

## **BIRMINGHAM CIRCUIT 3/2**

**Circuit Preaching Plan – 7<sup>th</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

**Superintendency Team: Rev Cleopas Sibanda, Rev Farai Mapamula**

### **Pastoral Letter**

My wife, Sandra, is the head gardener in our household. The variety and colour of flowers and foliage, which give us so much pleasure over these summer months, are largely down to her constant efforts. My jobs are to look after the hedges and the grass, to do any necessary heavy lifting and to nurture whatever raspberries we may manage to produce. Most especially I'm also in charge of the roses. Pride of place in the south-west corner of our patch goes to a rose named "Lady Marmalade". I like it, not just for its name which reminds me of breakfast, but also for its tangerine coloured flowers which just keep on coming. It has, however, one drawback. Its thorns are plentiful and vicious.

It was J.M. Barrie who wrote "God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December." Our memories matter. In our attic we have a number of photograph albums, and more old photos that never made it into an album. Occasionally I get a moment to sort them and make digital copies of a few of them. For the most part the memories which they evoke bring a smile. If you're on social media you may also receive reminders of those happy photos you posted this time last year, or a few years ago. Like the flower and the scent of a rose they bring us much pleasure. But roses have thorns as well as flowers. Some memories, arising unbidden, can have a jagged edge which pricks at our conscience or scratches painfully at our emotions.

Revd Margaret Cundiff, writing in a little book which MHA produced a few years ago, reflects helpfully on this. She writes:

"Memory is a wonderful thing, there is so much to be enjoyed, mulled over and shared. Yet there are also things we would probably rather not remember, the failures and sadnesses, the 'if onlys', but they too are part of the bunch of roses of remembrance. What matters is the way we see and deal with unhappy memories. True wisdom...comes from being thankful for all the good things, the blessings, the positive experiences, and at the same time learning from our mistakes. And being able to place in God's hands those things which still haunt us, cause us hurt or regret, knowing God understands, forgives and heals, and will give us grace to live thankfully and wisely each new day"

My prayer for all of us, as we together take responsibility for the worship life of our Circuit this summer, is that we will know the love and mercy which God gladly offers us. God has been with us in all the varied past. God is with us now, and God will still be with us even as we go into the future, whatever it may bring.

Donald Ker

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CHURCH	TIMES	7 <sup>th</sup> June Ordinary 10	14 <sup>th</sup> June Ordinary 11	21 <sup>st</sup> June Ordinary 12	28 <sup>th</sup> June Ordinary 13	
<b>Purple Mission and Ministry Team</b>						
Beacon	10:00 am	C Lane	R Bicknell	T Bailey	C Lane	
Great Barr	10:30 am	O A	D Webb	Q Ababio HC	G Davies	
Lozells	10:30 am	C Kirby	Q Ababio HC	O Ayeni	D Dorsett t	
Perry Barr	11:00 am	C Ryner	D Dorsett t	M Bell HC	O A	
Perry Hall	10:45 am	Q Ababio HC	T Okere t	D Dorsett t	O A	
<b>Red Mission and Ministry Team</b>						
Castle Bromwich	11:00 am	I Howarth HC	J Riberio HC	O A	E Mitchell O A	
Lyndon	10:30 am	J Riberio HC	B Davis	O A	O A AA / P	
Lyndon	5:00 pm	J Ribeiro				
Nether Whitacre	10:30 am	O A	F Beadle	K Webber HC	O A Open the Book	
Saltley	10:30 am	O A	E Mitchell O A	O A	J Riberio HC	
South Yardley	11:00 am	G Davies	P Bates CA	D Ker	O A	
St Andrew's C W	10:30 am	Anglican	Anglican	Anglican	O A	
The Church at Carrs Lane	10:30 am	S Smith	O A	C Sibanda HC	A Sanders D Wilson	
Water Orton	10:30 am	D Ker CA	R Boulton O A / BB	E Mitchell O A	A Geary HC	
<b>Green Mission and Ministry Team</b>						
Acocks Green	10:45 am	O A	I Howarth HC	J Clark	P Woodall	
Cambridge Road	10.30 am	4pm – Testimony Service	J Clark ACM	C Homan	O A	

