



Coventry & Nuneaton

METHODIST CIRCUIT

Weekly Circuit News 15th December 2022, No. 008

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.

With Sadness

It is with sadness that I am informing you that Rose Bentley, one of our resting local preachers died on Tuesday 6th December 2022.

The cremation service will take place at Canley Crematorium in the Charter Chapel on Thursday 29th December 2022 at 10:00am, followed by a Thanksgiving service at Central Hall Methodist Church at 11:00am.

Rose had been a local preacher and member of our churches at Edgwick, Cornerstone and Central Hall for many years. She is known around the District not least for her bookstall which operated for many years.

Sue Bentley, Rose's daughter has come across some books, Fresh from the Word 2023 - Daily Bible studies from around the world, that Rose has bought for people. If you have asked Rose for one of these books, please can you contact Sue by the end of January 2023. The contact number is 02476 664156. Please leave a message and Sue will get back to you.

Lectionary readings for December 2022

18th December

1 st Reading	Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
2 nd Reading	Romans 1:1-7
Gospel	Matthew 1:18-25

25th December

1 st Reading	Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm	Psalm 98
2 nd Reading	Hebrews 1:1-4(5-12)
Gospel	John 1:1-14

Bedworth Methodist Church Carol Singing for The Shoppers

Come along and help Bedworth Methodist Church Sing out the Christmas message to town shoppers in Tesco Store, Bedworth. Each sessions lasts just over an hour and is indoors at the top of the escalator. The collection is for the local branch of 'Air Ambulance'

Thursday 15th December 2022 at 6.30pm or

Monday 19th December 2022 at 1.30pm

Bedworth Methodist Church

Our Nativity 'Amazing Spaces' was on Sunday 11th December, all went amazingly well despite only having 10-minute rehearsal. The Oscars go to John McMahon (old Jed the shepherd), the real baby Jesus (Rory) and, of course, the camels. There was a collection which will be donated to 'Water Aid'.

Ridge Lane Methodist Carol Service Sunday 18th December at 4pm

On Sunday 18th December at 4pm. There will be an over 12' living Christmas tree that has been donated by a local flower grower. This will be decorated with white LED lights and white cardboard stars and hearts that people have written their memories on. A lady in the congregation is baking mince pies and there will be tea/coffee/squash as well. The service will be led by Rev Jane Braund. Outside the church there is a 6' Christmas tree with LED lights too, to light the way to our open church door.

Amplify 2023

Could you be a Steward at our Amplify youth weekend? Do you have a heart for young people and want to enable them to meet with each other and with God? Are you available at any time between 24th and 26th March 2023? Then stewarding at Amplify could be for you!

We are looking for adults of any age who are willing to give up anywhere from a morning to a whole weekend to help the Amplify youth weekend run smoothly. This flexible role will include making sure people know where they need to be, staffing spaces which will enable leaders to be alongside their young people, and being a friendly face and person to talk to for young people and leaders.

If this sounds like something you could do, then check out our website for more information and the application form. <https://birminghammethodist.org.uk/amplify/#stewards>

Thanks,

Charlotte 😊

Charlotte Hambly | District Youth Coordinator

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

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

Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB)

Message from Josie Boughton - I would ask for your prayers as we need, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and two more Committee Members.

Please ask yourself if the Lord may be calling you to serve Him in this way. I have attended the District meetings of Birmingham MWiB for the past 15 years, and the National MWiB Conference at Swanwick in the spring of each year many times. The organisation is Methodist Women in Britain, all ages are involved from 18 years of age onwards. It has given me not only a national perspective of the work Methodist women do but also a global perspective. The projects/partnerships that the district and the National Presidents undertake allow me to feel part of the Lords Mission throughout this Country and the World. The Holy Spirit is moving through our prayers, mission and work. Unfortunately, I have retired as Secretary due to the ill health of myself and my husband.

The Birmingham District MWiB Spring Meeting will be held at Erdington Methodist Church, Saturday 1st April 2023, 10.30am to 3.30pm, refreshments will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. The speaker will be Janet Carlton of DFN UK, and the Zimbabwean choir will be joining us to support our Worship. There is limited parking at the Church, but a Pay and Display car park over the road almost adjacent to the Train Station.

There are trains on the Cross-City line (hopefully) running every 15 minutes from Birmingham New Street to Erdington. The church is over the road from the Station.

Please note this meeting will be on a Saturday. Please bring a friend with you.