

2017/18	Lesson (Year B)	DECEMBER					JANUARY				
		3rd 1 st In Advent Mark 13 v24-37	10 th 2 nd In Advent Mark 1 v1-8	17 th 3rd In Advent John 1 v6-8,19-28	24 th 4 th In Advent Luke 1 v26-38	31 st 1 st Sunday of Christmas Luke 2 v22-40	7 th Covenant Sunday Mark 1 v4-11	14 th 2 nd Ordinary Time John 1 v43-51	21 st Homelessness Sunday Mark 1 v14-20	28 th 4 th Ordinary Time Mark 1 v21-28	
BETHEL (M9) SofGP	6.00	Myers CoPr	4pm St Stephen's SS	Myers CoPr FS	Myers CoPr CribS	LA CoPr	Myers CoPr Cov	Ryder CoPr	Lowther CoPr P	Slingo CoPr	
MILL STREET (M9) MP1 & StF	11.00	Myers HC	4pm St Stephen's SS	Myers CS			Myers Cov		Culver Café Penkridge HS/SS		
St. STEPHEN'S (M134) MP1/PP	10.30 4.00 6.30	Ryder Siddons	Trigg FS Culver Chs/SS	Lander HC PLA CS	Brown HC Lander HC	Haywood	Lander Cov	Rees B	Mason Café Penkridge HS/SS	Beaman	
PENKRIDGE (M71) MPComb & StF	10.30 6.30	P Bates Ryder	Myers HC 4pm St Stephen's SS	J Bates Culver CS	Culver LA	Myers	Culver Cov Siddons	Hayward AAW Myers HC	J Bates Culver HS/SS	Myers HC Culver US	
CANNOCK WOOD (M12) MPComb JPSIF	11.00 6.00	PLA	Sakwe HC	St Paul's CA/SS Starling	St Paul's SS Toye	Rothery	Handsacre Cov/SS St Paul/s Cov/SS	Brown	Mason	Donkoh HC	
BRERETON (M17) MP1 BBC & S2G StF	10.30	Talbot	Brown CS	St Paul's CA/SS	PLA	Trigg JS	Handsacre Cov/SS	Donkoh	Lowther	Toye	
HANDSACRE (M27) StF MP1	11.00 4.00	Brown	Donkoh	Lowther CS	St Paul's SS 3pm Crib service	Brereton JS	Donkoh Cov/SS	P Bates HoC	Myers	Donkoh	
St. PAUL'S Meth/ URC (M101) StF	11.00 6.00	Donkoh Rothery	Glover Trigg	Donkoh/Mellor 4pm Briar Hill	Donkoh CS/SS 11.30pm Donkoh HC	Brereton JS	Handsacre Cov/SS Donkoh Cov	Rothery Lowther	Brown LA	PLA Crook	
BOURNE (M28) MP1&MP2/StF	10.30 6.00	Giles Parkes SS	Beaman Burntwood SS	Alexander 5pm Carol Service	Trigg 11.15 Ch/Terrace SS	Parkes HC	P Dunn Burntwood SS	Brown Parkes Cov SS	Pope Chasetown US	Maguire Chasetown SS	
BURNTWOOD (M65) MPComb StF	10.00 6.00	Alexander Bourne SS	Haydn-Walker PToy PLA	Parkes HC PLA CS	Jackson 11.15 Ch/Terrace SS	J Bates	Rothery Parkes SS	Ryder P Bourne Cov SS	Parkes Cov Chasetown US	Brown Chasetown SS	
CHASE TERRACE (M20) MPComb	10.30 6.00	Starling Bourne SS	Humphries Burntwood SS	PLA CS	Parkes HC 11.15 Parkes SS	Jackson	Toye Burntwood SS	Lowther Bourne Cov SS	Giles Chasetown US	Parkes HC Chasetown SS	
CHASETOWN (M62) MPComb StF	11.00 6.00	Parkes HC Bourne SS	Starling MC Burntwood SS	P Dunn Parkes CS	Myers 11.15 Ch/Terrace SS	Burden	Parkes Cov Burntwood SS	Trigg MC Bourne Cov SS	PLA Parkes US	Glover Parkes SS	
TRINITY N/CANES (M29) MPComb StF	11.00 6.00	Rothery Bourne SS	Parkes HC Community Carol S	PLA CS	Alexander 11.15 Ch/Terrace SS	Glover	LA Burntwood SS	Parkes Cov Bourne Cov SS	Trigg Chasetown US	Claire Parkes Chasetown SS	
CHADSMOOR (M104) MP1	10.30 6.00	Sakwe B Bel Canto PLA	Ryder B Bethany US	Claire Parkes CS Glover CS	J Bates HC 7.15 Sakwe HC/SS	Trinity Hed. SS 11.15 Myers HC/SS	Devey Brown US	M Dunn Bethany US	Jackson Sakwe HC	Sakwe HC Myers	
FLORENCE ST (M10) SofF	10.30	Trinity Hed. JS	Bradley	Sakwe HC	Talbot	Trinity Hed. SS	Sigley	Sakwe Cov	Rothery	LA	
TRINITY HFD (M78) Meth/URC StF	10.30 3.00 6.00	Pope JS	Sakwe HC	Maguire Bradley MC	Sakwe	Rothery SS	Talbot	Myers Bradley MC	Sakwe HC	LA Sakwe HC	
FEATHERSTONE (M20) StF	11.00 5.00	Slingo Cgl	Giles	Slingo HC	6pm Nicholls ChS	Cowell Tr	Alexander	Jackson	Slingo Cov	LA	
GREAT WYRLEY (M34) SofF StF	11.00 6.00	J Bates	Alexdander	Sigley Devey CS	Slingo HC	LA	Smith	Slingo Cov	Glover	Rothery	
SALEM M68) MP1 SofF & StF	11.00 4.00	Slingo HC LA	Crook AAW/TY Myers HC	Jackson Crook Cgl	P Dunn 5pm Slingo Crib S	LA	Slingo Cov	Talbot AAW Glover	Devey Slingo P/HC	Sigley Siddons	
U/LANDYWOOD (M17) MPComb	10.30 6.00	Smith	Slingo HC	Trigg	Clare Cgl Slingo/Clare	P Dunn	Burden	Cowell Tr	LA	Slingo HC	



