

Circuit Life

Harrow & Hillingdon Methodist Circuit

This is Issue #8 of the Harrow & Hillingdon Methodist Circuit Newsletter 'Circuit Life'.

Inside this issue, find out about all the up and coming Circuit events. The 'spotlight' this quarter is on Pinner Methodist Church and find enclosed your very own Circuit prayer card.

Please note that the Circuit Plan on page 4 lists all services for Churches in the Circuit. If you are unable to attend worship in your church building then the Circuit zoom service is for you! See inside for more details.



The Circuit webpage www.hah.org.uk includes more Circuit information, resources and has the updated dates for your diary, Circuit plan & weekly

Circuit Notices.

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Circuit Newsletter

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A note from the Superintendent Minister

Dear all,

Following recent meetings it was mooted that the Circuit take a more proactive approach in moving the Circuit forwards; the Circuit meeting agreed for some creative proposals be brought to the June meeting. Therefore, the Circuit strategy group have come up with 2 creative options for the future of the Circuit, in order to try and help the mission of the churches, the shortages with office holders and reduce the amount of bureaucracy and administrative meetings. With that in mind, please pray for the Circuit and especially the Circuit Leadership team as it seeks to discern a way forward.



This quarter we say farewell to the Revd Roger Dunlop and give thanks to God for his 9 years of ministry in the Circuit, we wish Roger well in the next phase of his ministry. We also say farewell to the Revd Ruth Gee and thank her for all the services she has led whilst residing in the Circuit and we wish her a long and happy retirement as she enters this next phase of her ministry. We celebrate with Philip Woods who is due to be admitted to the office and ministry of a Local Preacher on Sunday 4th July at the newly named Lighthouse Centre (formerly South Ruislip Methodist Church).

Finally, as the lockdown restrictions gradually lift, I have taken the difficult decision to end the Circuit Zoom services from August 2021 because we simply do not have the human resources to continue in terms of preachers. However, there are now several churches in the Circuit taking a 'hybrid' approach to worship. This means they are either 'Zooming' or live streaming as well as meeting physically. So if you are unable to attend your Church in person please do log on to one of these services, details are found in the Circuit weekly notices. I would like to thank Peter Davies for agreeing to co-ordinate these services and for the team of people who have helped facilitate them. Also to the preachers who have led worship via Zoom for the Circuit. The pandemic has clearly taught us many lessons but there are 2 that I would like to focus on here:

1. There are new ways of doing Church
2. Church is the people and not the building

So as we look to the future please bear these in mind as we continue to reshape the Circuit for mission, and in turn fulfil the great commission for spreading the gospel far and wide.

