



BAD WEATHER POLICY

In the event of bad weather directly affecting the area covered by the Torrige Circuit, the following will apply:

RED WARNING

If the Met Office issue a Red Warning then **ALL** Methodist Activity and events on Methodist Property **will be cancelled**.

AMBER WARNING

If the Met Office issues an Amber Warning a decision about events and activities will be taken by the Circuit Superintendent in consultation with Circuit Stewards and Colleagues. They will, as a matter of course, consider the Health and Safety issues of the situation; and will err on the side of caution.

In the event of activities being cancelled a message will appear on the Torrige Methodist Circuit Website, a message will be placed on the Superintendent's phone and the information will be cascaded to local Churches by the Circuit Stewards and Staff.

YELLOW WARNING

If the Met Office issues a Yellow warning a decision about events and activities will be taken by the Church Stewards in consultation with the Minister in Pastoral Charge. If there is disagreement or they are unsure what to do, then the Circuit Superintendent should be consulted, and s/he will make the final decision.

If events and activities are cancelled then local arrangements will need to be made to let people know of the decision made. eg. Via Pastoral Visitors.

MET OFFICE DEFINITIONS

Yellow Warning: Yellow warnings can be issued for a range of weather situations. Many are issued when it is likely that the weather will cause some low level impacts, including some disruption to travel in a few places. Many people may be able to continue with their daily routine, but there will be some that will be directly impacted and so it is important to assess if you could be affected. Other yellow warnings are issued when the weather could bring much more severe impacts to the majority of people but the certainty of those impacts occurring is much lower. It is important to read the content of yellow warnings to determine which weather situation is being covered by the yellow warning.

Amber Warning: There is an increased likelihood of impacts from severe weather, which could potentially disrupt your plans. This means there is the possibility of travel delays, road and rail closures, power cuts and the potential risk to life and property. You should think about changing your plans and taking action to protect yourself and your property. You may want to consider the impact of the weather on your family and your community and whether there is anything you need to do ahead of the severe weather to minimise the impact.

Red Warning: Dangerous weather is expected and, if you haven't already done so, you should take action now to keep yourself and others safe from the impact of the severe weather. It is very likely that there will be a risk to life, with substantial disruption to travel, energy supplies and possibly widespread damage to property and infrastructure. You should avoid travelling, where possible, and follow the advice of the emergency services and local authorities.