

DIARY DATES

CIRCUIT MEETING

29 April 2025, Palace Avenue Methodist Church, Paignton at 7.30pm

CIRCUIT SERVICE

Every Sunday at Southfield at 6pm. Tea, coffee and cake from 5.30pm

ADDITIONAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2025

Monday 14 April Goodrington 10-10.30am Meditation, Music & Reflections with Revd Andy

Tuesday 15 April Goodrington 10-10.30am Meditation, Music & Reflections with Revd Andy

Weds 16 April Goodrington 10-10.30am Meditation, Music & Reflections with Revd Andy

Maundy Thursday 17 April

Goodrington Methodist Church at 10am with Revd Andy Chislett-McDonald 'Washing of Feet'

Central Church, Torquay at 7pm with Revd Jeff Short

Brixham, Fore Street at 7.30pm with Revd Andy Chislett-McDonald 'Holy Communion'

Good Friday 18 April

Goodrington Methodist Church at 9am with Revd Andy Chislett-McDonald 'Holy Communion'

Brixham, Fore Street at 7.30pm with Revd Andy Chislett-McDonald 'Meditative Service'

Central Church, Torquay at 10.30am with Revd Alan Poole

Palace Avenue at 10.30am with Revd Jeff Short

Victoria Park Christian Centre at Plainmoor at 10.30am with Revd Val Price

PLEASE NOTE:

Revd Andy Chislett-McDonald's day of rest will be Mondays
and Revd Jeff Short's will usually be a Friday.

In case of emergencies or pastoral concerns on these days, please direct to the Minister on duty

START THE WEEK IN PRAYER

We welcome you every Monday morning at 9 am to join us in a free 15 minute 'Phone Prayer Group'.

The group can be accessed from any landline phone or mobile by ringing 0333 0110 946

You'll be asked for a room number—85276513 # (do include the #hash symbol)

You'll be asked for a PIN number—7239 # and you will join the group.

Please note this is not a video link, it is a telephone group.

OUR BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP

All those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and accept the obligation to serve Him in the life of the Church and the world are welcome as full members of the Methodist Church. **In the Church:** Members are committed to worship, holy communion, fellowship and service, prayer and Bible Study, and responsible giving. **In the World:** Members are committed to the working out of their faith in daily life, the offering of personal service in the community, the Christian use of their resources, and the support of the Church in its total world mission.

OUR CALLING

To increase awareness of God's presence and celebrate God's love

To help people to grow and learn as Christians

To be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice

To make more followers of Jesus Christ.

EDITION DATE: 31 JANUARY 2025

THE METHODIST CHURCH TORBAY CIRCUIT (37/23)

Quarterly Preaching Grid
March – May 2025

SOUTH WEST PENINSULA DISTRICT (Formerly the Plymouth & Exeter District)

Dear friends

I have commented previously about writing a plan letter that covers Lent and Easter while looking out at frost on my car windscreen and hardly having taken the Christmas decorations down (I do wait for the 12th night and Epiphany before doing so). But it is also a visual reminder of the central core of our faith – **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!** My belief that Spring will follow Winter is not based on textbooks or word of mouth discourse. It is not because I am an eternal optimist who whistles "Things can only get better." Nor is it because the mornings are getting warmer and the days fractionally longer, although those things help! I believe in the coming of Spring because of what I see and what I have experienced in the past. I see the first primrose in my garden, I notice the first buds on the trees. I have lived through many winters – some when we had real snowdrifts; don't get me started on how soft life has become today! These things are true about my faith in Christ also. There was a time when I had no real knowledge or understanding of the Lord. I met people who told me about Him and shared the Gospel with me. I was given a Bible which I read and marvelled at, but Christ was still a stranger to me. But there came a day when I experienced His touch on my life, when the Holy Spirit opened me up to receive His love and grace, but most of all His forgiveness and friendship. So I believe in the Resurrection of Christ because I see the evidence around me, because I have lived through many Winter times in my life but He has always brought the Spring of new life to follow, but crucially because I have met with Him and been blessed by Him. And now that I know that he died for me and that He has been raised to life for all of us, I now live with the quiet assurance that one day He will return – be it at the end of my life or the end of the world as we know it. So I love to sing...

He lives and grants me daily breath

He lives and I shall conquer death

He lives my mansion to prepare

He lives to lead me safely there

Is that your song too?

