



Reflection from Rev. Eleanor Reddington

Some of you may remember Sunday School outings and the fun everyone had going to the beach or a beauty spot – sometimes the only chance some children, and their parents, had to get away in the whole year. I want you to picture the return trip from an outing, where the children were all given a card with a Bible text on it. One child was given the text “Have faith in God”, and was waving through the open window to people as she went by, with her text in her hand. She accidentally let it go, and then shouted “Stop the bus, I’ve lost my faith in God.”

Yes, it makes us smile, but isn’t it true of many of us at different times in our lives? We go through a crisis of faith, and sometimes we lose our faith altogether. It’s at those times that we feel God has abandoned us, as we lose the close relationship we had with him. We may turn our back on him altogether, because he wasn’t with us when we needed him most.

The reality is that often we’re looking for him in the wrong place. He hasn’t abandoned us – he’s beside us or he’s carrying us, even though we may not be able to feel it. This past year has been very difficult for so many people, as we’ve had to isolate, stay at home, and not meet with friends and family who are such a vital support for us all. So many are having to cope with the death of loved ones, or news of their own illness and it’s easy to lose sight of God in that situation.

Jesus promised he would be with us always – and he keeps that promise. Sometimes it feels as though the bottom has dropped out of our world, or that the world as we know it has come to an end, but he is there, sharing our pain and sorrow. Whatever is happening at the moment remember Jesus’ words “I **am** with you always, to the very end of the world.”

I pray we will all have that assurance. God bless.

Accessing our Circuit Churches

In addition to circuit services, you can also access the following: St David's Craig y Don Weekly worship is live-streamed, from 10am each Sunday via [this link](#). Conwy & Prestatyn Methodist Circuit Blog is accessed through this link: revbev.org.uk and the Circuit website displays regular updates and information, found via this link:

<https://www.conwyprestatynmc.org.uk/>



Rev Bev's Farewell Service Sunday 10th July 4pm, St John's Llandudno

Bev's farewell service (after ten years in the circuit) takes place on Sunday 10th July 4pm at St John's, Llandudno. It will be a Summer Praise style service with music provided by a circuit band and worship led by Bev on the theme of "Give thanks". Tea and cake will be available after the service. Please join us if you can.

The stewards at St John's Llandudno would appreciate it if anyone could donate cakes for sharing following the farewell service for Rev. Ramsden.

Please contact Rhian if you can donate cakes such as bara brith, loaf cakes, lemon drizzle, etc.... rhian.smith@gmail.com

Preaching Dates

Please remember that the deadline for preaching dates will be Monday July 4th. You can either send the dates to Hayley at the circuit office, email them, or use Chrestos.

Can you help?

We're looking for reflections, prayers, book reviews, etc that we can include in our circuit bulletin. If you can help in anyway, please do let us know.

Church Volunteers

Volunteering is a great way to get involved in the work of your church, to feel part of a community, and serve Jesus at the same time. God has uniquely equipped every person in the Church with specific skills and gifts. And as active Christians, we are tasked with engaging these gifts for the benefit of our community and within our church. Using your God-given skills as a volunteer is a fantastic way to serve the church and Our Lord in his vision for us and the community we serve.

By volunteering we act not only as a helping hand, but also as a witness of the Gospel message so badly needed within the wider community especially in these difficult times. If you have any time to give please approach your stewards and offer to help we badly need people to come forward if we are to serve Christ and our community.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for all those who offer their time and talents within our churches, joining in our ministry of bringing healing, hope, and compassion to all those in need. Amen.



Reflections on the Presidential Year

As they near the end of their year of office as President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Sonia Hicks and Barbara Easton consider some of the highlights and how the role has changed and challenged them.

Click here to watch the [video](#).

Conference 2022

The Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church and meets annually to discuss matters affecting the life of the Church, the nation and the world. This year the Conference will meet at Telford. You can attend in person of course, but All public sessions and worship services for the Methodist Conference 2022 will be live streamed [here](#).

Song of the Prophets

Rewatch this debut performance by Chineke! Orchestra, of new orchestral work *Song of the Prophets: A Requiem for the Climate*, as well as an address from Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, and a panel discussion with climate campaigners. You can watch it [here](#).

Awaiting world church leaders, South Sudanese churches hold ecumenical prayers

At ecumenical prayers in the capital city, Juba, South Sudanese church leaders called for unity, peace, and reconciliation, as their nation continued to struggle with instability and conflict, a decade after independence. You can read the full article [here](#).

Refugee Week

This year Refugee Week runs from 20-26 June 2022. Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal and Dr Jayme R Reaves have produced a resource to support individual Christians, Church communities and ecumenical groups in reflecting on the significance of sanctuary for our times in the context of Refugee Week. Titled *Sanctuary: The Hospitality of Host, Guest and Stranger*, it offers reflections, prayers and ideas for action. Find out more [here](#).