

MONTHLY



Coventry & Nuneaton
METHODIST CIRCUIT

Circuit News

April 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.

Saturday 17th May 2025 Accreditation Service

3pm at Woodside Avenue Methodist Church. Woodside Avenue South, Coventry, CV73 6BE Accreditation service for Jo Hibbard including reaffirmation of vows for Local Preachers

Sunday 1st June 2025 Easter Offering Service

4.15 pm to share tea and cake, 5pm service to start
Earlsdon Methodist Church, 227 Albany Road, Earlsdon, Coventry, CV5 6NF

Amplify 14th - 16th March 2025

"25 of us went from the circuit to Amplify, the district Youth Event, from Central Hall, Nuneaton and Woodside. We hope to take even more to 3Gen in the Autumn (and you can volunteer too, see further down!) The time was fun, exciting, faith-filled and food-filled too.

Never has so much hot chocolate been consumed as people warmed up after kayaking, wall climbing, paddle-boarding and Zip-wiring! The best thing for some of us was seeing our circuit's young people leading the singing of 130 young people from around the district. Other circuits had brought grandchildren, uniformed groups and other young people who used their premises. Do you have young people, connected with your church who would enjoy a weekend like this? It helps them to grow in faith and with their positive sense of how the church can support them.

Thank you to the circuit for the financial support.



Bedworth Methodist Church having fun supporting The TLC Foundation with their fundraising.

TLC is a local charity supporting families of children with difficulties, helping parents and siblings to enjoy special days together.

Bedworth Methodist Church is hoping to build up a bond with TLC to support them in their much valued work in the community of the town.

Additional Easter Services 2025

Maundy Thursday 17th April

Central Hall	7pm	Communion Rev Stephen Willey
Meriden	7.30pm	Rev Christine Crabtree
Nuneaton	7pm	Communion Rev Clive Fowle
Radford	7pm	Communion Rev Ian Coates

Good Friday 18th April

Arley	7pm	Rev Ian Coates
Atherstone	11am	Tony Cashmore
Bedworth	10.30am	Joining Churches Together in town centre
Central Hall	12 noon	Rev Stephen Willey
Earlsdon	10am	Crafts
	11am	All Age Worship
	6.30pm	Good Friday Reflections
Horeston Grange	10.45am	Eddie Reubens service followed by coffee, hot cross buns
Meriden	12 noon	at St Laurence
Nuneaton	12 noon	Rev Jill Marsh
Ryton	7pm	Deacon Sue Fry
Woodside	2pm	Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams

Saturday 19th April

Ryton	10am-12noon	Easter Event, including Easter carols at 11.30am
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Circuit EDI Gathering

11 people gathered, on Zoom, from across the circuit for our first EDI Gathering on 18th March. We began to look at the materials on the connexional website and to consider what work we might do to celebrate diversity in the circuit.

Our next online gathering will be at 7 - 8 pm on Tuesday 6th May and the Zoom link can be emailed to you from the circuit office if you ask in advance.
office@covnunmethodist.org.uk

Each church is going to develop an Accessibility Welcome and if you want to know who is involved from your church please contact the office.
Thank you and we hope to see you on 6th May



EASTER BRUNCH
SATURDAY 19th APRIL
Ryton Methodist Church
Rugby Road Bulkington CV12 9JG
10am to 11.30am Brunch
11.30am Easter Carols
All Welcome
NO CHARGE
DONATIONS WELCOME

Woodside Methodist Church

Please join us for a Walk in The Memorial Park Tuesday 1st 1.30 meet in the carpark, near the bus stop. Some people may want to walk the most direct route to the coffee shop and others the longest they can find, but whatever your preference, all welcome. Please contact me if you need a lift. We have a wheelchair at church if mobility is holding you back.

The next Baby Massage course starts on 23rd April for 5 weeks. Suitable from 4 weeks to 6 months
Please email
nurse@covnunmethodist.org.uk for further information.
Currently 2 spaces left.
Course is free of charge

Please join us at woodside at our new group or perhaps a walk in the park
R.E.F.R.E.S.H is a new group on 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1.30. Next one is 15th April. Quiet space for reflection, area for chat and tea, games and knitting and a different craft each month. Please see flyer or contact me for more details
nurse@covnunmethodist.org.uk

Come and join woodside's new group! 3rd Tuesday in the month 1.30-3pm. REFRESH

Relax
Enjoy
Friendship
Refreshments,
Empathy,
Support,
Hobbies

Drop in for a coffee or join in a board game or craft.

