

**Nottingham South
Methodist Circuit 
Preaching Plan
March to May 2024**

Revd. Andy Fyall- Chair of the District

Revd. Mark Roberts-Superintendent Minister

Revd. Tony Simpson- Minister

Deacon Joy Everingham- Community Pioneer

(Residing in the circuit but without appointment)

Revd. Helen Fyall- Hospital Chaplain

Message from our Superintendent Minister Mark Roberts

The fuss about Easter eggs began early this year. A Conservative MP spotted chocolate eggs on sale in the supermarket in early January, complained that it was too early and sparked a few days of media storm. My feeling is that he is at least 10 years behind the times. I learnt the hard truth about the Easter egg season in my first year of ministry. Realising on Easter Saturday I needed a couple of eggs as a visual aid I headed into Newark and discovered that there wasn't a single medium sized Easter egg in the whole of the town. I learnt then to buy early. The following Christmas I realised just how much earlier that could be, when I discovered shops selling eggs alongside the

Boxing Day sales. The good news is that if you don't want Easter eggs in January you don't have to buy them! Be strong and resist the supermarkets attempt to create urgency and eat more chocolate.

But Easter is something that should be prepared for well in advance. As you get this plan the season of Lent will be about to start. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, which this year is the 14th February, the next 7 weeks are an opportunity to prepare our hearts for the Easter celebrations. Many of you will be joining study groups. Others will be exercising self-denial by 'giving something up' for Lent. The words of communion services and Bible readings through this time invite us into a journey of self-examination and repentance.

Easter should also be savoured long after Easter day itself (this year on 31st March). The events of the week can seem to rush by: Jesus is welcomed by the crowd, washes the feet of his friends, dies on a cross and then lives again. But Easter can be savoured as well. Its message lasts. Here is new life through the forgiveness and transforming power of God's love. Here is hope because death cannot put an end to God's love. These things will never come to an end.

I pray that you and your churches will know many blessings this year as you prepare during Lent, celebrate on Easter day, and then let the power of Easter work through your life.

Every blessing,
mark

New Circuit Minister

We are pleased to confirm that Reverend Naomi Sparey will be coming to the circuit as a probationer minister from September this year.

Naomi will be living in the new manse in Radcliffe on Trent and will be working part time, which means that through her period as a probationer she will only have pastoral charge of Radcliffe on Trent.

We look forward to welcoming Naomi into the circuit and when we have a date for her welcome service, we will let you know.

Special services for Lent and Easter

Ash Wednesday – 14th February 2023

There will be two services to mark the start of Lent at West Bridgford at 12 noon and 7pm.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday (28th March)

6.30pm - Maundy Thursday Communion at Keyworth

7pm – Maundy Thursday Communion at West
Bridgford

Good Friday (29th March)

9am – Good Friday meditation service at Keyworth

11am – Good Friday service at Cotgrave

TBC – Good Friday service at Radcliffe

7pm – Good Friday reflection at West Bridgford

Easter Sunday (31st March) -Sunrise service at

6.30am

In addition to the services on the plan there will be an outdoor sunrise service at 6.30am on the Embankment by the war memorial.

Mercy Ships

Leo and Hilary Cheng

Mercy Ships is a Christian international charity that sends hospital ships to some of Africa's poorest nations. Founded in 1978, Mercy Ships offers lifesaving and life-transforming surgery to people who do not have access to such treatment either because it isn't available or because they cannot afford to pay.

Leo and Hilary Cheng have recently joined the Nottingham South Circuit. Leo is an Oral, Maxillofacial, Head and Neck Surgeon serving in London where he performs surgery on patients with head and neck conditions. Hilary is a retired Methodist Minister who is currently working part-time in the Circuit.

Each year, Leo and Hilary join the Mercy Ship in whichever African country it is situated and offer 2 weeks service on board ship.

Leo can do 10 to 15 surgeries, depending on the complexity as well as seeing patients in clinic for pre and post operative review. Whilst he is occupied, Hilary works as a ward Chaplain offering pastoral care to patients and carers on the wards.



In general, everyone who works on the ships is a volunteer and funds their travel and accommodation costs, enabling money raised to go directly towards the running costs of the ship and the surgical service it provides.



The ship's motto is "to bring hope and healing to the world's forgotten poor". Leo and Hilary have seen and been part of this miraculous healing ministry. If you would like to know more, please email them at:

Leo.cheng2@btinternet.com

Hilary@chengs.org.uk



3 YouTubes:



‘Leo Cheng offshore medicine’ was a TED-talk style presentation to 4,500 people at the Royal Albert Hall in 2014. The Irish Comedian, Dara O-Briain turned me into a comic surgeon!!

