

## Newsletter April 2024

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Dear Friends,

I hope you are well and that your Easter Celebrations were joy-filled as, together with Church Family, Family, Friends and many others, you Celebrated the Amazing News that **JESUS IS RISEN** and we Joyfully respond **HALLELUJAH!!!**

As the Season of Spring continues to reveal that, after the darkness of Winter comes New Life, we see too the truth that God's love is all around us and as Creator He has enabled all things to live in His loving embrace.

As with Christmas so much of society's celebration misses the point of Easter and instead focuses on Rabbits and Eggs. But as Christians we have the joy of knowing the true reason for the Celebration, that **JESUS LIVED, DIED ON THE CROSS FOR YOU AND ME, AND NOW IS ALIVE FOR-EVER** and through that truth which is the heart of our faith, **we can know Eternal Life with Him**. This is a truth we mustn't keep hidden. I pray you will continue to grasp the opportunities that God gives to you to tell others about Jesus, to share how having Him in your Journey of Life has brought great Joy, Deep Peace and complete Trust in Him for today and for the future – world without end.

In this world of un-ease, where uncertainty, anxiety, worry at every level of life seems to be on the increase, We have the message which is at our heart, and which is available for all people. It is ours to share!

After Jesus' resurrection He continued to show God's love for all people and in his Great Commission to his disciples (us) he said: **'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything I have commanded you.** How do we do that? Jesus continued **'And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'** (Matthew 28: 19-20).

We have been given the privilege of fulfilling that Commission with Jesus beside us (and in the power of the Holy Spirit), and it begins with our family, friends, neighbours and, as John Wesley said, 'the world'.

Be blessed as you bless others, with love,

Rev'd Christine

# North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

## Preaching Plan – April 2024

					April			
					7	14	21	28
					Easter 2	Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5
					World Health Day			
<b>Lectionary Year (B)</b>					Acts 4:32-35	Act 3:12-19	Acts 4:5-12	Acts 8:26-40
(Principal Service)					Psalm 133	Psalm 4	Psalm 23	Psalm 22:25-31
					1 John 1:1-2:2	1 John 3:1-7	1 John 3:16-24	1 John 4:7-21
					John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36b-48	John 10:11-18	John 15:1-8
Please Pray For:					Wolstanton	Audley	Baldwins Gate Community	Bradwell
<b>Wolstanton</b>	LS	10.30	<b>StF</b>		Legge	LA	Willis HC	Chadwick
(95)		6.30	MWB					
<b>Cross Heath</b>	CL	9.30	<b>StF</b>	NIV				
(23)		11.00	MSB		LA	Irvine	Davies T	Dyble T
		3.00						
<b>Higherland</b>	CL	10.00	<b>StF</b>	MM	R Jones	Rowley	LA	Legge GCM HC
(36)		6.00						Legge Messy Vintage
<b>Madeley</b>	CL	10.30	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1234	LA	Legge HC	N Jones	Matthews
(21)		3.00	MWB	NIV				
<b>Silverdale</b>	CL	11.00	<b>StF</b>	MM	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Legge HC	Emmaus
(48)		5.00						Refuel
<b>Audley</b>	JV	10.30	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1&2	Barnett	X	Cooper HC	X
(31)		3.00	MWB	GNB	X	LA	X	Hunt
<b>Bradwell</b>	JV	10.00	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1&2	Chambers	M Ventom	LA	Ventom HC
(37)		3.00	MWB	NIV H&P				
<b>Halmer End</b>	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 1&2	Ventom HC	Dyble T	Ventom B	LA
(23)		3.00	MWB	GNB				
<b>St Luke's</b>	JV	10.30	H&P	GNB	Chadwick	Ventom HC	LA	R Jones
(19)		3.00	MWB					
<b>Printed Service for this week prepared by:</b>					Heap	Legge	Heap	Ventom
<b>BGMC</b>					Wednesday 17th April, 2.30 pm - Service - Mrs Rebecca Jones			

### Green Tips

**If you have a garden ...** April is a great time to plant seeds, tend to your plants, and enjoy the fresh air. Consider growing your own vegetables and flowers.