In the Spirit's Name,

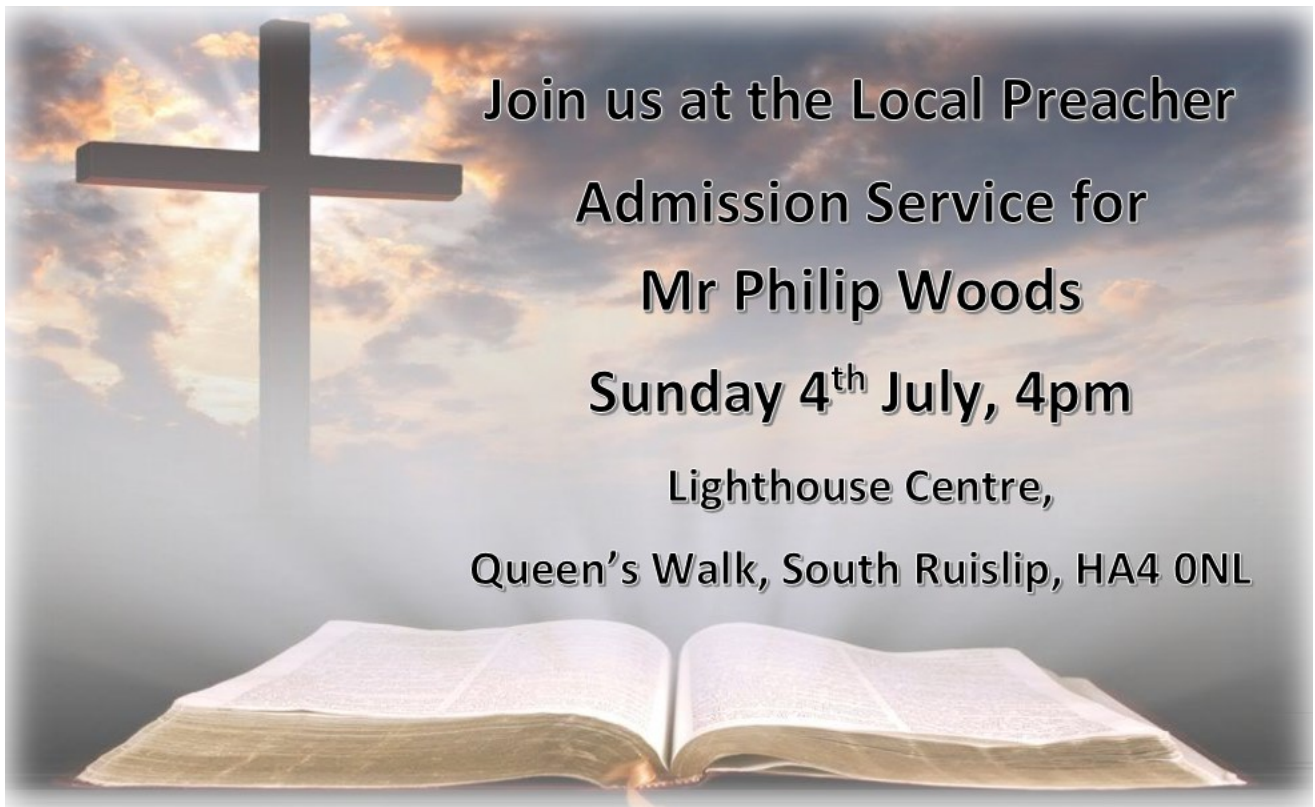
Andrew

Revd Andrew Pottage

June to August 2021- Abbreviations listed below:

Circuit Plan (page 4)

AA = All Age Worship CA = Church Anniversary CTS = Circuit Service FS = Farewell Service	HC = Holy Communion JS = Joint Service LA = Local Arrangement	MEM = Memorial Service P = All Age Parade PN = Praise Night PF = Patronal Festival	Pr = Praise Service R = Rail (T) = Transport needed
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Join us at the Local Preacher
Admission Service for
Mr Philip Woods
Sunday 4th July, 4pm
Lighthouse Centre,
Queen's Walk, South Ruislip, HA4 0NL



**JOIN US AT THE
FAREWELL SERVICE
FOR
REV. ROGER DUNLOP**

Sunday 18th July 2021 at 6pm

**Ruislip Methodist Church
19 Ickenham Road, Ruislip HA4 7BZ**

Join us as we say farewell, give thanks &
celebrate Roger's time here in the Harrow &
Hillingdon Circuit.

Refreshments will be served in the Car Park from 5.15pm

Dates		6th June	13th June	20th June	27th June	4th July	11th July
Readings		Gen 3: 8-15 2 Cor 4:13-5:1 Mark 3: 20-35	Ezek 17: 22-24 2 Cor 5:6-10,14-17 Mark 4:26-34	Job 38: 1-11 2 Cor 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	Lam 3: 22-33 2 Cor 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	Ezek 2: 1-5 2 Cor 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	Amos 7: 7-15 Eph1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29
Year B		Ordinary 10	Ordinary 11	Ordinary 12	Ordinary 13	Ordinary 14	Ordinary 15
Christ Church	early 11am	McNeil	LA	Knowles	Poole HC	LA	Kow Arthur
Viewsley	11am 4pm	Dunlop	Neto	LA	Schoon	Lloyd @Lighthouse	LA
Cannon Lane	9.30am 11am 4pm	Conradie	Kow Arthur	Conradie	LA AA	Conradie @Lighthouse	Neto
Eastcote	9.30am 4pm	Conradie	Conradie	Conradie AA	Conradie	Conradie @Lighthouse	Conradie HC
Pinner	9.30am 11am 6.30pm	Walker	Conradie AA	LA	Conradie	Smith @Lighthouse	Conradie AA
Hayes	11am 6pm	LA	Kingston @North Hillingdon	Neto	Reid AA	Pottage @Lighthouse	Kingston @North Hillingdon
Hayes End	11am 6pm	J Davies Pr	Gee @North Hillingdon	Smith	LA	Kingston Pr HC @Lighthouse	Schoon Kingston 4pm MEM
North Hillingdon	9.30am 6pm	Kingston	Gee Kingston	Smith	LA	Lloyd @Lighthouse	Kingston HC King PN
Kenton	10.45am pm	Poole	Wood	Poole HC	LA	Poole HC @Lighthouse	Reid
Wealdstone	10.30am 6pm	Hustler	Poole HC	Kow Arthur	Woods (T)	LA @Lighthouse	Poole HC
North Harrow	9am 10.30am 6pm	King HC	Potter	Schoon	St Albans JS	LA @Lighthouse	@South Harrow JS
South Harrow	11am 6pm	Shaw	King HC	King	LA	Walton @Lighthouse	King JS HC
Circuit ZOOM	10.45am	P Davies	LA	Reid	Lloyd	P Davies	Pottage
Lighthouse	4pm					Pottage CTS	
Northwood	9am 10.30am	Pottage	Pottage	LA	Wells	Walker	Potter
Ruislip	10.45am 6pm	Davidson Zoom	Dunlop Zoom	J Davies Zoom	Shaw Zoom	Dunlop @Lighthouse	LA Zoom
Ruislip Manor	10.45am 6pm	Walton Zoom	Worsfold Zoom US	Pottage Zoom US	Dunlop CA AA Zoom US	LA @Lighthouse	Wells AA Zoom US
Trinity (Harrow)	9.30am 10.30am 1pm	Curry	William	Byfield	Curry	Curry 10am SC	Williams R