2018	Lesson (Year B)	FEBRUARY			
		4 TH 5 th Ordinary Time Mark 1 v29-39	11 TH Racial Justice Sun Mark 1 v40-45	18 TH Regnal Sunday Mark 2 v1-12	25 TH 2nd Sunday in Lent Mark 2 v13-22
BETHEL (M9) <i>SofGP</i>	6.00	PLA CoPr	Myers CoPr HC	Brown CoPr	Rothery CoPr
MILL STREET (M9) <i>MP1 & StF</i>	11.00	Myers HC	----	Bradley FS	----
St. STEPHEN'S (M134) <i>MP1/PP</i>	10.30 4.00 6.30	Lander HC Brown Café	GS/PLA ----	Claire Parkes Siddons HC	Glover ----
PENKRIDGE (M71) <i>MPComb & StF</i>	10.30 6.30	Smith Myers	PLA/AAW J Bates	P Dunn Myers	Culver AAW/B Siddons HC
CANNOCK WOOD (M12) <i>MPComb JPSIF</i>	6.00	Trigg	Ryder	Lowther	Sakwe HC
BRERETON (M17) <i>MP1 BBC & S2G StF</i>	10.30	J Bates	Donkoh	PLA	Trigg
HANDSACRE (M27) <i>StF MP1</i>	11.00 4.00	Claire Parkes	PLA	Donkoh	Rothery
St. PAUL'S Meth/ URC (M101) <i>StF</i>	11.00 6.00	Donkoh HC Sakwe	Myers Jackson	Devey Donkoh	Herring PLA
BOURNE (M28) <i>MP1&MP2/StF</i>	10.30 6.00	M Dunn Burnwood SS	Rothery Parkes SS	Lander Chasetown US	Parkes HC Chasetown SS
BURNTWOOD (M65) <i>MPComb StF</i>	10.00 6.00	Trigg Parkes SS	Starling Bourne SS	Parkes HC Chasetown US	Toye Chasetown SS
CHASE TERRACE (M20) <i>MPComp</i>	10.30 6.00	Rothery Burnwood SS	Talbot Bourne SS	Glover Chasetown US	Sakwe HC Chasetown SS
CHASETOWN (M62) <i>MPComb StF</i>	11.00 6.00	Parkes HC Burnwood SS	Hoddinott MC Bourne SS	Lowther Parkes US	Claire Parkes Parkes SS
TRINITY N/CANES (M29) <i>MPComb StF</i>	11.00 6.00	Haywood Burnwood SS	Parkes HC Bourne SS	Sigley Chasetown US	Jackson Chasetown SS
CHADSMOOR (M104) <i>MP1</i>	10.30 6.00	Rees Crook US	Sakwe HC <i>Bethany</i> US	Herring Sakwe HC	Pope Lowther
FLORENCE ST (M10) <i>SofF</i>	10.30	Sakwe HC	Burden	Trinity Hed. JS	M Dunn
TRINITY HFD (M78) Meth/URC <i>StF</i>	10.30 3.00 6.00	P Bates	Rees Bradley MC	Sakwe JS	Lowther
FEATHERSTONE (M20) <i>StF</i>	11.00 4.00	Ryder	PLA Slingo Mem	Cowell Tr	Slingo HC
GREAT WYRLEY (M34) <i>SofF StF</i>	11.00	Jackson	Slingo B	Myers HC	P Dun n
SALEM(M68) <i>MP1 SofF & StF</i>	11.00 4.00	Slingo HC Rothery	PLA Com Ser AAW Bradley	Trigg Slingo HC	Cowell Tr Slingo MS
U/LANDYWOOD (M17) <i>MPComb</i>	10.30 6.00	Sigley	Maguire	Slingo HC	Burden

