



**ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH**  
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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**  
**Sunday Worship. A Local Arrangement.**

**Collect for the First Sunday in Lent**  
God of life and light,  
your Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death on the cross.  
Give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to follow him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**From the Methodist Prayer Handbook:**

Plunged in the ocean of your love, O God, and walking by the faith, let us rest in your promises  
and receive your Holy Spirit. Amen

Phoebe Palmer, American Methodist Evangelist (1807-1874)

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Live-stream for morning service: <https://youtube.com/live/nU0sscX2BT8?feature=share>

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 10:00am – 12:00 Noon: Coffee morning – all welcome

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am: Ecumenical Communion service Bishop's Cleeve Methodist

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am – 11:30am: Toddlers

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10.30am: Morning Worship 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent – Rev Carrie Seaton

**Advance Notices**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm: Thelma Wade's Funeral – A Commemoration of her life at St Mark's.

The weblink is here: <https://youtube.com/live/lh1k2aVKmP4>

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 3:00pm: Roots Service in the Hall – all welcome

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 – St Mark's**

Call to Worship

Lent Liturgy

Hymn: 342 STF – All hail the power of Jesu's name!

Opening Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

All Age Talk

Hymn: 334 STF – Praise to the Holiest in the height OR

Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Hymn: 122 STF – God, whose farm is all creation

Readings: Matthew 4:1-11

Reflections on the readings

Hymn: 345 STF – And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood?

Intercessions

Blessing the offering

Hymn: 727 STF – God in his love for us lent us this planet

Blessing

**FOODBANK**

List of needs from the Foodbank – the boxes for receiving donations for the Foodbank are by our two entrances. Thank you to all who keep filling up the boxes.

**Our current shopping list ....**

Adult Toothpaste  
Shampoo - Ladies and Men's  
Long Life Milk  
Instant Noodles / Microwave Rice  
Toilet Rolls  
Cuppa Soups  
Tinned Cold Meat (or fish)