**Maximize Natural Lighting ...** open curtains and blinds during the day to utilise natural light, minimising the need for artificial lighting.

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**Foodbank** – please click on this link [here](#).

Thank you to everyone across the Circuit who gives regularly to Foodbank through their church. Foodbank remains open through these troubled times and demand for food is high. Can I please ask you to all keep on giving by taking your donations to your nearest Foodbank.



Clayton St Luke's host a session  
on Tuesday morning. 10.00am – 12 noon

All Saints, Madeley host a session  
on a Wednesday morning. 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Cornerstone, High Street, Knutton, ST5 6BX  
On Wednesday afternoon 2.00 pm – 4.00pm

Chesterton Pentecostal church  
on Thursday Morning. 10.00 -12.00 noon

Newcastle Congregational church  
on Thursday afternoon. 2.00 pm – 4.00pm

St Thomas church Kidsgrove  
on Friday afternoon 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

or you can take your contribution to our warehouse on the Parkhouse estate on a Monday afternoon or Wednesday morning ... please give us a ring if you want details of how to get there, it is on the Aspire work complex.

Your gifts large or small are very much appreciated and are a lifeline to those sadly more vulnerable than ourselves.

*Please give us a ring if you want to drop your gift off at our house!  
Carol and Marion Reddish TEL 01782 613265*

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Newcastle Staffs Foodbank you can contact the Trustee/Treasurer Paul A Roberts for details: -  
tel: 0300 102 9088 or email him on [accounts@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:accounts@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk).

If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please visit the website or contact Paul A Roberts for details.

People can also contact [info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk) for details to donate food or money donations.

**At the present time Foodbank are short of the following items:-**

**Tinned Cold Meat**

**Cereal**

**Rice Pudding**

**Noodles**

**Biscuits**

**Tinned Fruit & Vegetables**

**Long Life Milk**

**Long Life Fruit Juice**

**Coffee**



# SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

We're streaming the Spring Harvest Conference into the Building again this year at Silverdale – we had such a great time last year, and it was so pivotal to the life of the Church, that we've decided to do it again – and **we'd love for you to come & be a part of it**, honestly! It's coming LIVE from the Skegness Venue – **you have sight of the PROGRAMME here, and our Leadership Team are delighted to confirm that the Church Building will be OPEN for the FULL PROGRAMME** – yes, we'll be open for every single Session that's being streamed! Even better than that is the fact that we'll be open for Breakfast and Dinner/Tea too – that's right, **we're opening at 8:30am, so before the Morning Sessions begin, so that we can have Breakfast together, and we're opening at 5:30pm, so before the Evening Sessions begin, so that we can have Dinner/Tea together.** It'll be a great time of sharing & growing together, honestly, and God might have something to say to you through it, as He often does – and remember, you don't have to come to it all, you can pick & choose as you want to, seriously! We're opening for the entirety of it in-order to enable as many people as possible to access it, so that you have the opportunity to come to the Sessions that you want – you can come to one Session, or all of the Sessions, or any combination & number of Sessions in-between, seriously! Come along to as much or as little as you can and/or want to – it's entirely up to you. If you need any more information, then ask us – contact Lee on **07403534575**, or send an e-mail to **info@silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk**, and we'll try & answer your questions. Also, if you want to come, but need help getting to us, let us know, and we'll try & help as much as we can. We want to make sure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to access this amazing opportunity, throughout the whole of the Circuit – so don't miss out, no matter what, and talk to us if you need to! No matter which church you attend, come & join together with us at Silverdale, and let's experience the presence of God together as a Circuit, through the Holy Spirit fuelled Praise & Worship and Teaching that is on-offer – it could well be transformative for yourself, and your church family too, if you allow it to be! We'd love nothing more than to share this experience with the whole of the Circuit – and it's all **FREE-OF-CHARGE**, so what are you waiting for!?!