Visiting Preachers: Revd Loraine Mellor, President of the Methodist Conference

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THE METHODIST CHURCH CANNOCK CHASE CIRCUIT PLAN (Circuit 28/08)

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DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY 2018

Dear Friends

At a recent monthly Ecumenical Breakfast Dr Dave Allen, a lecturer in New Testament Studies at Queen's College, was the guest speaker. Even though he is a New Testament scholar, he began his address by asking if the Old Testament has relevance for Christians; who base their faith on the New Testament. He proposed that to understand the New, we need to turn to the Old.

He suggested that there are a few myths regarding our view of the Old Testament, which need to be challenged.

The first myth is the assumption that the Old has been replaced by the New. Jesus and the early Church writers recognised the value of the Old Testament and used it in their teachings. Sometimes it is said that the Old is about Israel and the New is about the Church. What needs to be remembered is that the Church is a development of the concepts given to Israel, to all chosen people of God.

Another myth is the notion that the Old is all about Law and the New is about Grace. This is a Western miss-understanding of the Torah. The Torah is not legalistic law, but is rather about grace found through the Covenants God makes with people over the centuries.

Another reason why people shy away from the Old Testament and stick to the New is because the Old seems to portray a God of wrath / judgement. The New Testament focuses on the Divine Judge. Jesus speaks about the sheep and goats and the branches being cut off and thrown into the fire.

He reflected that most preaching he hears seems to make a passing reference to the Old Testament. Thus, the challenge for preachers and Christians alike is to be mindful that the Old Testament is not a Scriptural irritation. Isaiah, in the Old Testament, spoke about the coming Messiah (Isaiah 9:6), whom we celebrate arriving into our world in a few weeks time. Then, later in the quarter we prepare to celebrate at the start of Lent this Messiah giving His life so we may have life (Isaiah 52:13-17).

This is also the time of year when we say goodbye to the old and welcome in the new. May we continue to "...fix our eyes upon Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith," as we enter 2018.

In His service, *Edwin*

Christmas Day Services

St Paul's	10.30am	Rev Donkoh	Handsacre	10.00am	Graham Lowther
St Stephen's	10.30am	Rev Slingo	Penkridge	9.30am	Deacon Culver
Salem	10.00am	Rev Myers	Great Wyrley	10.30am	John Devey
Bourne	9.30am	Rev Parkes	Burntwood	10.00am	PLA
Chasetown	10.30am	Rev Parkes	Trinity Norton	10.30am	PLA
Chadsmoor	10.30am	Rev Sakwe			