Please contact me for more information.

Paula McClenaghan, Parish Nurse, Woodside Methodist Church
Tel: 07869735659 nurse@covnunmethodist.org.uk

Licensing of Rev Steve Medley

Although Steve has been in position at Fillongley for two years, his appointment has now been made permanent, and on 12th March a Licensing Service was held at St. Laurence's Church, Ansley, which is part of the Ley Group of Churches.

Rev Tim Cockell, the Acting Archdeacon Pastor, welcomed Steve into this role, and during the service Steve was taken to the font, to the lectern, and to the Communion table to focus on baptisms, Scripture readings and prayers, and the breaking of bread, in his work with the congregations and communities around, including the church school. At each place, Steve made a promise and asked the congregation to join with him in the work.



After the service there was the usual tea and cake.

Steve works with Christine Crabtree in the village and church of Fillongley, which has been an LEP for 40 years.

Coventry Central Hall

Central Hall have recently completed a Social Value Indicator in the House of Good Local magazine. Click [here](#) to read their quote.

"The Circuit Leadership Team encourage all our churches to see how you could use this tool to think and pray about your 'social value'. Like Central Hall's experience we are confident that you could be surprised as you notice what God is doing through you."



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Accreditation Service
for Jo Hibbard

including reaffirmation of vows for local preachers

We hope you will be able to join in this joyful
occasion

Saturday 17th May 2025

3pm at

Woodside Avenue Methodist Church
Woodside Avenue South, Coventry CV3 6BE



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Easter Offering Service 2025



Date: Sunday 1st June 2025

Time: 4.15 pm to share tea and cake, 5pm service to start

Venue: Earlsdon Methodist Church, 227 Albany Road, Earlsdon, Coventry, CV5 6NF

**Please join us at 4.15pm with bring and
share cake before the service.**

Each year, the Methodist Church holds an
Easter Offering dedication service. This
tradition dates back to 1883



All the money raised through the Easter
Offering goes to the World Mission Fund
of the Methodist Church in Great Britain
for work in Partner Churches around the
world.

In 2023, collections from Easter Offering
services raised over £190,000, thanks to
the generosity of Methodists.

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](#).

Dear Friends,

As Christians we care about the planet God made because we want to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Here is information to help your church to take part in our first Great Green Project which is a circuit project:

"The great washable dishcloth knit!"

Each church will be receiving a few balls of the recycled cotton knitting wool, 3 copies of the sheet (which could be photocopied further) and a sheet of the patterns which could be copied locally.

We're asking each church to invite all the knitters they know... in your church, your communities, your neighbours, your families, your prayer shawl ministries and your friends... to join us in knitting as many dishcloths as you can. Whether you give them away as you knit, or save them for a great big 'giveaway day' outside your church, please count how many you produce!! Thank you.

We're going to see how many we can knit by the end of August. Shall we aim for 1000?!

You will need to donate wool or collect donations to buy it. Buying in bulk will reduce transport costs and packaging implications.

The idea is to give the dishcloths away free though... maybe through foodbanks, a stall outside your church, in the local market (if you can get permission) or wherever.

We want to start conversations and raise awareness of the eco-value of washable items

The bigger the knit number the bigger the publicity and it would be great to share this with the wider world.

You could take photos of where you knit, where you use them, you giving them away, and stalls of piles of them you produce and let Lois have them (address below).

Just as in 'the old days', there is no need to buy the disposable ones with plastic in or with a high manufacturing cost.

If you have questions, please contact Lois at loismtalbot@gmail.com.

Thank you and happy knitting!

The Great Green circuit team.

The next Great Green Gathering will be taking place on Saturday 12th April on zoom 4pm - 5pm.

Please come and join us.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96294490829>

Meeting ID: 962 9449 0829

The great washable 'Dishcloth Knit'

Calling all knitters!

As part of the circuit's eco-church commitment, we're hoping to have a big dishcloth giveaway... to help people move to using recycled and washable dishcloths. No more one-use bought cloths with plastic materials.

The wool below is recycled cotton and we've given each church a couple of balls to get started. You could take donations towards the next balls of wool, as a way of keeping the project going.

Pattern: actually any square you like!

This is a diamond shape:

Using 5 mm needles, cast on 5 stitches, increase one at the beginning of next two rows, till 7 stitches.

