.30. Property Meeting.

Horfield Thursday 10 February at 7.30 p.m. at Church. Stewards +

Horfield Tuesday 1 March at 7.30 on zoom Leadership Meeting

Horfield Saturday 5 March- Gift Day

Horfield Thursday 10 March- Eco Group Meeting at 7.30 pm.

Horfield Thursday 24 March- Children & Young People's Group

Reflection on the Lectionary Sunday 6th February (Ordinary 5)

Psalm 138; Isaiah 6 : 1 - 8; 1 Corinthians 15 : 1 - 11; Luke 5: 1 - 11

This reflection is provided by Rosemary Shaw (Holy Trinity, Bradley Stoke)

I am sure you can remember the time and place of some of your most life changing events, the day you left home, the place and situation of a marriage proposal, starting your first job. So it is that Luke reports on this scenario of the miraculous catch of fish quite fully. Let us picture it; the tired and disillusioned fishermen on the shore of the lake cleaning their nets after a failed night out fishing.

The crowds of people edging Jesus ever closer to the water, the calls of those clamouring for attention. Jesus notices what is around him, gets into one of the boats and asks to be pushed out a little away from the shore to enable him to continue. Simon would have been listening to Jesus and his amazingly radical teaching, he had in fact had previous personal experience when Jesus healed his mother-in-law, so when Jesus later asks him to go into deeper water and let the nets down, he was confused. As an experienced fisherman Simon knew it was the wrong time of day and it would appear the wrong place as they had been trying all night. He was tired and his nets were ready for the next nights fishing, however he did as Jesus asked and lo and behold a catch of miraculous proportions, so many fish that they had to ask for help. The fishermen were in awe - that Jesus could cause this amazing act but also that in his compassion He knew what they needed, food to eat and a catch to sell in order to provide for their families. What an effect it had Peter fell on his knees in awe, he realised that Jesus was a truly holy man and he was not fit to be in that presence. The same with Simon's partners James and John. But what does Jesus say, *"do not fear for from now on you will be catching men."*

All through the scriptures we hear of God calling people, from Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, David, the followers of Jesus through to Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus. Many different types of characters and situations.

Today, God is still calling people to be His workers in the world. he calls each of us wherever we are and whoever we are. As God called this rag bag bunch of very different folk to be followers of Jesus more than 2000 years ago God calls each of us. He is calling you and me into a deeper knowledge of Him, to recognise his Holiness and yet to know His love, to know our own sinful ways and repent, to walk in His ways and to know the peace that He offers.

Are we feeling unworthy, too busy, not knowledgeable enough? The disciples of Jesus certainly didn't fit in the religious leaders understanding. The disciples were called and commissioned in the middle of their daily ordinary lives. God has a plan and a purpose for every one of us His beloved children, you, and me. Don't let us miss all that He has for us!!

Prayer

Father

God, as you called the disciples of Jesus from their ordinary days, please show us where you are at work in our day to day lives. Show us what your dream is for the lives of each one of us. Help us to abandon our small anxieties to open our hearts to your bigger calling and purpose so that whatever the cost, our lives might make a difference to those around us. Amen.

Our thanks to Rosemary for this reflection