18th July	25th July	1st Aug	8th Aug	15th Aug	22nd Aug	29th Aug
Jer 23: 1-6 Eph 2:11-22 Mk 6:30-34, 53-56	2 Kings 4: 42- Eph 3:14-21 John 6:1-21	Ex 16:2-4,9- Eph 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	1 Kings 19:4-8 Eph 4:25 -5:2 Jn 6:35, 41-51	Proverbs 9:1-6 Eph 5:15 -20 John 6:51-58	Josh 24:1-2a, 14-18 Eph 6:10 -20 John 6:56-69	Deut 4:1-2, 6- James 1:17 -27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
Ordinary 16	Ordinary 17	Ordinary 18	Ordinary 19	Ordinary 20	Ordinary 21	Ordinary 22
Smith	Dean	Evans	LA	J Davies	LA	Potter
Dunlop @Ruislip	Walton	Woods (T)	Reid	LA	Gill	Gill
King @Ruislip	Lloyd	Conradie	LA	Conradie	Worsfold	LA
Conradie @Ruislip	LA	Conradie	Conradie	Conradie	Worsfold	LA
Conradie @Ruislip	Pottage	LA	Conradie	Kow Arthur	Lloyd	LA
Hustler @Ruislip	Schoon	LA	Wells	Kingston	LA	Kingston
Kingston @Ruislip	LA	Reid	Wood/Worsfold	LA	Kingston	Kuyoro
Hustler @Ruislip	Kingston	LA	Wood/Worsfold	Kingston	J Davies	LA
Poole @Ruislip	LA	Smith	Poole HC	Pottage	LA	Poole
Wood @Ruislip	LA	Lloyd	Pottage	Poole	LA	Wells
LA @Ruislip	Walker	King	LA	Walton	Kow Arthur	King
Kow Arthur @Ruislip	King	LA	Potter HC	LA	King	Kow Arthur
LA	Kulasingham					
Pottage	LA	Pottage	Kow Arthur	LA	Schoon	Reid
Neto Pottage	LA Zoom	Zihle	LA	@Ruislip Manor US	LA	Neto US HC
Reid @Ruislip	Dunlop Zoom	LA	Schoon	Smith	LA	@Ruislip US
Byfield	Curry	Curry	Williams	Byfield	Curry	Curry

PRAY

To **pray** is to make our hearts ready to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Praying** regularly will help us to develop a spiritual rhythm. A discipline of prayer changes the way that we think about our lives, because it creates new habits of heart and mind. Prayer opens us more deeply to the transforming grace of God. We enter into God's presence, allowing the Holy Spirit to **pray** in us.

Remember that God hears every **prayer**—but not all **prayers** are answered in the way we might expect or desire: we don't always **pray** for his will to be done! **Prayer** is a discipline - it can be difficult at times, just like keeping fit, being on a diet, or keeping weeds down in the garden. Little and often is best, but don't give up! No **prayer**, however inadequate you may feel it to be, is ever wasted or of no value.

You don't have to know any **prayers** if you want to **pray** - in fact, words can often get in the way. But you may wish to write down or memorise some **prayers** that speak to you, especially the Lord's **Prayer**. You could build up a collection of favourite **prayers** and sayings and keep a scrapbook or contact the Circuit Resource Centre for **prayer** ideas.

You may remember that in the September Issue of Circuit Life, Deacon Claire Gill updated us on the 'Circuit wide Prayer strategy and reminded us that *“during our lockdown churches have continued to worship in different forms and prayer has become even more vital to the life blood of our congregations and communities. We are therefore now launching the new Circuit Prayer Strategy, which combines the Methodist Church ‘Our Calling’ document, the book ‘Holy Habits’ by Methodist minister Andrew Roberts and the tube map. We hope that by encouraging people to develop their Calling through adopting their own holy habits, we may strengthen*

As part of your daily prayer and reflection please remember the following:

MONDAY

For all those in our circuit who lead and share in worship, those undertaking LP training, those responsible for LAs.

