



Circuit Contact

Welcome to our Circuit Worship for

16th August 2026 Prepared by Rev Julie Hassall

Worship in the following locations:

Boundary Methodist Church - At 18:00pm - With Mr Dennis Johnson

Wellspring Methodist Church, Cheadle - At 10:30am - Local Arrangement

Endon Methodist Church - At 10:00am - Local Arrangement

Ipstones Methodist Church- At 10:30am - Local Arrangement

Onecote Methodist Church - At 11:00am - Local Arrangement

Rudyard Methodist Church - At 11:00am - With Mr Mark Fallows

St Andrew's Methodist Church, Cheddleton - At 10:30am - With Mr Richard Funnell

The Gathering At St Andrews, Cheddleton - At 16:00pm

Trinity Church, Leek - At 10:30am - With Mr and Mrs Massey

Waterhouses Methodist Church - At 18:30pm - With Ms Heather Hayward

Wetley Rocks Methodist Church - At 10:30am - With Rev Julie Hassall - Holy Communion



Call to Worship

Come into God's Presence with singing,

Come into God's presence with tears.

Come into God's presence with laughter,

Come into God's presence with fears.

Come, just as you are, into the presence of the Living God,

Who welcomes, enfolds, revives and emboldens,

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prayers

In a moment of quiet reflection let us offer to God thanksgiving for the ways in which we have been encouraged, gifted with laughter, strengthened for the journey, and comforted during the week which is now past....



SONG: King of Kings, Majesty - [JARROD COOPER-KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY - YouTube](#)

In the times when we have forgotten that we are wonderfully made,
On the days when we have been too hard on ourselves, or on others,
In the moments when we have lost sight of your great love for us,
Bring us back to you - and gift us with joy, and peace.
In and through the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Reflection

Psalms 136 says this:

'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever!'

This past weekend the 'trailer group' alongside other members of Wellspring Methodist Church, took the trailer onto Cheadle Recreation Ground for Party in the Park.

Here is a picture of us all set up!



As we sat talking to people I began to wonder when it was that the church, as the body of Christ stopped going outside - when did we start to retreat into our buildings and so lose the opportunity to be present with people in the normal turning of their everyday lives.

Before you contact me to tell me that the church still does reach out to people, let me reassure you that I am not talking about the pastoral care systems we have in place (formal or informal), nor the groups we run which seek to encourage and strengthen others, nor the fellowship groups which are still operating in some parts of the Circuit.

I am talking about joining in with what other people are already doing, being outdoors at community events, market days, local celebrations, at walking venues, in graveyards, in parks and gardens, and town squares - wherever things are going on!

I say this because on what was the second outing for the trailer we were reminded of just how much of a blessing that 'being present' can be - to sit and have conversation with people, to encourage dads to make a dreamcatcher with their children, to laugh, to meet people we have not seen for a while, to cry with those who came to tell us they had lost someone in their family just weeks ago, and when people asked, as one or two did, who we were and why we were there, to be able to invite them to place a prayer on the prayer tree and give them our little 'try praying' booklet.

People told us what they did for a living, the things they were struggling with, they shared concerns for others, and there was fun and laughter too! It is sometimes enough simply to be with people and genuinely listen to the stories they tell. One lady told me 'nobody has time to listen anymore' - it is one of the sadnesses of a world which sometimes measures success by how fast we can move! Being present in this way introduces you to a whole lot of people you would never normally meet - each one amazing, beautiful people with extraordinary gifts and stories. Each one cherished by the God whose name is love!

So, where could your church be present 'outside' and how can the Circuit Trailer help you to draw close to your community in a really special way? If you want to have a chat, please contact Mark Fallows whose details are on the Circuit Preaching Plan....and let's see what God is calling us to do together. Amen.

SONG: Come let us sing of a wonderful love
[Come let us sing of a wonderful love - YouTube](#)

Prayers

Let us pray to the vulnerable God, with those who are journeying

- All who are searching for meaning and purpose in life
- Those who have lost a sense of their own worth and beauty
- All who have turned to destructive ways of living

Loving God, **hear us and help us...**

Let us pray to the extravagant God, with those who are rejoicing

- All who are reunited with those they love
- Those who have found the fulfilment of family or vocation
- All who today will know the transforming power of grace in their lives

Loving God, **hear us and help us....**

Let us pray to the restoring God, with those who are broken

- All who are hungry for a change of employment, of government, of heart,
- All who suffer the searing pain of grief
- Those who are worried about their children, in pain, or missing, or suffering

Loving God, **hear us and help us....**

Come, loving God, come running to enfold us, weep with us, strengthen us, and send us out to live freely and extravagantly...**Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us;

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Blessing

May the blessing of the loving Father rest on us this day,

May the blessing of the longing Christ travel with us this day,

May the blessing of the exuberant Spirit fill us to overflowing this day,

And bring us home. **Amen.**