

Dear Circuit Contact

Weekly Circuit News Thursday 19th October 2023, No. 048

If you have anything you would like to be included, please send to the Circuit Office before midday on Thursday for it to be included in that week's news.

News just in from The Methodist Church

A Methodist Way of Life - monthly zoom

How do we support people to 'get on the train' and make their first steps into discipleship? How do we encourage experienced travellers to keep on moving on the discipleship journey? For the second in our new monthly series of Zoom sessions about A Methodist Way of Life, join Abi Jarvis and Andy Fishburne, Discipleship Officers in the Evangelism and Growth team, on 6 November at 10am or at 7pm

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Methodist Church Website

Please click on this link to the Methodist Church website for prayers and statements on the current situation in Israel-Palestine (sourced from the Methodist Website on 19th October 2023) https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/prayer/israel-palestine/

Celebrating Black History Month, Coventry Central Hall

"This year's black history month, Coventry Central Hall would like to celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to the community as well as to the larger inclusive Methodist church.

As part of the programme, we shall have workshops throughout the month on the following dates and times;

- 21st October/ Lower Hall / 2-5pm (Youth Empowerment workshop using music and art)
- 28th October/ Main Hall / 3-7pm (Final Celebration & Embrace Festival) Making affirmations and making pledges towards contributing to a legacy of truth bearers among the youth.

As we celebrate this month, we seek to acknowledge the contribution that people of colour make in this society each day and show the younger generation a hope and faith in the future by showcasing art and conducting workshops that celebrate Black inventors, Black abolitionists, Black pioneers and Black African Kings and Queens.

Our theme is **Truth Bearers.** We invite you to **celebrate the rebirth of our truths.** The truths about the contribution of Black people, to humanity's achievements. The truths about our rich history that does not focus solely on slave trade. The truth we need to tell our youth is to believe that we can fight for opportunities to be great just like everyone else in society.

Black History Month is one attempt to change the narrative that so many young Black people hear. To remind them of the strong legacy that they can contribute to and stand on. One day, we will not need to celebrate Black History Month because the history of Black people will be part of the very fabric of our educational system. The truth bearers seek to reveal the hidden truth and create a legacy so that future generations will have a legacy that exists in plain sight." **Ade Johnson**

South Warwickshire Circuit Away Day – 21st October 2023

Have you ever wondered how your church might grow? We want to support each other in helping this to happen.

We're really grateful that our neighbouring circuit, South Warwickshire, have invited us to share in a day with them on Saturday 21st October.

Their Superintendent, Rev Iain Ballard, has been doing some learning about what helps churches to grow and he's sharing this learning on that day.

We need you to sign up for this event so please contact the Circuit Office.

Please note that you will need to bring your own lunch.

Advanced Safeguarding Training

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

21st October 2023 – Wolverhampton St Johns, Wolverhampton Rd East, WV4 6AA– face to face – 9.45am registration

22nd November 2023 – St Johns Bloxwich – 9.45am registration

25th November 2023 – Solihull – face to face – 9.45am registration