TUESDAY

For all churches across the circuit, all pastoral secretaries & visitors. Those who lead bible studies, house groups, LPs tutors & mentors. All uniformed organisations & Junior Churches & their leaders.

WEDNESDAY

Pray for the church led activities in your own church, lunch clubs, coffee mornings etc. For local Foodbanks & charities, for the groups who use our premises - that we may become living communities not just letting agents.

THURSDAY

Pray that our churches will be a welcoming place to all, that we will feel comfortable sharing our faith and that in turn we will make more disciples and our churches will thrive.

FRIDAY

The world Church.

SATURDAY

Action for Children, MHA & All We Can.

SUNDAY

For our Circuit, ministerial & administrative staff, Circuit stewards and all those involved in discerning the direction of our Circuit.



our prayer life and in turn deepen our relationship with God and our fellowship with one another”.

The article ended with us all being encouraged that as part of our daily prayers and reflections to remember the Churches, activities and Circuit in our prayers each day (as listed in the image above).

These words have now been added to a small card (inserted here) for your personal use, you could put them on your fridge in your purse or wallet for your use each day!

Circuit Office Staff

In Issue #6 of the Circuit Life newsletter we introduced 2 new members of the Circuit Office. Circuit Property Manager Mr Anthony Criscuolo and Circuit Admin Assistant Mrs Prima Mendonca. In this issue we have asked the same questions to the other 2 team members of the Circuit Office.

Meet Mrs Nicola Mercer, Circuit Admin Manager & Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Minister...

Where are you from? Hayes End (I still live in the house I was born in!)

What were your childhood aspirations? To be an artist or a film actress! However, being extremely quiet, shy and practical, I took a more sensible career route!

What did you do before coming to work in the Circuit? I got my degree in Civil Engineering and worked for Taylor Woodrow in Greenford before changing direction to work as an Analyst Programmer. I was Applications Development Director for a small Computer Consultancy and Software House before I left to have my 3 children. When the children were little, I set up my own business making hats, bags and other accessories and when my youngest started school I applied to be the part-time Circuit Administrator for the newly formed Harrow & Hillingdon Circuit.

What do you get up to in your spare time? I've always got a project on the go at home or at church – usually something creative to balance with work life. Before the pandemic, my husband and I got back to dancing (several styles) and it would often become a family event with the children coming to dancing lessons with us!

You are the Circuit Admin Manager- is there anything you would like to share about that? I enjoy the variety of the role; it's always changing and there's always something exciting going on somewhere in the circuit!



Meet Mrs Laura Pottage, Circuit Admin Assistant...

Where are you from? I was born in Portsmouth, locally known as Pompey and famous for being the UK's only city island.

What were your childhood aspirations? According to my parents a teacher once told them I announced during class that I wanted to be a "headlice checker" when I grew up, however I don't remember saying that!

What do you get up to in your spare time? I love reading, gardening, walking our dog Paddy and knitting! I enjoy seeing family and friends and having good times together!

You are a Circuit Admin Assistant- is there anything you would like to share about that? I have been working in the Circuit for 3 years now which has flown by, I enjoy the variety and pace of the role. Plus I can now put names to faces as I have got to know more people from different churches in the Circuit.



Circuit Online Events



**Join us for the Circuit Zoom Service
Every Sunday Morning at 10:45am**

All are Welcome!

For details of the service and to obtain the link, meeting ID and passcode:

email hahzoomservices@gmail.com

All are welcome to the online Circuit Zoom service at 10.45am each Sunday morning. Services are planned weekly until Sunday 31st July 2021. After this date there are many churches in the Circuit offering online alternatives- check the weekly Circuit notices for details!



**Join us at the
Circuit Prayer Meeting
Every Thursday Morning**

9am – 9.30am

All are Welcome!

To join the Zoom Prayer Meeting use the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84168659990?pwd=NWpOcW1YNIRSeIdHVU1iaVXWGgwQT09>

Meeting ID: 841 6865 9990

Passcode: 296725

Or dial in on your phone 0203 901 7895

The Circuit Prayer Meeting is online each week until Thursday 17th June 2021.

Look forward to seeing you there!