Then to increase: Knit 3, put wool round over to the front, knit to the end

Repeat until it's as big as you'd like (I used 10 – 15 rows)

Then to decrease: Knit 2, knit 2 together, pull wool round over to the front, knit 2 together, knit to the end.

When 7 stitches are left, knit 2 stitches together at the end of the next 2 rows. Then cast off the last 5 stitches. Sew in the ends.

Approx 2 dishcloths per ball



God asks us to 'Love our neighbours as ourselves'.
The Methodist Church believes this means caring for this planet which God has created for us all to share.

Join us in our Great Green Gatherings

office@covnunmethodist.org.uk

Let's see how many we can knit by the end of August and then we'll be in touch about how to give them away!

"Dishcloth Knitting is coming along well around the Circuit!"

Woodside Avenue are experimenting with colours and designs and share some photos with us.

Earlsdon has about 6 knitters producing an ever-growing stash!

Do send in your news and photos."



Information received from The District Office Volunteer for 3Generate

"A calming balm and great reminder of faith"

"Young people showed great passion for seeing God's kingdom come"

"What a joy it was to be surrounded by so many young Methodists, united in their fun and faith!"

3Generate volunteer sign-ups are now open – and what better way to find out more than from past volunteers sharing their experience from last year!

There truly is a place for everyone to volunteer at 3Generate, no matter your experience, skills, or ability. We have a wide range of roles including working directly with young people in venues, stewarding, and registration.



Find out about all the available roles, and sign up [here](#)

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:

Thursday 27th March 8-8:30pm

Get the zoom link by signing up [here](#).

Sunday 27th April 4:30-5:00pm

Get the zoom link by signing up [here](#).

Tuesday 20th May 8-8:30pm

Get the zoom link by signing up [here](#).

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](#).

Information received from The District Office continued

DISTRICT ORDINAND'S TESTIMONY SERVICE 2025

For every District Probationer there are joys and challenges to face in the early years of ministry. One great joy and significant occasion in the journey to Ordination and being Received into Full Connexion is the Ordinand's Testimony Service.



This year the District is celebrating the Rev. Tina Brooker. Please join with friends from across the District to affirm and support Tina in the next step in her journey as she moves from Probationer to Ordinand. There's tea and cake after the service for even more celebrating!

**DALE ST METHODIST CHURCH, LEAMINGTON SPA
7.30PM THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2025**

Although parking at the church is limited, there is some on-street parking, and two car-parks close by at St Peter's CP (CV32 5EL) and Adelaide Bridge CP (CV32 5AH)

We have been asked to share this information with you United Reform Church.

We're running a service and celebration, Rejoice and Sing LIVE, at Methodist Central Hall, Coventry, a free event celebrating the 35th anniversary of our hymn book, Rejoice and Sing, on May 3, from 12pm. It's a service filled with lots of hymn singing for all, talks, a panel discussion with Steve Tomkins, Editor of Reform magazine, poetry and a new hymn, written by the Revd Dominic Grant. An exhibition and cafe are available from 12noon, and the service starts at 2pm. We're also putting together a scratch choir, and choirs and individuals are invited to take part (lunch will be provided). Tickets are free and are available from www.bit.ly/reform-live



Recruiting Singers for the Festival of Church Music at Coventry Cathedral Saturday 11th October 2025

**Festival Conductor - Peter J Williams
Organist - Rufus Frowde**

Anthem Books available from January 2025
from Adrian Prisk, 15 Parklands Great Linford, MK14 5DZ
Tel: 01908 605815; Email aprisk@doctors.org.uk
Further details on the website
www.freechurchchoirs.org.uk

Our Festival of Church Music in Coventry Cathedral is only a few months away on the 11th October 2025.

The theme this year appropriately is 'Justice and Freedom'.

We are looking for individual singers as well as choirs to join us. It is always a memorable experience to be able to sing with a large choir in a cathedral.

For further information about rehearsals and where the books can be ordered please visit the www.freechurchchoirs.org.uk

Information received from The Connexional Office Exploring Ordained Ministry - 14 June 2025

We are glad to have younger people within our circuit considering their vocations, ordained and lay. God calls us all and if you have any sense that God could be calling you to a new 'ministry' of some kind, inside or outside the church please talk with your minister in the first place. Here is an invitation from the Connexional Team about exploration of ordained ministry...

We are now taking bookings for the next Exploring Ordained Ministry Day! It will be held on Saturday 14 June 2025 from 10am to 12:30pm. The link to book your place is [here](#). Please pass this on to those who might be exploring a Call to Ordained Ministry.