

MONTHLY Circuit News

June 2025

(There will be no news sent out during July, we will be back in August)

Save The Dates!

Saturday 21st June - Coffee Shop Sunday day of drama, craft & worship

Sunday 6th July Great Green Gathering 4pm on Zoom (Please contact the circuit office for the zoom link)

Thursday 4th September - Welcome Service for Rev Becki Stennett 7pm at Central Hall including Bring and Share savoury snacks and cakes

We wish a warm welcome to Sue Lowe who has moved into our circuit. Sue's husband, Roger, was a Methodist minister and we are really pleased to welcome Sue into the circuit where she has settled at Horeston Grange"

Mission Morning

This event took place at Bedworth Methodist Church on Saturday 24th April. It was encouraging to have 10 churches represented especially as it was the start of half term week.



All churches should now have received the Bible Study booklets for John's Gospel and we invite you to a Circuit Bible Study evening on zoom Thursday 19th June at 7 - 8 pm where we will look at John chapter 1 together.

Please give the booklets out to everybody to begin their Bible reading during June. Thank you.

Please contact the circuit office for the zoom link.

Easter Offering Service

The Easter Offering Service took place at Earlsdon Methodist Church on Sunday 1st June 2025.

Thank you to all those churches who attended.

A big thank you goes to Helen Holdforth from Earlsdon Methodist Church who organised this event for the circuit.

The Easter Offering is important for the work of the Methodist Church overseas. Helen met the co-chair of MWiB at a recent conference and was able to give each church a pack of information about its organisation and grants available from them. **1**

VE Day Celebrations

Ridge Lane

Much fun and food were in evidence at Ridge Lane as we marked 80 years since VE Day with a party. Many people came from the village and filled the church and garden, and Trevor donned overall and flat cap to sell bags of sweets of the time - and none were rationed!



Fillongley

At Fillongley, the knitters had been out in force and this Street Party display was all knitted, even the cakes and sandwiches. It featured on the local news, and gained nearly 12,000 likes on social media, and many people came to see it for themselves.



Long Service Awards

On 17th May the Accreditation service for Jo Hibbard included the presentation of Long service awards for local preachers, David Kershaw (60 years) and Judith Mudzamiri (25 years)



Ascension Day Service

"One of our oldest preachers, Michael, met one of our youngest, also Michael, at the circuit Ascension Day service at Woodside Ave MC. 66 years between them and quite a few inches in height! God uses us all younger and older, shorter and taller. Thanks be to God!"



Balsall Common Methodist Church - Date.... June 21st.

We are having a presence at the Balsall Common Picnic in the Park with a stall. Any support from the circuit would be greatly valued... the event is in Lavender Hall Park, Balsall Common from 3 - 9, with a variety of stalls, food vendors, children's' activities and live music, and other entertainments. ²
CV7 7BN will get you to the Lane... but parking in the village would be best and walk in!
Please come... and get a bag made from our old hall curtains!

Coming soon vacancy for Young People & Families Work Co-ordinator

Do you have a calling to spur on others (Hebrews 10:24-25)? Do you have a desire to see Children well supported in Church (Matthew 21:15-16)?

The appointment is a permanent Role.

20 hours per month

£3,031.20 - £3,787.20 per annum (£22,986.60 - £28,719.60 full time equivalence for 35 hours pw).

Please keep an eye on the Circuit Website for further details in the next couple of weeks.

<https://www.covnunmethodist.org.uk/>

Eco News from across the Circuit



Please have a look on the Circuit Website at the [Eco](#) page.



It's great to hear of how different churches are engaging with projects having care for creation at the heart.

We shared photos of gardens and green spaces around the circuit in last month's circuit news. Recently I attended an online gathering around the Connexion, 'Methodist Church Eco-Community Network' where we heard of amazing community gardens large and small which congregations and communities have created. One involved planters with pollinating and edible plants on an area of tarmac. Young people had made the containers from car tyres, wood and scrap materials.

Another was a new garden created on the site of a demolished church in County Durham. A third was the transformation of the green space behind a local GP surgery into a community garden. So inspiring!

The phrase that struck me was "touching souls and hearts" – not just sharing depressing statistics around the climate crisis.

We'd love to hear more of what your church is doing.

Knitted Dishcloths are coming along well!

These will be given away by local churches to encourage our neighbours to reuse these cotton cloths and think about the impact of the materials we use.

