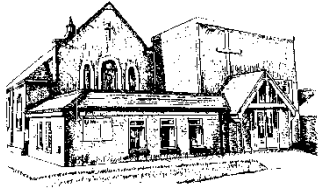


## YMC News

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### YATE METHODIST CHURCH

**Sunday Worship:-10.30am (unless otherwise stated)**

**Welcome to our Church for On-Line and Telephone Worship**

**May 2nd-** Mr John Wing

Weekly Prayer Topic:- Pray for the suffering people of India due to the pandemic. Pray that all may share the equipment that they have to help alleviate the suffering and give thanks that some aid has been given by our own country.

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**May 9th:-** Rev Leigh Maydew (**Family Worship**)

Weekly Prayer Topic:- Pray for wisdom and integrity for our Government and all world leaders ~~~~~

**May 16th:-** Rev Leigh Maydew (**Virtual Communion**)

Weekly Prayer Topic: Pray for the Queen and the Royal family at this sad time

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**May 23rd:-**Mr Peter Jones (**Pentecost Sunday**)

Weekly Prayer Topic:- Give thanks for the coming of the Holy Spirit and also for the reopening of our Church and a new start.

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**May 31st:-** Mr Iain MacGillivray

Weekly Prayer Topic:- Pray for those we know who are ill or bereaved.

## Our Services

Our services from the church continue on-line on the church Facebook page (Click on the link below)

[www.facebook.com/YateMethodistChurch](https://www.facebook.com/YateMethodistChurch)

and by telephone link.

Telephone in using - 0131 460 1196 or 0203 481 5237

Meeting ID: 922 1708

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The telephone numbers are local rate numbers and so are normally included in your packages.

Our church will open for in-person worship on **Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. As before the 'lockdown' at each service the Stewards will be there to receive you for worship, explain how things work, sign you in and show you to your seats. The seating will be arranged to ensure you can sit with your families but socially distanced from non-family members and be in a safe environment.

Again as we re-open the most important thing you need to do is to **book your attendance with Dee (07766883383)** by the Friday before each Sunday service and bring a mask to wear during the service.

**Sunday, May 16th** – Leigh's **Testimony Service**

at our church at 4.00pm. The service will be online as numbers will be limited. If you would like to attend see details on Leigh's newsletter.(Attached to e-mail)

### Church Groups

Our uniformed groups are now meeting

### Gift Day

You will be aware that as our church has been closed to outside groups for 12 months and much of the time not open for services our income has plummeted. We have needed a grant from circuit funds to pay our assessments to the circuit. More than ever this year our gift day will be an important contribution to our church finances. Our usual Gift Day is in May but this year but the provisional date is Saturday June 26th so please put this date in your diary. Further details later.

### Reflections on the Easing of Lockdown.

*From Jan and Robbie Gibson*

Hello everyone, we were looking forward to seeing our family and friends even though it was outside. The weather has been kind so we have been able to do this. We have also enjoyed trips to Westonbirt and national trust properties. It was just nice to be able to go outside our area. We are

looking forward to the next relaxation on May 17th when we hopefully can see our grandchildren inside even if we still can't have a proper hug. Having a coffee outside with friends has been good but we aren't sure yet if we are ready to go inside. Wearing a mask outside the car is now second nature and following arrows to go in the right direction is part of going out. Even when walking in parks it is interesting to notice the people who make sure they are social distancing and those who stay walking together don't give way or thank you when you do. Good to know most of us have had our second vaccine and our families are getting theirs. It has been sad that the number of people allowed to attend funerals has been so small and the limit on the distances allowed to travel, making saying goodbye to friends almost impossible. Hopefully these restrictions will ease soon as well. Hope everyone is still safe and well.

*From Joy and MikePhillpotts*

As the restrictions have eased we have started to meet up with friends and family, in the open air of course. We have a small holiday booked around the wedding in July of our Grandson. It has been good to go back to help in the Food Bank and Mike has started his retail chaplaincy. Just simple pleasures but we are so glad to be through this last year and are now looking forward to meeting up in Church. It will be lovely to be with you all again.

*From Brenda Isherwood*

Since things have relaxed a bit, my daughter and I have had coffee at Boswells, (twice) Just great to do something 'normal'. As we had not done it for so long it seemed rude not to have cake as well! And it tasted so much better than I ever remembered, or perhaps it was just the fact that we were out in the sunshine, and across the tables seeing people we had not seen for a long time. My Sister came over from Cardiff, and we just sat and gossiped it was so good to see her. My elder daughter and I are due to go to going to Leigh, (on the border of Cheshire and Lancashire) to visit my younger daughter for the day on her birthday its so long since I have seen her! Then finally, at last I have had my hair cut! (The hairdresser said he was getting rid of bags of hair each day!), There was a lot of hair on the floor when he finally finished cutting mine. My hair really

just grows outwards and was so unmanageable. I just look like me again!

*From Alison Sansom*

We as a family are all safe and well! Our children and families are here in the west with us but both our parents and in laws live back in Hertfordshire along with other family and friends so we have not been able to travel to see them.

During lockdown we have all been faced with challenges as many families have but I can't wait to see my daughter in law and son off on a plane to Norway to show off their baby son, our grandson, Bodie, he was born last June in lockdown.

We have been extremely lucky to have been in a support bubble with our son and daughter-in-law helping with Bodie but sadly the Norwegian family have still not yet met him properly...thank goodness for Facetime and WhatsApp.

In June Bodie celebrates his first birthday, luckily his birthday is at the end of June so let's hope if he doesn't get to Norway we can at least celebrate his birthday here in the uk with a few friends!

*From Carol and Andy Worrall*

Time is flying by even though we are not doing all the things we normally would be, others seem to agree they feel this too. Life is getting back to normal slowly but surely and we have managed to have two pub lunches, outside of course, meeting part way with our son and family and on another occasion with our nephew and family when they came to visit the new puppy they were buying, he is only four weeks old at the moment. We have started playing pickleball twice a week now that we can use outdoor tennis courts, adapting the game as it is usually played on a badminton court.

Our house is looking a bit more spick and span as the lockdowns have enabled us to do lots of decorating, something we never seemed to get around to. The garden has benefitted too. Thanks to Dee's library of jigsaws we have completed several during the winter months. Andy has continued his magistrate duties sitting for family court conducted, via teams, from the spare bedroom and going into adult court in Bristol and Bath.

## **Information on the Appointment of the New Circuit Superintendent**

From: **Bristol & South Gloucestershire  
Methodist Circuit Stationing Committee**

Following the provisional appointment of **Rev  
Novette Headley as Superintendent  
Minister for the Bristol &  
South Gloucestershire Circuit** from  
September this year, the Circuit Invitation  
Committee have been informed that  
**Novette has been nominated as Chair of  
the Birmingham District from September  
2022.**

Novette will still take up her appointment with  
us in August, but this will only be for 12  
months. We have been informed that finding a  
replacement for September 2022 will be a  
priority for the District, working with regional  
and connexional colleagues.

Whilst this is disappointing news for the Circuit,  
we recognise that all stationing appointments  
are provisional until they are confirmed at The  
Methodist Conference. We are however  
delighted that Novette has been appointed as a  
Chair of District and look forward to working  
with her this coming year and assure her of our  
support and blessings for the future.

\* Please advise Andy Eaves of anything you  
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