

Dear Circuit Contact

Weekly Circuit News Thursday 26th October 2023, No. 049

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.

A message from Coventry Central Hall

The stewards at Central Hall have recently being informed that you now have to pay for parking in the quadrant so please keep this in mind when going to the church.

They are trying to find out more information but would not like people to be fined.

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;

• 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**

St Mary & All Saints Church, Fillongley CV7 8EW (Anglicans and Methodists in Unity)

We will be open on Saturday 11th November from 10.30am to 4.00pm, observing 2 minutes silence at 11.00am. There will be a display of World War memorabilia and hand knitted creations by the Fillongley Knit and Natter group (recent winners of a CAVA volunteers awards)

Teas, coffees and cakes will be served

Our poppy cascade from the church tower will be in place again...

Radford & Holbrooks Methodist Church

Radford & Holbrooks are holding an Autumn Fair on Saturday 18th November from 10am – 1pm. You are invited to come along. There will be cakes, craft, art, jigsaws & books on sale together with refreshments.

Bedworth Methodist Church

Bedworth Methodist Church are holding a Craft Fair on Saturday 18th November from 10am. Many varied craft and church stalls, refreshments available including turkey and stuffing batches.

Bedworth Methodist Church Carol Singing at Tesco

Once again we will be joining together to sing carols at Tesco, Bedworth as part of our church mission to take the Christmas message out to the shoppers. Please come along and wear something Christmassy. We will be singing on 2 dates:-

Thursday 14th December 6.30pm – 8pm and Tuesday 19th December 1.30pm – 3pm

News in from The Birmingham District Office

 URC West Midlands Synod Finance Officer job opportunity Salary £45,000-£50,000. Office/hybrid working to be negotiated. Job description, Person Specification and application form are all on this webpage: https://www.urcwestmidlands.org.uk/job-opportunities.html

Deadline: 13 November 2023.

• A new staging of Mark's Gospel, I AM MARK at Quinton Methodist Church, Ridgway Avenue, B62 9AU, Sunday 26 November, 4pm start.

Interval includes a catered afternoon tea for which we are charging £5.

Tickets need to be purchased in advance! Please contact Rachel email: office.bhamwestoldbury@gmail.com



Street Banquet is a district Church at the Margins project serving the street community of Birmingham by offering a monthly meal, a place to belong and a place to explore faith.

We are growing in many different ways and would love to invite you to join us on the journey. We are starting an occasional newsletter – you can sign up on the Street Banquet Website -

https://www.streetbanquet.org.uk/ or get in touch with Neil on neil@streetbanquet.org.uk.

There will be many ways to get involved in the coming months so do get connected!

Sign up here - https://www.streetbanquet.org.uk/

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