SPRING  
HARVEST

HOME



# Full Programme

Incredible teaching and explosive worship as well as inspiring interviews and funny stories – live from Skegness. Hosted all week by Sheridan, Sarah, Sharlene and Phil. Don't forget to check out our Video on Demand section too!

## MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

6.30pm

Join Sheridan and Sharlene in the studio as they kick start our Spring Harvest Home week speaking to Head of Spring Harvest Abby Guinness. Also joining them will be the creative genius behind the Big Start Martha Shrimpton and Raff Chaves, Our Father's House.

7pm

Celebration LIVE from Studio 36 with hosts Beatrice Smith, Martin Young and Sarah Whittleston. Worship led by the incredible Lucy Grimble and your speaker for this evening is author and creator of the Up & Alive theme for 2024 Cathy Madavan.

## TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

8.45am

It's time to wake up with the team from Worship for Everyone LIVE in the SH Home studio. Get ready for a BIG Start to your day!

9am

It's the BIG START Live from Studio 36! Get your work out gear on and join Joanna and Joe for the Big Start Boot Camp!

9.30am

It's back to the Studio as we chat to author of this year's theme book Cathy Madavan and catch up with legendary comic Steve Legg and Compassion graduate Janê Alam Sheikh.

10.10am

Bible Teaching Live from Studio 36: Thinking it Through with Rev Dr Cris Rogers, author and leader of All Hallows Church, Bow.

11:15am

Live in the studio for an interview with Janneke Klos from Count Everyone In. We will also be speaking with John O'Connor, ex offender and Director of Junction 42.

11.45am

Bible Teaching live from Studio 36: Working it Out with Dez Brown, CEO and Founder of Spark2Life.

6.30pm

Join Sheridan and Sharlene as they prepare us for worship and also welcome Rob Parsons from Care for the Family and James Lusted, television presenter, actor and lead pastor from North Wales.

7pm

Celebration LIVE with Bea, Martin and Sarah. Worship led by Lucy Grimble and preacher John O'Connor, Director of Junction42.

9.15pm

After Hours Special – Paul Kerensa, BBC writer and performer brings his unique new show – The First Religious Broadcast:Re-enacted!

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## WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL


8.45am	Good morning from Skegness with the team from Worship for Everyone.
9am	It's the BIG START Live from Studio 36! Get your work out gear on and join Joanna and Joe for the next Big Start Boot Camp!
9.30am	It's back to the Studio and today we will be chatting with Gaynor Van der Burton from FitFish and Tarn Bright, CEO of Home for Good.
10.10am	Bible Teaching Live from Studio 36: Thinking it Through with Rev Dr Cris Rogers, author and leader of All Hallows Church, Bow.
11:15am	Live in the studio with your SH HOME hosts and Rev Chris Lee, author, influencer and vicar who will be talking to us about The Modern Monk. We will also be joined by Arianna Walker, CEO of Mercy UK, opening up the conversation around the Menopause and faith!
11.45am	Bible Teaching live from Studio 36: Working it Out with Dez Brown, CEO and Founder of Spark to Life.
6.30pm	Join the Sheridan and Sharlene as they prepare us for worship and welcome Beki Rogers, Spiritual Director into the studio.
7pm	Celebration LIVE with Bea, Martin and Sarah. Worship led by Lucy Grimble and preacher Pete Greig, Founder and Director of 24:7 prayer.

## THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

8.45am	Good morning from Skegness with the team from Worship for Everyone.
9am	It's the BIG START Live from Studio 36! Get your work out gear on and join Joanna and Joe for the next Big Start Boot Camp!
9.30am	It's back to the Studio to meet Izzy Madavan from The Way UK and Marie Aitken, Alpha UK.
10.10am	Bible Teaching Live from Studio 36: Thinking it Through with Rev Dr Cris Rogers, author and leader of All Hallows Church, Bow.
11:15am	Live in the studio with Sheridan and Phil who are exploring the power of friendship and speaking with Sola Ayodeji.
11.45am	Bible Teaching live from Studio 36: Working it Out with Dez Brown, CEO and Founder of Spark to Life.
6.30pm	Join the SH team as they prepare us for worship and welcome into the studio Gram Seed, author of One Step Beyond and Founder of Sowing Seeds Ministries and Dez Brown, CEO of Spark 2 Life.
7pm	Celebration LIVE with Bea, Martin and Sarah. Worship led by Lucy Grimble and preacher Simon Guillebaud, author and founder of Great Lakes Ministries in Burundi.

## FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

8.45am	Good morning from Skegness with the team from Worship for Everyone!
9am	It's the BIG START Live from Studio 36! Get your work out gear on and join Joanna and Joe for the final Big Start Boot Camp!
9.30am	It's back to the Studio to meet our Big Start Boot Camp hosts Joanna and Joe and Rev Dr Cris Rogers, author, pastor and Chair of the Spring Harvest Planning Group.
10am	Celebration LIVE from Studio 36. Join Bea, Martin and Sarah as we wrap up our week with explosive worship from Lucy Grimble and teaching from Olivia Amartey, Elim, Executive Director.

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### Godly Play as Bible Study

Story is one of the most ancient forms of knowing. It is the way our Christian heritage has been passed down to us. And story forms the foundation of Godly Play. It invites you to sit as part of a circle and listen as the stories of the Bible are told through word and action. It allows you to immerse yourself in the stories as an act of meditation and prayer and ultimately to encounter God. As the stories are told you sit and listen and at the end of the storytelling you are invited to consider a number of 'I wonder questions'. Questions posed by the storyteller that ask you to reflect on what you have heard. Questions like:

I wonder what part of the story was most important to you?

Or

I wonder where you are in the story?

Or

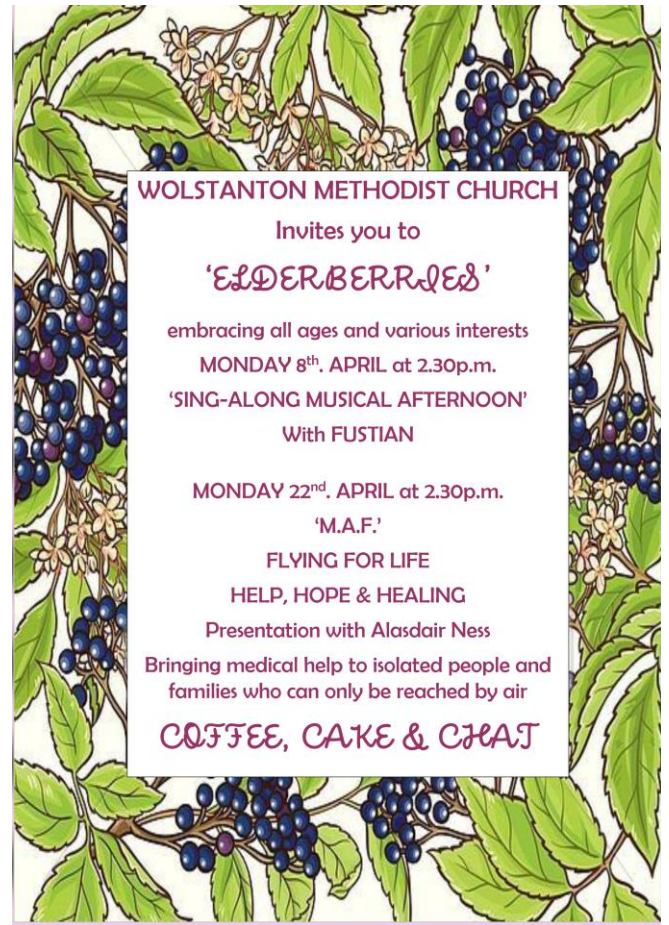
I wonder if there is a part of the story we can leave out and still have all the story we need?