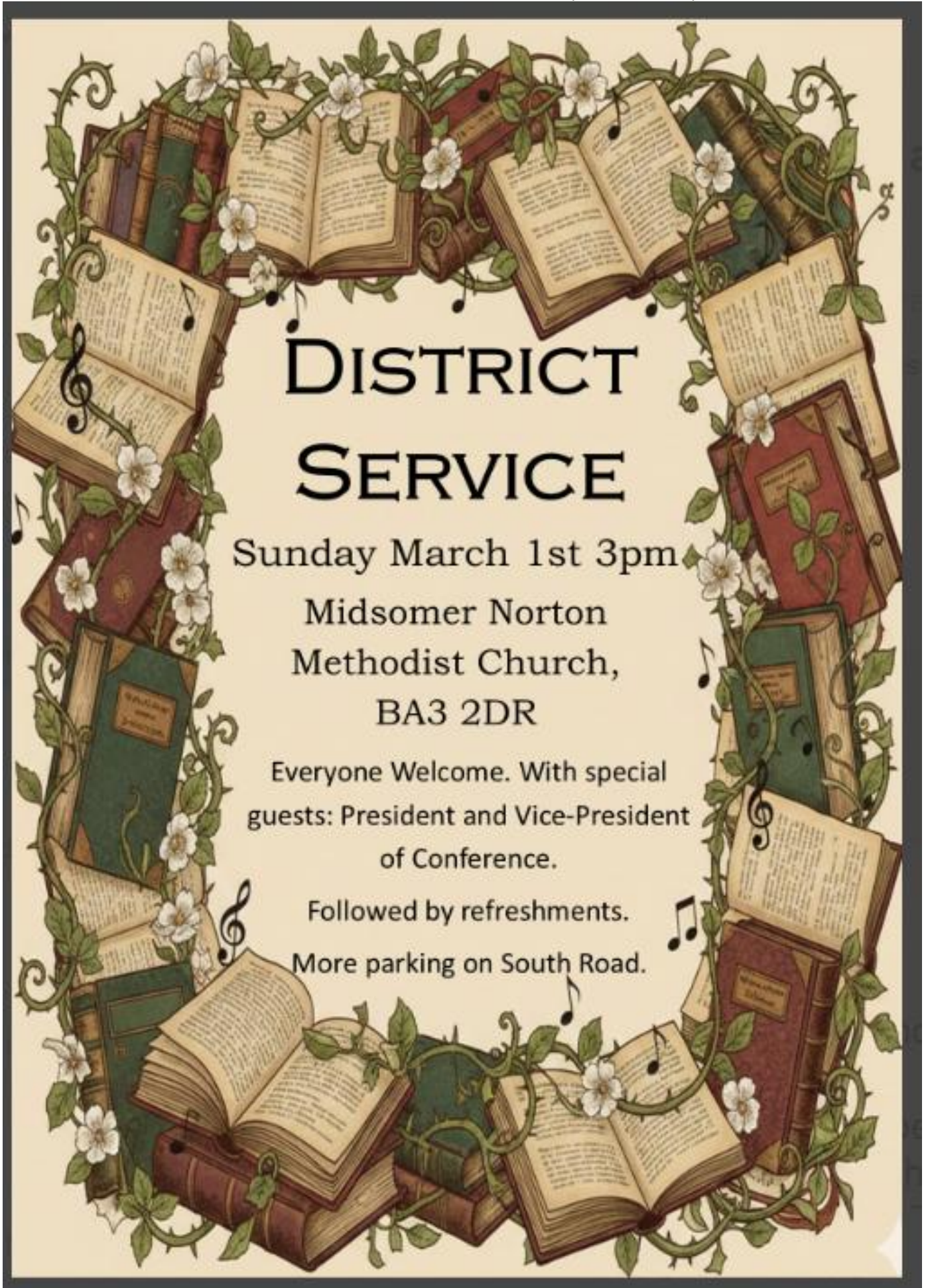
**UPPER ROOM BOOKLETS**

Several of us at St Marks make use of The Upper Room, a small 4-monthly booklet published by the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) who also publish resources for Messy Church, Anna Chaplaincy and Parenting for Faith, amongst others. For each day of the 4 months there is a page containing a suggested Bible reading, brief thoughts and anecdotes from a different contributor each day from anywhere in the world, a very short prayer and thought for the day. It is very user friendly, takes little time, and we have often been surprised at the relevance and helpfulness of these offerings. There is a cost involved - approximately £6 for 4 months - but if anyone is interested now would be good time to sign up as one more person would mean we qualify for free postage! Please contact Brenda Johnston if you are interested.

**LENT CARBON FAST**

For more details on the Lent Carbon Fast see the A Rocha website here:

[Take part in Climate Stewards' Carbon Fast this Lent - A Rocha UK](#)



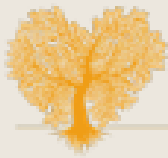
# DISTRICT SERVICE

Sunday March 1st 3pm

Midsomer Norton  
Methodist Church,  
BA3 2DR

Everyone Welcome. With special  
guests: President and Vice-President  
of Conference.

Followed by refreshments.  
More parking on South Road.



**Carbon Fast**  
for Lent



**Climate Stewards**



**JOIN THE CLIMATE STEWARDS CARBON FAST 2026!**

**WEEK 1: FAST FROM DISCONNECTION TO NATURE**

**THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE - WONDER AT CREATION AND GET PRACTICAL IN CARING FOR IT!**

**WHY RECONNECT AND CARE FOR CREATION?**

**CARING FOR CREATION WAS ONE OF THE FIRST RESPONSIBILITIES ENTRUSTED TO US BY GOD IN EDEN.**



**DID YOU KNOW?  
OUR NATURAL WORLD IS IN  
CRISIS.**

**WE CONSUME 1.8 TIMES  
FASTER THAN OUR EARTH  
CAN REGENERATE.**



**SUBSCRIBE TO  
NEWSLETTER**

**CAN YOU MUCK IN? CHOSE 1 CARBON FAST CHALLENGE THIS WEEK**

- **VOLUNTEER THIS LENT IN YOUR CHURCH'S OUTDOOR SPACE-**
- **VISIT NATURE ON YOUR DOORSTEP - EXPLORE YOUR NEAREST PARK, WETLAND CENTRE, NATURE RESERVE, OR CITY FARM**
- **GIVE GENEROUSLY OR VOLUNTEER AT A CHARITY HELPING CONSERVE AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO NATURE**
- **JOIN A LOCAL CONSERVATION GROUP'S WORK PARTY THIS LENT - WILDLIFE TRUST, PARK FRIENDS GROUP, OR WOODLAND TEAM**

**SIGN UP TO NEWSLETTER FOR CARBON FAST TIPS AND INSIGHTS**

**FAST TO HELP PEOPLE AND PLANET TO FLOURISH!**