Opening Worship – giving thanks for :

* The technology that allows us to meet like this
* being with friends for support
* Cuddles with my 2 year old to start the day :)
* Ease of meeting together on Zoom
* Sunshine
* The sunrise this morning
* Great birthday presents over the years with great memories that make me smile
* Sunshine and blue sky
* God's constant love no matter my constant failings
* The chance to be together with friends
* My flowers arrived
* a new day
* Travel
* My yellow coffee cup, which was a present from my daughter, because I love all things yellow
* Great colleagues
* another day
* Beginning my day in the water, nose to nose with the patterns on its surface, cast by the rising sun
* Watching the sun rise as I went swimming this morning
* Music
* Greeted by the chirps of my cat
* Privilege of working for the Methodist Church!
* the NHS
* though these little dogs are a handful their company and unconditional love is so enlightening. I think we can learn a lot from animals.
* friends and colleagues
* Cuddles with my ferrets and their big fluffy winter coats
* family,sunshine, Jesus, my car!, food, Gods goodness and grace,friendship of others
* Flexibility to work from home that allows me to be present with my family more of the time
* Good friends who pull together in challenging times
* galaxy chocolate
* Knowing God's hand is close by - all I have to do is to reach out and grasp it

Church Management Software mentioned:

https://iknowchurch.co.uk/

https://churchsuite.com/

https://www.chrestos.co.uk/ - designed for Methodist circuits

My Church uses Church Suite and I use it for my Life Group, it's really straightforward

Crestos is designed for the non-tech user

Chrestos can be quite inflexible- because it's designed to be simple to use it's not always possible to have options that meet every need.

we use G (google) suite

Any "off the shelf" product will do about 80% of what you want, and about 20% that doesn't

Any advice on facebook comment moderation, especially around topics like masks in church?

How does the 'digital' interaction interplay with local church communities? Does it have to?

Can and should we be using tiktok in a positive way?

Useful site: https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/digital-labs/digital-labs-webinars

YW District Youth are on Facebook/Twitter/Instagram and Bradford North Circuit Youth are on Facebook/Instagram (thank goodness for Hootsuite!!)

And we have YouTube channels for both, although they are probably used less than the social media platforms

YNE youth are on Facebook and Instagram

Leeds Sanctuary is on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn - @leedssanctuary

Airedale use Facebook and Youtube

circuit uses facebook, website and youtube, thinking about instagram

York Circuit has facebook page and group, and a (little used) twitter account

Aire and Calder have Facebook and YouTube

Plus YouTube which is well used

Premier digital are doing a series on ai at the moment https://www.premierdigital.info/post/can-ai-bring-out-the-best-of-us

@christ.church.wesham on TikTok.

You can schedule posts on Facebook and Instagram using Meta Business Suite which is free and very straightforward to use

Lots of resources here: https://www.yorkshirenemethodist.org/digital-resources/

I too twitch

whats your channel called Paul?:

so here is my twitch channel <https://www.twitch.tv/peateburner>

Interaction is one thing, but people spreading disinformation (ie saying that masks don't work) is different- how can we correct this while remaining loving?

How do you blur your background (in Zoom)?

Blurring your background:-Hover your mouse in the bottom left hand corner and click on the upwards pointing arrow to the right of "Stop Video"-If you have the latest Zoom update, simply click "Blur My Background"-If not, click "Choose Virtual Background", one of the options will be "Blur"NB: Not all computers will be able to handle this, so it may not work well...!!

This community held a session on Social Media and Safeguarding this time last year. You can "watch again" here: https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/news/events-courses/communities-of-practice/lay-workers-network/social-media-and-safeguarding.html

Regarding digital safeguarding - we are behind in a lot of areas, mostly as our digital experts and safeguarding experts don't always overlap! I'm currently working with our Yorkshire N&E District Safeguarding Officer to build some comprehensive best practice guidance that expands our Safeguarding Policy to cover and apply to the online arena. It's in the pipeline... Hopefully ready to share in a few months time.

no real updates at the moment but hopefully going forward this is something that can be looked at. The policy is there and a number of guidance documents but the issue is there are a variety of those flying about

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