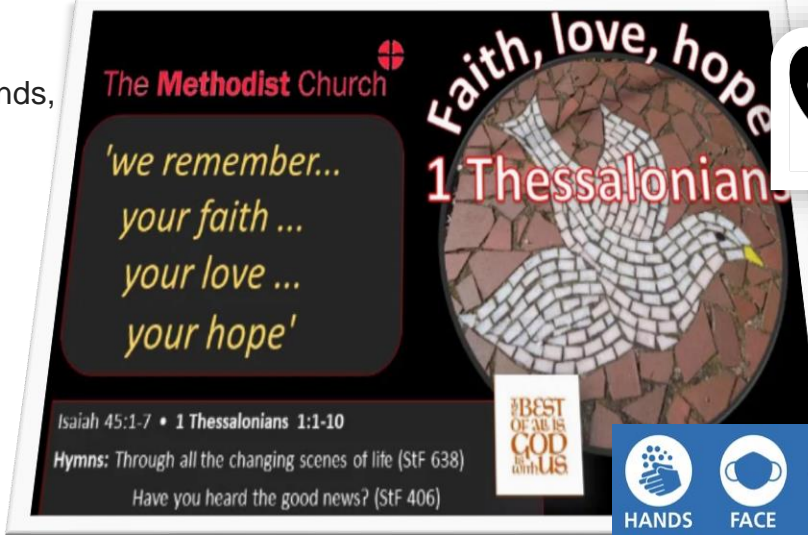


Dear friends,



We have 2 phone lines

Sunday service  
**01388 436815**

and a daily reflection on  
**01388 436810**

these complement what is on our [website](#)

+ [Rev John](#) on Facebook.



⊕ Worship will be 'hybrid' in nature going forward, that is, some will be in the building, others on computer, some will listen on a phone line or to local radio at 11am on **105.9 BishopFM** – see link – but we are all one in love and prayer. Our calling is to worship God, even with restrictions.

**Worship at home** – by phone, radio, [website](#), YouTube or Zoom services – is still the safest option.

If you are thinking of attending worship in one of our buildings, please read the [latest advice](#), and do not attend if showing any symptoms.

In Bishop Auckland **Thursday morning** worship is recorded for radio.

**Zoom** worship will also take place every week, hosted by different congregations and featuring different preachers. **This is open to everyone.**

Church or chapel	Date and time – in October/November
Bishop Auckland	<b>*9.30am – every Thursday (for radio)</b>
Auckland Park	<b>10.30am</b> Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct. then 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
South Church	<b>3pm</b> Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct. then 8 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
The Valley	<b>6pm</b> Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov. and Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Witton Park	<b>6pm</b> Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct. then 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov.
Zoom worship	<b>6pm - every Sunday</b> Contact <a href="#">here</a> for link



Please do not attend other chapels without notifying a steward to check

To know who is attending, and if there is space, and also to have details if 'track and trace' is ever needed – **booking is essential** – phone the manse or a church steward.

The lectionary readings over the next few weeks include 1 Thessalonians and a thankfulness for the faith, love and hope that people kept in difficult and challenging times.

I give thanks that you show those same qualities today.

Please share this page with one another and if possible, use the circuit [website](#) to keep up to date.

**God bless you all**, and if you need anything, or just need to chat, get in touch – pastoral visits are possible by request.

*Vanessa and John*

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**News items:**

Woodhouse Close

[Food bank](#)  
needs your support.



Tel. 603142 for details

Preachers for the next two  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> – Harry Kipling  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> – Edwin Hird

All are welcome at these

**Rev David Payne** on tour  
in this section of the circuit

South Church – 18<sup>th</sup> Oct.  
Witton Park – 25<sup>th</sup> Oct.  
The Valley – 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov.



This week in the Northern Echo

Thanks to community support, the facility of BishopFM radio and the talent of rising people the church is continuing and will continue whatever restrictions may be put in place this winter. check out [thepremethodist.org.uk](http://thepremethodist.org.uk)



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A PROJECT based at a town methodist church has been given a grant to continue its work dur...