‘The doctor who spends his holidays helping the poorest in Africa’ was a live interview on GB News channel in August 2021.

‘Dr Leo Cheng, Mercy Ships: Changing lives in Africa’ was an update interview on Mercy Ships on GB News channel on 23rd July 2022 after my recent 2 trips.

Please tell your relatives, friends and colleagues as I would like to enthuse others to make this world a better place.





Community Cafe

Raising funds for the Phakamisa Trust. Please come along and support this event organised by Rev. Helen Fyall (Phakamisa Trustee)

Saturday 17th February

9:30am – 12 noon

Cakes, coffee, stalls and more!

About Phakamisa Trust Uk

Phakamisa is a charity based near Durban in South Africa and works to provide care, resources, training and support to those living in impoverished communities.

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Nottingham and Derby
Methodist District

District Safeguarding Conference 2024

MISSION (IM)POSSIBLE?

**A day to reflect on how safeguarding
supports us to do outreach well**



SATURDAY 2ND MARCH

**In person at the RIVERGREEN METHODIST HUB,
Clifton NG11 8AU**

Or join us online via ZOOM at home

10.00AM - 3.00PM

Bookings: <https://forms.gle/kHmtF4FGMyjvspUh7>

BIBLE month



BIBLE MONTH TRAINING DAY

**FOR MINISTERS, LOCAL PREACHERS, WORSHIP LEADERS
AND THOSE WORKING WITH CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

Genesis is the starting point for all Christian theology and explores many of the foundational questions of life and faith. Through the book, we get to journey with many different characters as they wrestle (sometimes literally!) with finding answers to these questions in the midst of the messiness and uncertainty of life.

Join us for a day exploring this strange and fascinating text, and get equipped for helping your church discover its many treasures.

10AM - 3PM / SAT 16 MAR



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	March 2024					April 2024				May 2024				
	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Service Times		Mothering Sunday			Easter Sunday							Pentecost	Trinity	
Bradmore NG11 6PE	10.15	LA	Lees	Clark	Hoath HC (T)		L Beaumont	H Cheng HC	Young		L Cheng	Mclvor HC	Johns	
Bridgeway Hall NG2 2JD	10.30	LA	H Cheng	Johns	Roberts HC	L Cheng	CIS	LA	Roberts HC	Morley	Hoath (T)	LA	Roberts HC	Foulds
Clifton NG11 8AU	10.30 2pm	LA		Mclvor	Simpson	Johns HC	CIS		Crawford HC	LA	A Fyall		LA	Morley
			Farrow					Farrow				Roberts HC		
Cotgrave NG12 3JR	10.30	M Blyth	Foulds AA	H Fyall	M Blyth	Roberts HC AA	CIS	M Blyth	Farrow AA	Roberts HC	Beaumont	LA	M Blyth AA	Roberts HC AA
Keyworth NG12 5AH	8.30am 10.15	Simpson HC CA	LA	Kerr	Hoath (T)	H Cheng HC	CIS	Johns HC	Roberts HC L Cheng	Clark	LA	H Fyall HC	Roberts HC Farrow AA	Crawford
Radcliffe on Trent NG12 2AG	8.30 10.30 3.00	L Beaumont	Roberts HC		LA	Roberts HC Kerr	CIS	Roberts		Hoath (T)	Roberts HC	Lees		LA
				Morley					Roberts HC				Roberts HC	
Ruddington NG11 6EF	10.30	Kerr	L Cheng	Young	LA	Simpson HC	CIS	Hoath HC (T)	Kerr	Foulds	Crawford	H Cheng HC	Clark	Hoath (T)
Tollerton NG12 4EA	10.30	Johns HC		US@St P			CIS		H Fyall HC US		Kerr		Young	
West Bridgford NG2 7PQ	10.30 3pm	Roberts HC	Detain AA	Hoath (T)	Heard	Crawford HC	Roberts CTS	Heard AA	LA	Detain		Roberts HC	Detain	Heard
											Roberts			
Lectionary readings	Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Numbers 21:4-9* Ephesians 2:1-10* John 3:14-21*	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	Entry into Jerusalem Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2, 19, 29	Acts 10: 34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-11 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 17:23-31 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8	Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1 - 2:2	Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7	Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-24	Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:7-21	Acts 10:44-48 1 John 5:1-6	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	

* Or Mothering Sunday readings: Exodus 2:1-10 or 1 Samuel 1:20-28, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 or Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:33-35 or John 19:25-27

** Or the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1 - 15:47

Please send all requests for the next Plan to the Superintendent Minister by Friday April 12th

Key:

HC- Holy Communion T- Preacher needing transport

US - United Service LA - Local arrangement

AA- All age

CIS - Circuit Service

CA Chapel Anniversary

ML - Memory Lane worship

AWC - All We Can