In the spirit of friendly competition between our churches, we share some 'scores on the doors': Woodside Avenue have made 44 so far. We will be having a health Fayre on Saturday 18th October where we hope to give away any we have then



Some dishcloth knitters at Earlsdon with 140 dishcloths!!

38 from Balsall Common 50 from Fillongley 'Knit and Natter' – aiming for 100 😊

Don't Forget.....

Our next Circuit GGG (Great Green Gathering) is on Sunday 6th July online 4pm – 5pm (The zoom link will be circulated in advance)

Circuit Gathering with worship outdoors at Coombe Abbey on Saturday 20th September

Lois Talbot (loismtalbot@gmail.com) Circuit Eco-Rep

Woodside Avenue Table Top Sale

We managed to knit 44 dishcloths in time to give away at our table top sale.

Woodside avenue South and other local streets were holding tabletop sales, so we decided to join in.

We had 2 tables outside of items for sale as well as a piano out on the street !

We had tables inside and out to sit at and served cream teas and other cakes, By the time we came out of the service and started setting up, people were arriving, and we had a chaotic time getting out cakes and items on the stall. We were amazed at the amount of people that popped by and there were constantly people in the church right up until it finished at 3pm. It was lovely to be able to engage with so many of our neighbours .This community engagement came about due to the imitative of our Parish Nurse In conversation with one family there seems likely we will welcome them to Woodside to worship.

A massive thankyou to Paula and many helpers

Arising from our pastoral work in the community we have received a substantial gift and The Rotary Club of Coventry has recognized the value of the Baby massage programme with a donation towards a massage doll of £79.



We hope some people will continue to knit dishcloths, for a little longer, to give away at the Health Fayre here at woodside on October 18th.

REFRESH had knitters from the local streets, as well as those from church and a few did this month's craft of decoupage flower pots . Next month will be decorating glass jars and putting a little light in (subject to change, please email me for more information)

Paula McClenaghan Parish Nurse Tel 07869715659

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Events happening around the Circuit

NUNEATON'S *Walk of Faith*



Saturday 7th June 2024

Starting from
10.00 am in the George Eliot Gardens
(Behind the Town Hall)

As in previous years, we will walk as one body from the George Eliot Gardens to the Mosque and onto the Sikh Gurdwara, then to the Hindu centre, and finally a Christian church.

The global events over the last few years have left many people concerned and anxious for peace in the world and this event will not only show solidarity with people of all faiths (or none) but also a desire to seek a vision of peace and prosperity for all people regardless of race, religion or culture.

There will be no posters, banners or flags or political statements, just friendly conversation.

The event is organised by the Nuneaton Interfaith Forum. For more details contact
John 07929193431 or Yusuf 07971879926

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
BIG LUNCH
EVENT**

Earlsdon Methodist Church
228 Albany Road, Earlsdon,
Coventry, CV5 6NF

8th June 2025
(after the church
service)

- Free BBQ to share with the local community
- DaySpring Steel Band

We invite you to

**A day of
DRAMA, CRAFT
WORSHIP**



21st June 2025

10.00 - 3.30

Warwick Road Church Centre

More information from: suefry29@gmail.com



ALL WELCOME

The **Methodist Church**
Coventry & Nuneaton Methodist Circuit

Welcome Service

For Rev Becki Stennett



at Coventry Central Hall

Thursday 4th September 2025 at 7pm

with bring and share food after the service



Information received from The District Office

Looking Ahead: to the West Midlands District

Please note – to get future updates please sign up to the mailing list at www.wmmethodists.org.uk

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 sign up for any of our upcoming sessions:

- Monday 23rd June 9:30-10am Get the zoom link by signing up [here](#).
- Thursday 17th July 8-8:30pm Get the zoom link by signing up [here](#).

District Launch and Chair's Welcome Service

Join us to celebrate the launch of the new West Midlands District and welcome our new Chair Rev'd Rachel Deigh.

Saturday 30th August
3pm followed by refreshments
Walsall Central Hall

Less than a month go... Book now!

FAITH THAT LASTS A LIFETIME: THE WELL CONFERENCE 2025

Led by **John Roberto (Lifelong Faith)**

When? Friday 13 June - Saturday 14 June

Where? Kents Hill Park, Milton Keynes

the well

Born in Song - come and sing!

We are forming a scratch choir from around the new West Midlands District to sing at the launch and welcome service on Saturday 30th August at Walsall Central Hall.

Rehearsals will take place in different locations around the new District.

Sign up at www.wmmethodists.org.uk

Fund-raising for your church?

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