



# The **Methodist** Church

## Newark and Southwell Circuit (22/26)

Circuit Website: [www.newarkandsouthwellmethodist.org.uk](http://www.newarkandsouthwellmethodist.org.uk)

## Circuit Plan March to May 2025

**“In Jesus’ name... encouraging, exciting and enabling churches to deepen faith, offer faith to all and transform communities.”**

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7:30 pm - Long Bennington

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### **Please note:**

It would be very helpful if you could notify Nick Fairfax of any changes or amendments AS THEY OCCUR. Indications of spelling and other mistakes would also be welcome, by e-mail to Nick at: [nsmcircuit@outlook.com](mailto:nsmcircuit@outlook.com)

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# ***Letter from the Superintendent***

*Welcome ...*

to the Spring 2025 edition of the Newark & Southwell Circuit Plan.

Do you sometimes find yourself approaching God in the light of your current circumstances or reading Scripture and finding new insights because they echo or mirror in some way the things that you are dealing with? It can be an interesting experience, sometimes reassuring, sometimes disturbing. But it can reinforce for us the knowledge that God knows and understands our situation and is holding us in it because, as Strahan Carroll has put it, "his gaze is upon us."

As you may well imagine, the idea of home is looming large at this moment for my wife and myself. We do not know where we will be living, in what kind of house, in exactly which community, in six months' time. Ultimately, we do not have the power to choose – for us that is in the hands of the Ministers' Housing Society, and we can only suggest options until there is one they are prepared to pursue and hopefully purchase.

So, I found myself noticing the home situation of Jesus over Christmas: the leaving of Nazareth and the settling in Bethlehem; the flight for refuge in Egypt and then the return, not to Bethlehem but to Nazareth. What did home mean for Jesus and his parents in those years of change, exile and return? Was home wrapped up in the place they inhabited? Their possessions? The people? Their faith? Their connection to the Living God?

I've been asking those same questions as I have thought about the familiar things I will not be able to keep, the places and people I will be leaving behind, the roles I will no longer have, and the huge unknowns of what the future will mean – what opportunities and challenges may lie ahead? What has held me as steady as my curious mind allows me to be, is knowing that the God who has steered and authored my life so far will still be with me, will go before me and will be preparing my place, and will be waiting for me when I eventually arrive to "be at home" somewhere new.

This quarter we will accompany Jesus on his journey through his ministry to the cross, death, resurrection and his return to the Father, through which he promises us his companionship now and his welcome into the home that is before us, our place in God's home along with all his people. There is peace and reassurance in these ultimate promises, because our lives, as the life of Jesus, remain unpredictable, sometimes challenging, sometimes satisfying, sometimes peaceful, and each season, each circumstance, is an opportunity to consciously embrace the presence and goodness of God which can be found through persisting in faith and hope no matter what. Each day is an opportunity to live in the truth of our Covenant promises to yield ourselves to the will and work of God and find his blessing and our delight in doing so.

I am grateful to the many people who have said they are holding Chris and I in their prayers as we search out our forward path. I hope you are also praying for Langley and Ro Mackrell-Hey and their family as they prepare to leave their home in Peterborough and find their home in Newark. But most of all, let's pray that we all find our home in the God who has created, called and commissioned us to be his people.

The ancient prayer, known as the Aaronic Blessing, reminds us that our lives are lived always in the sight, "under the gaze" of God:

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with kindness and give you peace."

Grace and peace,

*David H. Bonny*

## Active Local Preachers:

1975 Glennis Hobbs, 494280  
1977 Philip Holmes, 01623 861330 #  
1982 Ruby Beech, 650402  
1985 Ian Mathews, 703834  
1989 Ian Thompson 830410  
1994 Liz Blatherwick, 700883  
1994 Leah Turner, 613936 #  
1999 Jennifer Winnington, 361641  
2001 Rachel Dalby, 07711 182997  
2002 Duncan Smith 07394 325675  
2002 Andrew Trowbridge, 705926  
2005 Ros Smith 07491 408615  
2007 Jenny Hardy, 686344  
2008 Melanie Ward, 672937  
2010 Kate Trowbridge, 705926  
2013 Trevor Pailing, 921748  
2014 Marilyn Membro, 07765151194 #  
2021 Tracey West, 07863 352880

