



# Circuit News

March 2025

## Save The Dates!!

### **Sunday 13th April 2025 Circuit Service**

3pm at Coventry Central Hall, with music from The Coventry City Of Culture Orchestra. This will be a Circuit Service to thank Rev Stephen Willey and Rev Kathryn Darby who have preached around the circuit with integrity and passion for the last 5 years.

### **Sunday 1st June 2025 Easter Offering Service**

4.15pm at Earlsdon Methodist Church, further details to follow

## News from the Circuit Meeting

At the circuit meeting (26th Feb), along with the usual business of the meeting, we agreed that:

- 1) we will welcome the arrival of Rev Becki Stennett onto our circuit staff team in September
- 2) we will advertise a part-time Youth Work Support Worker to work across all the circuits' churches
- 3) we will recruit a volunteer circuit Media Officer
- 4) the circuit will fund a 'cluster' of churches to trial Hallmaster and see if this improves our level of lettings (and therefore income)
- 5) each church is asked to bring 2 or 3 people to the next Mission Planning event... on Saturday May 24th 2025 from 10.00 am – 12.30pm

### **Growth Planning Workshop** **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 10am – 12.30pm** **Bedworth Methodist Church**

As Spring comes, we turn to plan with God for growth in our lives and churches



A circuit morning of input and conversation led by **Adam Sanders – District Mission Advisor**  
Do join us with others from your local church to spend some time developing vision for the future and working on your church Mission Action Plan

# Eco News from across the Circuit



## Save the Date!

Saturday 20th September.

Circuit Family Worship and gathering at Coombe Abbey.  
Further details available later.

Have a look on the Circuit Website at the Eco page.

<https://www.covnunmethodist.org.uk/eco-circuit.html>

At Coventry Central Hall as part of their Winter eco service they included an activity to make bug hotels which the children and adults took home for their own garden. Some were put in the garden area at the front of the church.



## Less Meat Lent

Could you commit to eating a bit less meat during Lent?

You may already be vegetarian or vegan. In which case, do you have favourite vegetarian recipes you could share? Please send it in and we can publish a few in the next newsletter.

If you are a meat eater, maybe you could have one day – or maybe two – each week when you go meat-free.

It is generally agreed, that eating less meat is better for the environment and for most of us probably better for our health too!

## The Great Dishcloth knitting project!

News of this, including a pattern, is on the Circuit website.

[Coventry & Nuneaton](#)

More news to follow in April...

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## News from around the Circuit

### Nuneaton Methodist Church

On 25th Feb, Faith Leaders from across Nuneaton gathered at Nuneaton Methodist Church to show how much we value each other. The Faiths Forum will begin to meet regularly again from May. This happened partly in response to a right wing march which came to Nuneaton on 1st March. The police were very organised and the protest happened almost entirely peacefully. An ecumenical group of Peace Chaplains came together from different denominations and we give thanks to God for a positive response which has actually strengthened interfaith and ecumenical relationships, and increased good conversations on the streets.





## BALSALL COMMON METHODIST CHURCH

invites you to a  
celebratory concert

by

## RUGBY MALE VOICE CHOIR

M.D. Christine Welham



**Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 at 7.30 p.m.**  
**Admission £10 under 16s £5**

Refreshments will be served after the  
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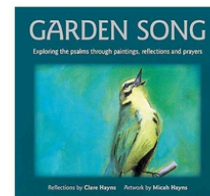
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## Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral Lenten Reflections

The Chapel of Unity is hosting an On-line  
20-minute Psalm Reflection at 6.00pm  
each Monday evening during Lent.

To join Zoom use Meeting ID: 864 9505  
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## CHAPEL OF UNITY at Coventry Cathedral Lenten Reflections



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6.00pm each Monday evening during Lent.

We will look at a selection of the Psalms and Illustrations taken from  
**GARDEN SONG**  
Exploring the Psalms Through Paintings, Reflections and Prayers  
by **Clare Hayns** Illustrated by **Micah Hayns**

Hear the Psalm, share a reflection and end with prayer.

Week 1	10	March	<b>Psalm 31</b>	<i>Blessed is the sinner whose offence is forgiven</i>
Week 2	17	March	<b>Psalm 27</b>	<i>To you O Lord I call</i>
Week 3	24	March	<b>Psalm 82</b>	<i>Let them seek your name O Lord</i>
Week 4	31	March	<b>Psalm 19</b>	<i>May the Lord answer in the time of trial</i>
Week 5	7	April	<b>Psalm 107</b>	<i>My heart is ready</i>
Week 6	14	April	<b>Psalm 81</b>	<i>God stand in the divine assembly</i>

For Zoom click this link: [Join Zoom Meeting](#) Or use  
Meeting ID: 864 9505 4646 Passcode: COUR2025



# Information received from The District Office

## Looking Ahead: to the West Midlands District

You are warmly invited to our monthly 30 minute zoom sessions preparing for the new West Midlands District. There will be an opportunity to discover more, ask any questions you have, and pray together.

Do signup for any of our upcoming sessions:

Thurs 27th March 8-8:30pm Get the zoom link by signing up [here](#).

Sunday 27th April 8-8:30pm Get the zoom link by signing up [here](#).

## Covid Day of reflection

Sunday 9 March 2025 is a Day of Reflection across the UK, marking five years since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is an opportunity to come together to remember people who lost their lives since the pandemic began and to honour the tireless work and acts of kindness shown during this unprecedented time.

The Revd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference, shares a prayer to mark the anniversary. As the residents and staff in care homes suffered more than many during COVID, Sam Monaghan, Chief Executive of Methodist Homes (MHA), shares this reflection on the long-term impact of the pandemic.

Link to the article on the Methodist Church Website.

[https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/5-years-on-from-covid/?](https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/5-years-on-from-covid/?utm_source=Methodist%20Church%20House&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14902267_The%20Methodist%20News%2027%2F02%2F25&dm_i=BVI,8VENV,1Q9N59,10YEFK,1)

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We have been asked by the District Office to publicise these events:

1) Spectrum which is a community of nearly 300 lay and ordained Christians which has its roots in Methodism.

<http://spectrumfaith.org.uk>. Their annual conference is in May at Highgate House near Northampton. For more details please contact Reverend Rob Hufton 07814 535 643

2) Lent knitalong' being run by a church in Bristol.

It's followed by people all around the world, so I thought there might be more knitters who would like to join in. People knit, read the specially written devotions, and create a surprise knit on the Lent theme.

People need to enroll quite quickly to get the materials together to start on 6th March. More details here: <https://www.vic-methodist-bristol.org.uk/lent-knitalong-2025/>.