



Newsletter from the Bury St Edmunds Circuit  
for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Friends,

The new President of Conference Rev Richard Teal has the theme for his year 'The Best of all God is With us'. These were of course Wesley's words, showing us that when we are transformed by Christ it has an impact on all around us.

As a Circuit we have been slowly reopening our churches. Each week one by one we have been able to worship in the building that we left so suddenly and dramatically in March. It is good to be back. It is good to see folk we haven't seen in such a long time 'face to face', or at least 'mask to mask' or even 'visor to visor'. These are strange times and as we once again begin to return to corporate worship we know that the 'best of all God is with us'. Not that God was ever not with us. But we feel a sense of resting in God's presence when we gather as a fellowship. On the notice board outside our church in Stowmarket is a poster made by one of our members and inspired by another which simply says, 'God never closes'. The building may have had to close its doors, but God remains constant.

It has been good to be able to gather on a Sunday morning to worship using a variety of media across the Circuit. We have and continue to use Zoom with the churches I have pastoral care for. We have a recorded service on our website and we have our printed worship sheets. And, in the midst of all that, is God. We might have left the 'building' but God certainly didn't. **Amen.**

God bless.

*Rita, Debbie and Ruth*

### Harvest Festival

Since Lockdown began we have shared the same service across the circuit and we will be doing the same for Harvest this year. We will celebrate Harvest on 4<sup>th</sup> October and will be using material from All We Can. This year instead of collecting goods we would ask you to make donations to All We Can – 3

<https://www.allwecan.org.uk/give/make-a-donation/> or if you are in the church building then there will be a bowl for your gifts. Their theme this year is 'Change begins with a Bicycle'



For girls like Nawalat, a bicycle is more than a way to travel. It is a way to break the cycle of poverty. Nawalat dreams of becoming a nurse – but as a young girl living in Butagaya, Uganda, every day is a

challenge. Her journey to school is long and difficult, and as the eldest child, she must help her widowed mother and younger siblings at home. But young girls like Nawalat have the potential they need to break the cycle of poverty. Please donate this Harvest to help the work of 'All We Can'.

A prayer written for this Harvest

***O God of all.***

***You bring life and transformation***

***And offer us the gift of joining in partnership with you.***

***All over the world, we see change beginning,***

***We see ordinary people having an impact.***

***Show us how to demonstrate your generous love in all we do.***

***May we have hearts that overflow from you.***

***Living God, we pray that change will begin here, in this place.***

***We pray that change will begin with us. Amen.***

### Sunday Worship

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

<http://trinitymethodistchurch.org.uk/summer2020.htm>

**Zoom Sunday Worship:** You are welcome to join Zoom Worship on a Sunday morning with Rev Debbie Borda or Rev Rita Carr. If you would like to join in worship in this way then please contact either of them and they will give you details of how to join a zoom meeting.

Our thanks goes to Rita for preparing the worship sheet and writing the newsletter this week.