



RYEDALE METHODIST CIRCUIT

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Dear Friends,

Following the Government announcement that the whole of North Yorkshire will go into Tier 3, the Circuit Leadership Team met and agreed to follow the District guidelines and recommend that all churches close for worship for the coming weeks. We are all aware of the rise in Covid cases locally and nationally and while we recognise that worship and fellowship are helpful to people's spiritual and mental health, we feel for the physical health of our congregations the District's direction advice is the right guidance.

However, local churches can make their own decisions and can open where they feel the need exists. Churches must operate safely and understand that the local leadership is responsible for ensuring that all safety arrangements are met.

Where congregations meet with the Anglicans or others, there may be other guidelines applied.

If worship continues, the following Government guideline must be strictly applied:

Places of Worship can be open, but those attending cannot interact with anyone outside their household or support bubble. Outside the building you should not mingle in groups greater than 6.

The following ways of joining worship and keeping in touch will be available:

The Bulletin will remain weekly while closures are in place, and with that a printed order of service for the coming Sunday will be sent by email or post as appropriate.

There will be YouTube worship online every Sunday.

You can access this as an audio only service on the phone, with a local call to 01653 917770 at local rate. The services last approximately half an hour.

Rev Ken will host a Zoom service every Sunday.

The details for these will be sent on Saturdays as usual.

Rievaulx will also continue their weekly Zoom services, if you wish to have an emailed invitation please contact Sheila Foster at sm.foster@hotmail.co.uk

As in November and December:

Rev Ken will host a short act of worship on Zoom every Thursday morning at 10.30am.

Rev Peter will host a Tea/Coffee & Chat Zoom on a Tuesday afternoon at 3.00pm
with a short devotional time.

Details for these will be : -

Rev. Ken's Thursday No Frills Services starting 7th January

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8611745619?pwd=dnllV3hTRHc0RE54Ymw2Z2tDaDFEz09>

Meeting ID: 861 174 5619 Passcode: GYg5p1

Rev Peter Ryedale Circuit Zoom Tea/Coffee & Chat 3pm on Tuesdays

<https://zoom.us/j/5961982341?pwd=LzNMNUVISG8vVkrYnms2aHBTbmMwdz09>

Meeting ID: 596 198 2341 Passcode: 388062

Please make every effort to keep in touch with the congregation during January, especially those who live alone, and ensure everyone is getting the news and worship material. We will send more information with next week's Bulletin.

Thankfully we enter 2021 with hope that the vaccines will enable a return to regular worship and our other normal activities later in the year, until then we pray for God's strength and guidance for the church, the Government and ourselves.

God bless,

Peter & Ken, on behalf of the CLT