



Coventry & Nuneaton

METHODIST CIRCUIT

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If you have anything you would like to be included, please send to the Circuit Office.

With Sadness

It is with sadness that we are letting you know that Valerie Bennett died peacefully on Wednesday 12 July. Valerie was known to many in the circuit and beyond, as a local preacher (since 1989) a musician, a highly skilled craft person, a good listener, an active supporter of many of Coventry's refugee community and as a sister in Christ. We mourn her loss and rejoice that she is with her Lord.

Her funeral service will be held at Earlsdon Methodist Church on Monday 7 August at 11 o'clock, and afterwards at Canley Crematorium.

Her family look forward to welcoming any who wish to attend the service.

Leaving Service for Rev'd Marcus Torchon – Sunday 23rd July at 6.30pm

There will be a Leaving Service on Sunday 23rd July at Nuneaton Methodist Church from 6.30pm for Rev'd Marcus Torchon.

This will be a time to express our collective and individual appreciation of Marcus' ministry to the Circuit over the last few years.

Acting Superintendents

From Monday 24th July 2023 Rev'd Stephen Willey and Rev'd Jane Braund will be the acting Superintendents for our Circuit.

Rev'd Stephen Willey 02476 252411, email Stephen.willey@live.co.uk

Rev'd Jane Braund 01676 533737, email jane.braund@methodist.org.uk

Then from 1st September 2023 Rev'd Jill Marsh will be our Superintendent.

News from Deacon Sue Fry – Kenya

I am returning to W. Kenya in September and will be involved in Sunday School teacher training courses, prison visiting, and free medical camps. If anyone would like to donate some pencil, pens, rubbers, rulers, colours, flip flops or baby clothes they will be warmly welcomed. I will arrange collection of these nearer the time. I also have a Just Giving page on my FB page and all gifts towards the medical camp will be gratefully received. I would be delighted to share my experiences with churches and groups. My thanks to all who have contributed pairs of glasses. A new collection of these will resume in October.

Deacon Sue Fry

Vacancy received via the District Office

The United Reform Church West Midlands Synod are recruiting a Legal and Trust Officer. The Job Description, Person Specification and Application Form are available to download from their website here:

<https://www.urcwestmidlands.org.uk/job-opportunities.html>

Foundation Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Foundation Training for anyone who hasn't done this training (Foundation or Foundation Refresher) **at all, or since 2019 is on Saturday 2nd September 2023**. The training will be held at Central Hall, Coventry at 10am. We are aiming to limit numbers to about 20. Please can you contact your Church Safeguarding Officer if you would like to book on to this training.

Advanced Safeguarding Training

There is an Advanced Safeguarding Training run by Kay Redfern our Assistant District Safeguarding Officer, taking place in our Circuit.

Please contact Kay directly to book onto this date, kayredfern@birminghammethodist.org.uk

9th Sept 2023 – Coventry Central Hall – face to face – 9.45am registration