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<b>Green Mission and Ministry Team (Cont'd)</b>						
Dorridge	10.30am	C Hague HC / CAFE STYLE	O A Chat Reflect & Pray	C Hague	L Helliar	
Hall Green	10:30 am	M Meatcher HC	M Meatcher	K Dennis	K Lloyd-Roberts	
Earlswood	10:00 am	M Chitokwindo HC	C Ryner	M Chitokwindo HC	E Gusmao	
St Michael's	10:00 am	I Crockford HC	I Crockford HC	P Bates	I Crockford HC	
Shirley	10:30 am	O A	C Hague HC	O A CAFE STYLE	C Hague	
Solihull	10:30 am	C Sibanda CA	D Ker HC	N Collinson	O A Choir Cantata	
Solihull	6:30 pm		Prayer Space		D Butterworth HC / HE	
Trinity Monkspath	10:00 am	K Hawkings HC	M Chitokwindo	K Hawkings	M Chitokwindo HC	
<b>Blue Mission and Ministry Team</b>						
Chinese Church	2:00 pm	P T Chen HC	O A	P T Chen	O A	
Chinese Church Youth	2:00pm				P T Chen	
Cotteridge	10:30 am	O A	T Mukoja	C Ryner	R Collins HC	
Hawkesley	10:30 am	L Weaver	Anglican	Anglican	J Keast	
Hazelwell	10:00 am	O A	O A	O A	T McClelland HC / t	
Longbridge	11:00 am	O A	C Sibanda	I Selvanayagam	O A	
Northfield	10:30 am	T McClelland HC / t	O A	P Hoar	H Woodall	
St Andrew's B30	10:30 am	E Mafusire	P T Chen HC	O A t	M Murphy	
Selly Oak	10:30 am	I Selvanayagam HC	N Headley / F Mapamula CA	B Calvert	O A	
Zimbabwean Fellowship	12:00 pm	O A	O A	O A	O A	

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<b>Purple Mission and Ministry Team</b>						
Beacon	10:00 am	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	
Great Barr	10:30 am	O A	H Woodall	O Ayeni HC	T Okere t	
Lozells	10:30 am	T Okere t	Q Ababio HC	D Dorsett t	K Howcroft	
Perry Barr	11:00 am	O A	T Okere t	Q Ababio	Q Ababio HC	
Perry Hall	10:45 am	Q Ababio HC	G Davies	D Ker	O A	
<b>Red Mission and Ministry Team</b>						
Castle Bromwich	11:00 am	D Ker HC	J Riberio AGM	P Woodall	O A	
Lyndon	10:30 am	J Riberio HC	B Davis	O A	C Ryner	
Lyndon	5:00 pm	J Hancock				
Nether Whitacre	10:30 am	O A	K Webber HC	C Homan	F Beadle	
Saltley	10:30 am	E Mitchell O A	C Ryner	J Riberio	O A	
South Yardley	11:00 am	O A	O A	C Ryner	J Riberio HC	
St Andrew's C W	10:30 am	Anglican	Anglican	Anglican	O A	
The Church at Carrs Lane	10:30 am	O A SoP	C Homan	C Sibanda HC	R Yorke	
Water Orton	10:30 am	G Day	E Mitchell AFC / O A	R Boulton O A / BB	F Mapamula HC	
<b>Green Mission and Ministry Team</b>						
Acocks Green	10:45 am	J Clark ACM	N Johnston CA	B Calvert	I Howarth	
Cambridge Road	10:30 am	N Jones CA	L Weaver	I Howarth	J Clark	

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<b>Green Mission and Ministry Team (Cont'd)</b>						
Dorridge	10.30am	C Hague HC	O A	J Keast	R Keast	
Hall Green	10:30 am	C Sibanda HC	A Sampson	P Bates	M Meatcher	
Earlswood	10:00 am	O A	R Keast	P Hoar	G Davies	
St Michael's	10:00 am	I Crockford HC	J Clarke	T McClelland t	I Crockford HC	
Shirley	10:30 am	I Selvanayagam HC	C Kirby	O A C Aid / R Low	B Calvert	
Solihull	10:30 am	P Bates	D Ker / S Mak HC	D Webb	D Ker	
Solihull	6:30 pm		Prayer Space	Barbeque Service	F Beadle / C Giles HC / HE	
Trinity Monkspath	10:00 am	K Hawkings HC	I Selvanayagam	K Hawkings	O A	
<b>Blue Mission and Ministry Team</b>						
Chinese Church	2:00 pm	P T Chen HC	P T Chen	O A	O A	
Chinese Church Youth	2:00pm				O A	
Cotteridge	10:30 am	A Geary	T Mukoja	F Mapamula	R Collins HC	
Hawkesley	10:30 am	O A	Anglican	Anglican	M Murphy	
Hazelwell	10:00 am	O A	O A	I Selvanayagam HC	O A	
Longbridge	11:00 am	O A	M Bell	H Cameron HC / CA	C Sibanda Eco Service	
Northfield	10:30 am	P Hoar HC	C Sibanda	O A	M Foxall	
St Andrew's B30	10:30 am	B Calvert	P T Chen HC	O A	O A	
Selly Oak	10:30 am	F Mapamula HC	F Mapamula	A Geary	I Selvanayagam	
Zimbabwean Fellowship	12:00 pm	O A	O A	O A	O A	