There are no right or wrong answers to any of the questions, they are a means by which you are invited to wonder deeply about the story and what it says to you. Then when the story is put away there is time to respond to all that you have heard and wondered about. It may be that you want to re-read the story again for yourself, paint, draw, model or write a response - the choice is entirely yours.

At the end of the response time we gather back together for refreshments before drawing our time together to an end.

If this is something you think you might like to try then our next Godly play session will take place on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 – 7.30 pm** and repeated **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00 – 2.00 pm** and both sessions will be held at **Wolstanton Methodist Church**. Come and see, wonder, and reflect deeply about stories you thought you knew.

Karen Barnett



**WOLSTANTON METHODIST CHURCH**  
Invites you to  
**'ELDERBERRIES'**  
embracing all ages and various interests  
**MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL at 2.30p.m.**  
**'SING-ALONG MUSICAL AFTERNOON'**  
With **FUSTIAN**  
**MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL at 2.30p.m.**  
**'M.A.F.'**  
**FLYING FOR LIFE**  
**HELP, HOPE & HEALING**  
Presentation with **Alasdair Ness**  
Bringing medical help to isolated people and families who can only be reached by air  
**COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT**

### Baldwins Gate

### Methodist Community

(Baldwins Gate, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 5DA)

## Mid-Week Service

on the third Wednesday of  
each month at 2.30 pm

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 –

Mrs Rebecca Jones

Please come and join us.

All are very welcome.



### Methodist Women in Britain Conference 2024 – 'Words Create Worlds'

**W** Our ability to communicate, to imagine, to work for change is held within a framework of sounds and images, vowels and consonants.

**O**

**R**

**L**

**C**

**D**

**W O R D S**

**E**

**A**

**T**

**E**

Jenny and Becca have teamed up to offer two different angles, inviting us to examine the words we use, the reality we create with those words and the future that they shape.



**Rev Jenny Pathmarajah** is a long-standing friend and supporter of Methodist Women in Britain and is very excited to be leading this weekend. Most of the time she's very happily sat behind a piano and known amongst us for her music workshops and in days gone by, contextual bible studies. But her first degree was in Linguistics at Durham University and has a real passion for the power of words and how they transform our everyday life and understanding of God. Jenny leaves the comfort of the piano stool this weekend and promises us an enlightening and challenging journey as we discover the power of words in the church and our faith.

**Becca Byass** lives in Nottingham and works as an Engagement officer for All We Can (Methodist Relief and Development). Prior to that, Becca worked in social care for seven years, promoting wellbeing and enabling individuals to 'live later life well' and as the Nottingham and Derby District Wellbeing Officer (with a similar aim but less Bingo!). Becca has a master's degree in Theology, Politics and Faith-based Organisations, a PGCE in Secondary Education and a BA in Biblical and Evangelistic Studies. Becca is scared of disconnection and rejection, she hopes for a future where every person's potential is fulfilled and finds joy in the changing seasons, large bodies of water, Ossie (black Labrador), and her two children, Felicity (15) and Alex (17).