Spotlight

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Pinner Methodist Church

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Early History

There is no precise date recorded as to when a Methodist Society officially started in Pinner although it is known that 'Independents' (non-conformists) were meeting by 1795. The earliest date known of a Methodist Society meeting for Worship in Pinner is 1815 when 'cottage meetings' were held in the upper room of a cottage located in what is now known as Chapel Lane but at that time was called Water Lane. The Circuit System had also been established by this time and Pinner was placed in The Hammersmith Circuit.

By 1844 a plot of land had been acquired a little further up the Lane and a chapel erected which was opened in the April of that year. In 1848 the Chapel became a part of Windsor Circuit and remained so until 1872 when it transferred to Watford where it stayed until 1921.

In 1885 the Metropolitan Railway was extended to Pinner which became a temporary terminus until 1887 when the line continued on to Rickmansworth. This was significant to the Chapel as the trains then passed noisily and very close to it, gradually weakening the structure such that by 1916 worship was confined to the vestry until the chimney collapsed into the building late in that year and had to be evacuated.

Fortunately plans were already in place to build a new Church on a grand scale on land acquired first in 1908 and further again in 1912 in Love Lane, Pinner but these plans needed to be scaled back somewhat because of wartime (WW1) restrictions and as much material as possible from the old chapel plus Government authorised expenditure on new materials enabled the construction of a new chapel which fully opened for worship in 1918, although the Sunday School were able to use a partly completed section in 1917.

Pinner Methodist Church (or Chapel) was incorporated into the newly formed Harrow Circuit in 1921, was enlarged in 1928 and finally the Church that stands today was built between 1936 and 1937 opening for worship in May of that year; the original chapel on the site is now the church hall. In the following year (1938) the old cottage that hosted the first Methodist society was demolished.

The present

Our church is well used during the week by Pinner Playtime, which is for mothers, grandmothers or carers and children from 0 to 3 years old. This has been running for about 15 years, started by Rev Mike Hall. In normal times this is open every morning and has recently re-opened with restricted numbers.

Our Youth Club is now running again with full membership under the Covid restrictions. We offer a wide range of activities from arts, crafts, cooking to crossbow and various indoor and outdoor games.

We have run a Holiday Club for several years in August led by Angela Lount. For obvious reasons this didn't go ahead last year and is not planned for this year. We will see what happens in the future.

We have three Wesley Groups which meet regularly in normal times and two other groups whose members are looked after pastorally. We have a small prayer group which has not been able to meet in person, but we still set aside half an hour on a Wednesday morning when we pray from our homes. A few of us join in with a Zoom prayer meeting on a Wednesday evening run by Eastcote Methodist Church.

On a Sunday evening about four times a year we have a Taize service led by one of our Worship Leaders which is open to all.

We usually have two coffee mornings a week, one on a Saturday and the other on a Thursday. Various organisations run the Saturday coffee morning and this helps raise money for a wide variety of charities.

About six times a year the Pinner Association of Churches run Welcome lunches at Love Lane church and we also combine for various activities at Easter and Christmas, including a Good Friday Walk of Witness and Christmas Day lunches.

There was a Men's Supper Club which started in 1972 and ran continuously until it was forced to close due to Covid. Sadly, it will not be re-opening.

We have a Fun and Funds Committee who organise quizzes, beetle drives, barbecues and other social events from time to time.

We are fortunate to have Rev Dr Lynita Conradie to help us to deepen our spiritual life at Love Lane, and despite our ageing congregation and falling numbers we try to serve our local community as best we can.

Early History – Ian Murray

The present – Heather Morris



Dates for your Diary:

Date	Event	Venue	Time
<i>June 2021</i>			
Wed 09/06/21	Circuit Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting	Zoom	7pm
Thu 10/06/21	Staff Meeting with Lay employees	-	10am
Thu 17/06/21	Circuit Meeting	Lighthouse	8pm
Tue 22/06/21	LMG Meeting	Lighthouse	2pm
<i>July</i>			
Sun 04/07/21	LP Admission Service (Philip Woods)	Lighthouse	4pm
Wed 07/07/21	Circuit Communications Group meeting	Zoom	1.30pm
Thu 08/07/21	Staff Meeting		10am
Sun 18/07/21	Farewell Service for Revd Roger Dunlop	Ruislip	6pm
<i>August</i>			
-	-	-	-
<i>September</i>			
Thu 02/09/21	Staff Gathering	Lighthouse	10am
Tue 07/09/21	Circuit Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting	Lighthouse	7pm
Wed 08/09/21	CLT Meeting	Lighthouse	7.30pm
Wed 15/09/21	Circuit Meeting with Holy Communion	Lighthouse	7.30pm
Sat 18/09/21	Representative Synod	MCHW	10am
Tue 21/09/21	Circuit Strategy Group Meeting	Zoom	1.30pm

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