



Coventry & Nuneaton

METHODIST CIRCUIT

WEEKLY CIRCUIT NEWS 24th NOVEMBER 2022, No.005

This weekly Circuit News replaces the Circuit Newsletter for the next few months. If you have anything you would like to be included, please send to the Circuit Office.

Intergenerational Church (IGC)

You are invited to IGC Worship in collaboration with CTEC (Churches together) on the 27th of November at 4.45pm-6pm, at Earlsdon Methodist Church. Do join us for a time of worship and fellowship, come expectant to encounter God as we focus on the theme 'Tell'.

Snacks will be provided.

All are welcome! Don't forget to invite a friend.

Fillongley Christmas Tree Festival 2022

Friday 25th November - 6:30pm. Grand Opening with music from Bournebrook School Pupils, Christmas Tree viewing and special visit by REVERSE Father Christmas, who will receive your gifts to send to less fortunate children in the local area.

Saturday 26th November 11am – 5pm. Christmas Tree Festival viewing, including Turkey batches & punch, tea & coffee, cakes & biscuits.

7:15pm. Christmas Tree Festival Banquet.*

Sunday 27th November 12 noon – 5pm. Christmas Tree Festival viewing with refreshments

7:15pm. Christmas Tree Festival Banquet*.

**Entry strictly by ticket only, purchased in advance of the evening*

from Heather Badham 01676 549193 or Graham Hargreaves 01676 540766

Saturday 3rd December 11am – 5pm. Christmas Tree Festival viewing, including Turkey batches & punch, tea & coffee, cakes & biscuits.

Sunday 4th December 12 noon – 5pm. Christmas Tree Festival viewing with refreshments

Ryton Methodist Church Christmas Trees Festival 2022

Anyone who wants to dress a tree please can you contact Sue Fry direct by email suefry29@gmail.com

Friday 2nd December

Open Viewing 2 – 5 pm

Carols by tree light 4pm

Saturday 3rd December

Open Viewing 10 – 5 pm

Sunday 4th December

Worship 10.00 am

Open Viewing 11.30 - 3 pm *Craft Stalls*

Teas – Coffee – Cake

Lunches Served 12 - 2 pm

SAVE THE DATE

There will be a Prayer and Discernment meeting on **Thursday 15th December 2022** at Woodside Avenue Methodist Church from 6:00pm – 7:45pm

This will be a time to pray and discern God's guidance and wisdom together.

Advanced Safeguarding Training (Anyone who undertook the Advanced Module prior to the end of 2018 can wait for the new 2023 courses. Please see below dates for the next set of Advanced Safeguarding Training being run by Kay Redfern our Assistant District Safeguarding Officer. Please contact Kay directly to book onto these dates, kayredfern@birminghammethodist.org.uk

29th November 2022 – online zoom – 10 am start,

5th January 2023 – online zoom – 5pm start

14th January 2023 – Ellesmere – face to face 9.45 am registration

28th January 2023 – Netherton – face to face 9.45am registration

11th March 2023 – Great Wyrley - face to face 9.45 am registration

25th March 2023 – Ledbury – face to face 9.45 am registration

15th April 2023 – Cannock – St Stephens – face to face 9.45 am registration

13th May 2023 – Stafford – face to face 9.45am registration

EcoDistrictNews

This is an excerpt from the EcoDistrict News

This is the first update for 12 months – the delay due to a combination of the intervention of COVID and a decision to hold back publication until the decisions made at COP27 could be included.

The content of this newsletter reflects the rapidly growing concern for the state of the planet and the urgent need for us all to do something about it. This is clear in the messages from Rev'd Novette Headley, our new District Chair, and from Adam Sanders, our District Mission Advisor, both of whom emphasise not only the urgency of the situation, but the need for our churches to become actively involved. The District is planning to focus on the EcoJustice issue at the Spring Synod in April, so please keep a watch out for further information. Progress on Caring for Creation is slow but steady. The good news is that we now have 21 churches in the District with EcoAwards; the bad news is that almost 100 of our Birmingham churches have yet to actively demonstrate their concern for the stewardship of the planet.

I am reminded of the story of the congregation which made life difficult for a novice monk preaching his first sermon. Asked if they knew what he was going to say, half said they knew; the other half said they didn't. His simple response was 'Let those that know, tell those who don't know' – an appropriate message for those of our churches who are already responding to the environmental crises and who might help to bring other churches on board.