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick

Cost £185 full board; Zoom only option £40; Bursaries available (need to apply)

Booking opens on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 on our website: [mwib.org.uk](http://mwib.org.uk)

More info needed? Contact [swanwick.mwib@gmail.com](mailto:swanwick.mwib@gmail.com) or 0300 030 9873



Invite you  
to a

# Spring Fayre

on

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

**12.00 - 2.00 pm**

**Various stalls\* & Light  
Lunches served**

**\*Including 'The Audley & District Family  
History Society'**

*Proceeds for Church Funds*

[www.halmerendmethodists.org.uk](http://www.halmerendmethodists.org.uk) & on Facebook

**Higherland Methodist Coffee Bar**

**2pm-4pm Monday 22nd April**

## 'Get Together'




**Come and join in the  
chatter, cake, chatter, cake,  
coffee and craft.**

### Monthly 6pm Coffee Bar Worship Time

*Songs, Craft, Prayers, Smiles, Coffee, Tea  
Biscuits, Chatter, welcoming, friendly.*

## Higherland Church

**Messy Vintage**

from The Bible Reading Fellowship 

*Last Sunday*

*in the month*

***Come along @ 6pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April***





North Staffordshire Methodist Circuit

## Invite you to a Circuit Prayer Event



Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
2.30pm and will be finished by 4.30pm

In the Coffee Lounge at Wolstanton Methodist Church

*Lord please hear my prayer*

# LET JUSTICE ROLL

Easter Offering 2024



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Take a fresh stand for justice and support the World Mission Fund this Easter

The service will be held at .....  
Audley Methodist Church.....

on ..12th May 2024.....starting at.....3.00 pm.

 **Methodist Women in Britain**  
for women, for justice, for Christ

 **The Methodist Church**

Higherland Methodist Church  
6pm Saturday 20th July



## Fustian & Musical Misfits

Tickets £5 incl. light refreshments  
Call Kev: 07988 532738





## The Chester & Stoke-on-Trent Methodist District

... are advertising for a new District Safeguarding Officer (DSO).

Full details appear on the district website:

<https://www.candsmethodists.org.uk/opportunities-1.html>

Christian Resources for Life  
@ Methodist Book Centre  
Support your local, independent  
Christian bookshop

**In Store**

**Online**

[www.crfl.co.uk](http://www.crfl.co.uk)  
Gitana Street, Hanley, ST1 1DY  
01782 212146

**Madeley Methodist Church**  
*invites you to join us at our*

**Warm Space**

**Elevenses**

On Wednesdays at 11am

**Chat** **Free Refreshments** **Activities**

**Everyone Welcome**



Senior Moments  
St. Luke's Methodist Church  
Severn Drive  
Clayton  
ST5 4BH

**FREE ENTRY**

**SENIOR MOMENTS**

Crafts

Activities

Quiz

Games

Art Talks

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits

Stories

10.30am - 12.30pm, last Thursday of every month, starting Thursday 27th October.

Fun, explore together in lots of creative, interactive and fun ways.  
A great opportunity to enjoy some time together.

For more information please contact Phil or Jeanette Hodges  
on 01782 634766 or look on our Facebook page.

**Silver Service**

..on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of every month..  
..beginning at 11:30am..

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday = Communion Service : 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday = Activity Service

at Silverdale Methodist Church,  
Earl Street (behind the Chip Shop!)  
ST5 6NF

Find us on FaceBook: "Silverdale Methodist Church"  
Visit our website: [www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk)

**SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH**

There's nothing like a good cuppa coffee  
and a friend like you to share it with!

Let's catch up!

**WHY NOT CATCH  
WITH FRIENDS OLD  
AND NEW**

**BRADWELL METHODIST  
CHURCH  
THURSDAY'S 10 - 12**

**SILVERDALE  
METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**REFUEL**


worship & the word  
**FOLLOWED by FOOD!**

Join with us on the **LAST SUNDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH**, at **5PM**, for 1-hour of..

**PRAISE &  
WORSHIP**

..and then stay to share food together.  
all-age & interactive, informal & relaxed – a Worship Experience for all

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A serene landscape featuring a calm lake with a wooden pier extending into the water. The pier is made of dark, weathered planks and is supported by several vertical posts. The water is a deep teal color, reflecting the sky. In the background, there are large, forested mountains under a soft, overcast sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

*Be still, and  
know that I  
am God*

PSALM 46:10