

MEON VALLEY  
METHODIST CIRCUIT

*Preaching Plan*  
*for*  
*September - December 2020*

Dear Friends

When I produced a letter for the last plan 8 months ago, who could have envisaged what has happened in the meantime. We didn't get to the end of that plan, didn't bother producing the next one because we didn't know if it would be needed (it wasn't) and now have one which isn't what we would have expected back then with not all churches open and services restricted to one per Sunday.

Yet, this has been a time of opportunity where more people have accessed worship by online means than did when the churches were open. I know that Waltham Chase are already working to enable this to continue but I think we need to be open to all kinds of new opportunities of presenting the Gospel message.

Some years ago, I was asked to give a talk to a group in an Independent Evangelical Church. The group was predominantly over 70 in age but people who had dedicated their lives to proclaiming the Gospel. Social media was just beginning to make an impact on the world and I spoke of my love of preaching but also that I felt we needed people who were able to adapt to new ways of sharing the Good News. I continue to be a Social media dinosaur, I've never had the time or inclination to do anything with it and have a fear that I'd end up offending people by not making them friends in an effort to keep things under control. However, I am incredibly grateful to those who have the skills and can use them for the glory of God.

Indeed, I keep wondering what would have happened if the pandemic had occurred even 10 years ago. How would we have kept in touch with each other then when far fewer people had internet access, connection speeds were much slower, and I don't think Zoom had been invented. We would have found a way, but I suspect it would have been much harder for us to have the same effect we've had over the past few months.

It might sound strange, but I hope we never just go back to the plan that was produced 8 months ago. We need to continue to embrace the new things that have happened and look for even newer ways of touching people's lives with the Good News of God's Kingdom. Some of us will continue to preach but I hope will be open to discovering new skills to put alongside our preaching because who knows what the next big opportunity might be.

Best wishes

**Arthur**

Revd Arthur Cowburn

Superintendent

## Key to Abbreviations on the Plan

AS	Assessed Service for LP training	NM	No meeting
BF	Breakfast Church	NS	No service
BH	Bright Hour	OW	Open Worship
BHA	Bright Hour Anniversary	PM	Prayer meeting
BS	Bible Study	TS	Trial Service for LP training
CA	Church Anniversary	US	United Service
CS	Circuit Service	USP	United Songs of Praise
Cov S	Covenant Service		
Enc	Encounter Service		
FS	Family Service		
HC	Sacrament of Holy Communion		
HF	Harvest Festival		
JCA	Junior Church Anniversary		
LA	Local Arrangement		
MM	Members meeting		
MS	Membership Service		

## Church Abbreviations

BW	Bishops Waltham
Ham	Hambledon
SH	Shirrell Heath
SMC	Swanmore
WC	Waltham Chase
St B	St Barnabas (Sw)
St J	St Johns (Shedfield)
St P	St Peters (BW)

## Other Abbreviations used only in this Plan

CCC	Cookery/Craft/Croissants (Special Junior Church Service)
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## PREACHING PLAN September 2020

Time and place of services	6th	13th	20th	27th
<b>SHIRRELL HEATH</b>  10.30am	Tembo HC	T Banks	Kitching	Tizzard
<b>HAMBLEDON</b>  10.30 a.m.	J Jenkins	Tembo HC	Freemantle	French
<b>SWANMORE</b>  10.30am	LA (Letts)	Westerduin	Cousins	Tembo HC
<b>WALTHAM CHASE</b>  10.30am	Andrew De Ville ***	Bridge ***	Tembo HC ***	Open Air Service W/C Rec: (PM) – Harvest
<b>BISHOP'S WALTHAM</b>  10.30am	NS	NS	NS	NS

**\*\*\* Live Streaming from the Church – No congregation**

## PREACHING PLAN October 2020

Time and place of services	4th	11th	18th	25th
<b>SHIRRELL HEATH</b>  10.30am	R Banks HC	Cole	Waldron	Tembo
<b>HAMBLEDON</b>  10.30 a.m.	Oliver	Tembo HC	Herbert	V Jenkins
<b>SWANMORE</b>  10.30am	Elvy	Morgan	T Banks	Chester
<b>WALTHAM CHASE</b>  10.30am	Breakfast Service 10 a.m. Open Worship 11 a.m.	Chester	Tembo HC	Lee
<b>BISHOP'S WALTHAM</b>  10.30am	URC	French	Boswell	R Banks HC

## PREACHING PLAN November 2020

Time and place of services	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
<b>SHIRRELL HEATH</b>  10.30am	Gwyn AAW	Small	Swindell	Tembo HC	Chester
<b>HAMBLEDON</b>  10.30 a.m	Chambers	Tembo	Cowburn	Kitching HC	Rust
<b>SWANMORE</b>  10.30am	Tembo HC	Elvy/Letts	R Banks	Castle	Gilbert
<b>WALTHAM CHASE</b>  10.30am	FS 10.00 OW 11.00	Economides	Tembo HC	Bangs	Westerduin
<b>BISHOP'S WALTHAM</b>  10.30am	URC	Chester	Elvy	Oliver	HC (URC minister)

## PREACHING PLAN December 2020

Time and place of services	6th	13th	20th	27th
<b>SHIRRELL HEATH</b>  10.30am	Simons	Tembo HC	Barber	Kitching
<b>HAMBLEDON</b>  10.30 a.m.	French	LA	Herbert	Westerduin
<b>SWANMORE</b>  10.30am  6.00 pm	Tembo HC	Cole	Bailey  Carol Service	Castle
<b>WALTHAM CHASE</b>  10.30am  6.30pm	FS 10.00 OW 11.00	Economides	Tembo HC  Carol Service	Oliver
<b>BISHOP'S WALTHAM</b>  10.30am	URC	Ball	T Banks	Tembo HC

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES:

**Bishops Waltham:** 10.30 a.m. LA

**Hambledon:** 10.00 a.m. LA

**Shirrell Heath:** 10.30 am Tizz

**Swanmore:** 9.45 a.m. LA

**Waltham Chase:** 10.30 a.m. Jordan Cousins & Youth