## Retired Local Preachers:

1962 Terry Pearce, 830029 #  
1968 Stanley Chapman, 812832 #  
1970 Marian Mason, 892453 #  
1979 Ted Gascoyne, 01400 283184 #  
1988 Barbara Brown, 677730 #  
1990 Joan Morley, 893912 #  
1996 Sylvia Cozens, 610933 #  
1999 Val Beckett, 813613#  
2001 Edward Adams, 830686 #

# Local Preacher not taking appointments

### ON TRIAL:

Bridget Castle, 688973 #

*Preachers are reminded that it is their responsibility to find an accredited substitute when they are unable to fill an appointment.*

*When arrangements have been made, please advise the church concerned, and the Superintendent Minister.*

Thank you

## Worship Leaders:

Rosalyn Beasley (North End) 678122  
Colin Beckett (Southwell) 813613  
Godfrey Cozens (Charles St.) 610933  
Martin Cray (Southwell) 814437  
Jean Dando (Southwell) 815363  
Bob Evans (Southwell) 814989  
Janet Fincham (Hope) 681014  
Colin Jackson (Hope) 703728  
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Sue Watson (Balderton) 708100  
Jan Wright (Hope) 651260

## Visiting Preachers:

Alistair du Plessis (Release International) c/o Ian Mathews

## Available Song Books:

**Balderton** HP, MP, JP, StF  
**Charles Street** HP, SoF 1-6  
**Collingham** HP, StF HP, SoF 1-4  
**Hope** HP, MP, JP, StF  
**Long Bennington** StF, HP, SoF 1-6  
**North End** HP, StF HP, SoF 1-4  
**North Muskham** HP, StF, SoF 1-2, MP  
**Southwell** HP, SoF 1-2  
**Sutton-on-Trent** P, StF, SoF 1-2

## Key:

**HP** Hymns and Psalms

**LP** Let's Praise

**MP** Mission Praise

**JP** Junior Praise

**StF** Singing the Faith

**SoF** Songs of Fellowship

**Requests for the next Plan (June to August) should be submitted by 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

# Newark & Southwell Methodist Circuit Plan March to May 2025

		2nd Mar Sunday before Lent	9th Mar 1st of Lent	16th Mar 2nd of Lent	23rd Mar 3rd of Lent	30th Mar 4th of Lent	6th Apr 5th of Lent	13th Apr Palm Sunday	20th Apr Easter Day	27th Apr 2nd of Easter	4th May 3rd of Easter	11th May 4th of Easter	18th May 5th of Easter	25th May 6th of Easter
<b>Lectionary Readings:</b>	<b>OT Psalm NT Gospel</b>	- Exodus 34:29-35 - Psalm 99 - 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 - Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35 —or— — Luke 9:28-36	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32, NIV 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, NIV Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29
<b>Balderton</b>	9:15am								Bonny HC					
<b>Balderton</b>	10:30 am	A Trowbridge Th	K Trowbridge Th	Bonny Th / HC	Watson Th / LA	Ward	R Smith Th	Bonny US / HC	Hart	Hardy	Bates	Bonny Cafe / ACM	R Smith	LA
<b>Charles Street</b>	8:30 am								Bonny HC / 8:30 am					
<b>Charles Street</b>	10:30 am	West	Abraham LA	LA	Bonny HC	LA	Mathews	Hart	Mathews	Winnington	Bonny HC	LA	A Trowbridge	LA
<b>Charles Street</b>	6:00 pm	Mathews	Hibberts	Bonny HC	Bates	Bonny	Ward	Hart	Gibson	Bonny HC	Bates	Mathews	Bonny HC	Bonny
<b>Collingham</b>	10:45 am	Hardy	A Trowbridge	Hibberts HC / US	Bates	St John's US / PC	Hall	Morley US	Gibson HC / US	LA	Ward T	Hall ChAid / US	Hart HC / US	Bonny
<b>Hope Community</b>	10:45 am	Gibson Th	Bonny HC / Th	Winnington Th / Breakfast / 9 am	West Th	LA Beech/Ayre Th	LA	Winnington Breakfast / 9 am	Bonny HC	LA	Hardy	Ward T	Bonny Breakfast / 9 am	Winnington
<b>Long Bennington</b>	10:30 am	Bonny HC	D Smith	Hobbs	Hart	Bonny	Hardy	D Smith	Bates HC	Bonny	Winnington	Hobbs	At Balderton US	Thompson
<b>North End</b>	6:00 pm	Ward	Hart	Hibberts	Bonny	LA	Hibberts	Bonny	Bates HC	Ward	Hart	Bonny	Bates	West
<b>North Muskham</b>	10:30 am		Hart		Winnington			Hibberts US	Hibberts Riverside HC / 7:30 am			Morley HC		Hobbs
<b>North Muskham</b>	2:00 pm	Bonny HC / Cafe		Hall Cafe		Hibberts Cafe	Hibberts Cafe			Hibberts Cafe	Hibberts Cafe		Hart Cafe	
<b>Southwell</b>	10:00 am	Hibberts Th / HC	Hobbs Th	Thompson Th	Hibberts Th	Gibson Th	Hibberts Th	LA US	Hibberts HC / Th	LA – Guest	Hibberts HC	K Trowbridge	Hibberts	LA – Guest
<b>Sutton-on-Trent</b>	10:30 am	K Trowbridge	Hibberts Breakfast / 9 am	Morley HC	All Saints US / PC	Hibberts Tuxford Cafe / 3pm	D Smith	LA Everett Breakfast / 9 am	All Saints US / PC	Hibberts	Hart	LA Pike Breakfast / 9 am	Bates HC / US	All Saints US / PC