Every Blessing

Jeff Short

Rev Jeff Short, Superintendent Minister

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<u>2025</u>		02-Mar	09-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	30-Mar	06-Apr	13-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	04-May	11-May	18-May	25-May
		Sunday before Lent	1st Sunday in Lent	2nd Sunday in Lent	3rd Sunday in Lent	4th Sunday in Lent	5th Sunday in Lent	6th Sunday in Lent	Easter Day	2nd Sunday of Easter	3rd Sunday of Easter	2nd Sunday of Easter	2nd Sunday of Easter	2nd Sunday of Easter
Principal Service RCL Readings (Related) Lectionary Year C		Ex. 34: 29-35 Ps.99 2Co. 3: 12-4:2 Lk. 9: 28-36 (37-43a)	Dt. 26: 1-11 Ps.91: 1-2, 9-16 Ro. 10:8b-13 Lk. 4: 1-13	Ge. 15: 1-12, 17-18 Ps. 27 Ph. 3: 17-4:1 Lk. 13: 31-35	Is. 55: 1-9 Ps. 63:1-8 1Co. 10: 1-13 Lk. 13: 1-9	Js. 5: 9-12 Ps. 32 2Co. 5: 16-21 Lk. 15: 1-3, 11b-32	Is. 43: 16-21 Ps. 126 Ph. 3: 4b-14 Jn. 12: 1-8	Is. 50: 4-9a Ps. 31: 9-16 Ph. 2: 5-11 Lk. 22: 14-23:56 Or Lk. 23: 1-49	Ac. 10: 34-43 or Is. 65: 17-25 Ps.118: 1-2, 14-24 1Co. 15: 19-26 Jn. 20: 1-18 or Lk. 24: 1-12	Ac. 5:27-32 Ps.118:14-29 or 150 Re. 1: 4-8 Jn. 20: 19-31	Ac. 9: 1-6 (7-20) Ps. 30 Re. 5: 11-14 Jn. 21: 1-19	Ac. 9: 36-43 Ps. 23 Re. 7: 9-17 Jn. 10: 22-30	Ac. 11: 1-18 Ps. 148 Re. 21: 1-6 Jn. 13: 31-35	Ac. 16: 9-15 Ps. 67 Re. 21:10,22-22:5 Lk. 6: 27-38
Brixham Fore Street TQ5 8AA AVA, StF, MWB, W/L, NIV	8.30 10.30	ACM PRICE	X ACM HC	X WILLIAMSON	X COOK	X BROAD	ACM ACM	X PHILLIPS	SHORT HC 8AM ACM	X VOND	ACM LISTER	X ACM	X BRINE	POCOCK
Goodrington Grange Road TQ4 7JT AVA, HP, SF (1-4),, NIV	8.00 10.30	X ACM HC	X DELLER	X ACM	X HART	X VOND	X BUTCHER	X ACM	ACM HC COOK	X BRINE	X ACM	X TRIGG	X COOK	X PRICE
Central (Torquay) Tor Hill Road TQ2 5RN StF, NIV, MWBc, AVA	10.30	WILLIAMSON HC	SHORT	POOLE	PRICE	SHORT	WILLIAMSON	LISTER	SHORT HC	NEWMAN	PRICE	POOLE HC	SHORT THE FEAST	NEWMAN
Palace Avenue (Paignton) Paignton TQ3 3EQ AVA, HP, MP3, Local, W/L	10.30	SHORT	PHILLIPS HC	BRYAN	BRINE	COOK	SHORT	VOND	WILLIAMSON HC	POCOCK	SHORT	DELLER HC	GARNER	OLIVERIO/LA BIKE 2 CHURCH
St Andrew's (Torquay) Exe Hill, Shipay TQ2 7NF AVA, HP, MPC, NIV	10.30	VOND	MOSEDALE	LISTER	SHORT HC	DELLER	LA	PRICE	POOLE HC	SHORT	WILLIAMSON	PHILLIPS	DAWE	SHORT HC
Victoria Park Christian Centre At Plainmoor (Torquay) St. Marychurch Road TQ1 3HL HP, MPC, MWBc, NIV	10.30	BALL	RIX	SHORT HC	BUTCHER	PRICE	BROAD	SHORT	PRICE HC	HALL-WILLIAMS	POCOCK	SHORT	ACM HC	VOND
Southfield (Paignton) Cecil Road TQ3 2SH AVA, HP, MHB, NIV	18.00	SHORT	ACM	SHORT	SHORT	SHORT	SHORT	ACM	SHORT	SHORT	SHORT	ACM	GARNER	SHORT

Minister Abbreviation: ACM -Revd Andy Chislett-McDonald

Service References: HC-Holy Communion, LA-Local Arrangement

Preachers unable to take an appointment must arrange an accredited substitute and inform the Superintendent Minister. Please would local churches contact preachers at least 10 days before the service.