



Dear Friends,

This week, our 'Staying Connected' resources have been compiled by the three Circuit Stewards, Aline, Sheila and Joan.

It's a wonderful opportunity to compile the resources for Trinity Sunday, for in the persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit is the whole connection of God. Just as we are all in our different places at the moment, we are all connected through our faith and worship. Together we are one church in the Peak Circuit. Our 'Staying Connected' resources join us together and the times we've been able to see and speak to each other at the Zoom services brings us even closer together.

Closer together physically, is something that we may not be able to do for quite a long time, and this, plus the shortage of preachers, plus the financial necessity to stop 'buying in' preachers, means that we have to consider how and where we will 'Stay Connected' in the future.

You may remember, a few weeks ago, Adrian wrote the following:

*'Apart from the obvious limitations due to Covid-19, as we discussed at the March Circuit meeting, we only have sufficient numbers of Preachers and Worship Leaders to fulfil less than half of the appointments on the plan, so we are working hard to discern what the Church might look like when we are able to start gathering.*

*It is our hope and prayer that we will go forward and grow through this time of discernment together, and so we ask that you join us in praying for God's direction – and for all our churches to work with us as we plan for the future.*

*We invite your thoughts about what you feel God is saying to us, and how you sense He is leading us as a Circuit.'*

What thoughts have you been having? How can we provide worship for all, but within the limitations that exist? Where might we worship? How differently might we need to meet together?

On June 22, we will be having another CLT meeting on Zoom. If you have had a 'think outside the box' moment, please do get in touch with members of the CLT [Ministers & Circuit Stewards], before that date, so that they can be discussed.

Many thanks, and may you all stay safe and well during this time of easing restrictions, God bless,

Aline, Sheila and Joan.