<b>Service Codes:</b>	<b>HC - Holy Communion</b>	<b>PC - at Parish Church</b>	<b>B Ch - Blue Christmas</b>	<b>Breakfast - Breakfast Church</b>	<b>Cafe - Cafe Church</b>	<b>Carols - Carol Service</b>	<b>Carols - Carol Service</b>	<b>CS - Covenant Service</b>	<b>LA - Local Arrangement</b>	<b>Th - Themed Preaching</b>	<b>TS - Toy Service</b>	<b>T - Transport Required</b>	<b>US - United Service</b>
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# What's on Easter 2025...

## **Balderton Methodist Church**

Maundy Thursday Communion, 17th April, 7pm  
Messy (Church) Good Friday 18th April, 10am-12pm  
Good Friday reflective service, 18th April, 7pm  
Easter Day Breakfast, 20th April, 8:30am (Communion Service at 9:15am)

## **Collingham Methodist Church**

Good Friday Service, 18th April, 10:30am

## **North Muskham Methodist Church**

'Sunrise' Communion by the Trent, 20th April, 7:30am, Muskham Ferry

## **Southwell Methodist Church**

Maundy Thursday Passover inspired Communion, 17th April, 7pm,  
Good Friday Service, 18th April, 10am

## **Sutton-on-Trent Methodist Church**

Service of Tenebrae, 18th April, 7pm

## **Newark Town Churches (Charles Street, North End, Hope**

### **'Journey into life' events through Holy Week...**

Beginning, 14th April, 7pm, North End  
Holy Week in Art, 15th April, 7pm, Charles St  
Extract from The Chosen, 16th April, 7pm, Charles St  
Easter 'Beacon' (after school church) 17th April, 10-11:30am  
Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, 17th April, 7pm, Charles St  
Good Friday Meditation, 18th April, 10am, Hope Community (Barmbygate)

## **Circuit Events**

### **Circuit Meeting:**

5th March, 2pm, Long Bennington Methodist Church  
17th June, 7:30pm, Charles Street Methodist Church  
18th September, 7:30pm, Sutton on Trent Methodist Church  
26th November, 2pm, Southwell Methodist Church

## **Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting with Worship Academy**

8th May, 7:30pm, Balderton Methodist Church  
9th September, 7:30pm, Venue TBC

## **Welcome Service for Superintendent, Rev Dr Langley Mackrell-Hey**

26th August 7.30pm at Hope Community Church, Barmbygate, Newark.

**District Events** District Celebration, 6th March, 7pm, Matlock Methodist/URC Church