

Christmas Eve

Milwich - 11.30pm Candlelit Midnight Communion

Christmas Day Services

Barlaston - 10.30am (Rev. Pauline Salter)

Berkswich - 10.00am (Mrs Jean Harrison)

A joint Service with **Trinity and Rising Brook** churches

Eccleshall - 9.30am (Rev. Derick Chambers)

Gnosall - 10.30am (Rev. Nathan Falla)

Weston - 9.30am (Rev. Pauline Salter)

A message from Superintendent Rev. Pauline Salter

We are entering a very important phase of the circuit's life. As I type, the profiles for new presbyters have been submitted. In the next few weeks presbyters will receive the information on all the available circuits for September 2018.

Please pray for the process that the right people who feel called by God to work in Stafford show interest and are matched with us.

Please pray for Nathan, Hannah, Theo and Abigail as they seek guidance on which appointments to show an interest in.

As well as these specific prayers we need to continue to uphold the work of our churches in prayer.

The day of prayer and fasting on September 1st was an inspirational time. It led me to think that we should set aside more time for prayer together as a circuit. There is a focus on vocation in the Methodist District this year and praying, as well as being part of our normal devotional life is a vocation. So look out for new initiatives throughout the year.

The preaching plan covers Advent and Christmas. This is a very special time in the Christian year. We remember that our saviour Jesus became one of us. He is not a far off, he is not made of wood or stone, he was flesh and blood. He is Emmanuel, God with us, not just on Christmas Day but every day of the year.

Overleaf you will see information about services which you can attend over the Christmas period.

I hope you have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

Pauline