Mark Boulton

District EcoCoordinator

Kenilworth Methodist Church EcoFayre and Grounds for Hope

The annual Kenilworth Eco Fayre in October is organised jointly by the town's five Eco Churches. Besides providing visitors with the chance to browse commercial stalls offering sustainable and locally produced merchandise, this event is also a good opportunity to meet the local green community groups.

Grounds for Hope, our new edible garden has now completed its first full growing season. Designed to be readily accessible to passers-by on Priory Road, the garden's wheelchair-friendly path was an instant hit with the primary school children who scooter and cycle to and from school. In June early risers taking the detour through the garden raced to find the strawberries which had ripened overnight. As the weeks went by there were also tiny, sweet petits pois, courgettes, cucumbers, and beans to be found. For some the regular pattern includes naming the veg: "sweetcorn, beans, courgettes, lettuce, peas" while making their way along the path past the raised beds. Grounds for Hope has provided a wealth of opportunity for engaging with local residents. It is amazing how many have taken the time to stop and tell us how much they like what we're doing and very often we then go on to have all sorts of interesting conversations.

Coventry & Nuneaton Methodist Circuit Christmas Services

| | 18th December | | Christmas Eve | | Christmas Day | | New Year's Day | |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|----------------|--|--------------------|---|
| Arley | No morning service - 6pm | Carols Rev'd Jane Braund | | No Service | | No Service | 10.30am | Own Arrangement |
| Atherstone | 10.45am | Pam Deacon | | No Service | 10.00am | Rev'd Allan Smith | 10.45am | Local Arrangement |
| Balsall Common | 10.30am | Carol service with the Worship Leaders | 11.30pm | Midnight Communion Rev'd Jane Braund | 10.00am | Rev'd Ian Coates | 10.30am | Christine Welham |
| Bedworth | No morning service - 5.00pm | Carols Deacon Sheila Dawson | | No Service | 10.30am | Join with Collycroft | 10.30am | Beverley Taylor |
| Central Hall | 2pm | Carol Concert with Central Hall House Orchestra Rev'd Stephen Willey | 11.30pm | Carols with Communion in Bull Yard (Rev'd Stephen Willey TBC) | 10.30am | Rev'd Stephen Willey AAW | 10.30am | Worship (S) in Aldersgate Chapel (Rev'd Ian Coates) |
| Coffee Shop Sunday | 2pm | CSS members joining with Central Hall | | No Service | | No Service | | No Service |
| Collycroft | 4th December 5.45pm | Carols Rev'd Keith Salter | 11th December 10.30am | SS Nativity Deana Mawn | 10.30am | John Prickett | | No Service |
| Earlsdon | 4pm | Carols Rev'd Doreen Koffie-Williams | 6.30 pm | Rev'd Doreen Koffie-Williams (HC) | 10am | Rev'd Doreen Koffie-Williams | 10.30am | Café Style Service Rev'd Doreen Koffie-Williams |
| Fillongley | 16th December 6.30pm | Open Air Floodlit Community Carol Service Rev'd Jane Braund | 11.30pm | Anglican Service | 10am | Joint service at Corley with communion | 10.30am | Anglican |
| Horeston Grange | no morning service - 6pm | 9 lessons and Carols by Candlelight Rev'd Allan Smith | | Community Carols & Christingle | 10am | Eddie Reubens | 10.45am | Judith Wilson |
| Meriden | No morning service - 4pm | Carols Rev'd Ian Coates | | No Service | 10am | Rev'd Jane Braund | 10.30am | St LBC |
| Nuneaton | 10am | Carols Rev'd Marcus Torchon | 11.30pm | In person | 10am | Rev'd Marcus Torchon | 10.30am 6pm | No Service Torchon D |
| Radford & Holbrooks | 6.30pm | Own Arrangement | | No Service | 10am | Local Arrangement | | No Service |
| Ridge Lane | No morning service - 4pm | Carol Service Rev'd Jane Braund | | No Service | | No Service | 10.30am | Rev'd Stephen Willey |
| Ryton | 10am | Carols Rev'd Kathryn Darby | 11.30pm | Deacon Sue Fry | | No Service | 10am | Deacon Sue Fry |
| Woodside | No morning service - 4pm | Carols Charlene Mukorombindo | | No Service | 10am | At Earlsdon | 10.30am | Rev'd Marcus Torchon |