## AUGUST 2026

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<b>Purple Mission and Ministry Team</b>						
Beacon	10:00 am	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Great Barr	10:30 am	A Smith	D Dorsett t	Q Ababio HC	M Bell	O A
Lozells	10:30 am	D Dorsett t	Q Ababio HC	D Ker	O Ayeni	T Okere t
Perry Barr	11:00 am	D Ker	T Okere t	H Woodall	Q Ababio HC	J Clark
Perry Hall	10:45 am	Q Ababio HC	P Bates	T Okere t	D Dorsett t	S Smith
<b>Red Mission and Ministry Team</b>						
Castle Bromwich	11:00 am	S Clutterbuck	O A	O A	E Mitchell O A	J Riberio HC
Lyndon	10:30 am	J Riberio HC	O A	L Helliar MHA	I Howarth	B Davis
Lyndon	5:00 pm	O A				
Nether Whitacre	10:30 am	F Beadle	K Webber	O A	P Bates HC	O A
Saltley	10:30 am	O A	J Riberio HC	O A	O A	O A
South Yardley	11:00 am	L Helliar	O A	J Riberio HC	G Davies	O A
St Andrew's C W	10:30 am	Anglican	Anglican	Anglican	O A	Anglican
The Church at Carrs Lane	10:30 am	R Becher	C Homan	C Sibanda HC	P Hoar	A Allport
Water Orton	10:30 am	G Day	R Boulton O A / BB	E Mitchell O A	F Mapamula HC	G Day
<b>Green Mission and Ministry Team</b>						
Acocks Green	10:45 am	P Bates	J Clark HC	O A	J Clark	E Gusmao
Cambridge Road	10:30 am	J Clark HC	H Cameron	J Clark	O A	R Keast

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Dorridge	10:30 am	E Gusmao	C Hague HC	F Beadle	C Hague	O A
Hall Green	10:30 am	E Quildan HC	M Murphy	M Marshall	M Meatcher	B Kessler
Earlswood	10:00 am	O A	C Kirby	I Selvanayagam	E Gusmao	S Clutterbuck
St Michael's	10:00 am	I Crockford	G Davies	I Crockford HC	I Crockford HC	I Crockford
Shirley	10:30 am	C Hague HC	C Ryner	C Hague	H Cameron	C Hague
Solihull	10:30 am	O A	D Ker HC	P Bates	D Ker	O A
Solihull	6:30 pm					
Trinity Monkspath	10:00 am	K Hawkings HC	L Weaver	K Hawkings	C Ryner	J Keast
<b>Blue Mission and Ministry Team</b>						
Chinese Church	2:00 pm	O A	O A	O A	P T Chen HC	A Sampson
Chinese Church Youth	2:00 pm					N S
Cotteridge	10:30 am	T Mukoja	R Collins HC	F Mapamula	C Homan HC	I Selvanayagam
Hawkesley	10:30 am	P Hoar	Anglican	Anglican	I Selvanayagam	O A
Hazelwell	10:00 am	TBC	TBC	C Homan HC (TBC)	TBC	TBC
Longbridge	11:00 am	C Ryner	C Sibanda HC	E Mafusire	E Harris t	B Calvert
Northfield	10:30 am	C Sibanda HC	P Hoar	B Calvert	O A	M Murphy
St Andrew's B30	10:30 am	A Geary H Rose	I Selvanayagam	C Ryner	P T Chen HC	P T Chen
Selly Oak	10:30 am	F Mapamula HC	F Mapamula	T McClelland t	M Foxall	F Mapamula
Zimbabwean Fellowship	12:00 pm	O A	O A	O A	O A	O A