



Coventry & Nuneaton

METHODIST CIRCUIT

Dear Circuit Contact

Weekly Circuit News Thursday 30th November 2023, No. 054

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.

Coventry & Nuneaton Circuit Advent Prayer Meeting

We invite you to a Prayer Meeting at Horeston Grange on **Wednesday 13th December 2023, 7.00 pm - 9.00pm** come and go as you can.

We invite you to come together with others from the circuit to enjoy some time for prayer and to hear the still small voice of God, during the bustle of Advent.

CIRCUIT CHURCHES CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES 2023

Arley	No Service
Atherstone	10am Rosemary Clemo
Balsall Common	10am Rev'd Jane Braund
Bedworth	10.30am joining at Collycroft
Central Hall	10.30am Rev'd Stephen Willey
Collycroft	10.30am John Prickett – Bedworth joining
Earlsdon	10.30am Rev'd Graham Gee
Fillongley	10.00am Joining with Corley
Horeston Grange	10am Eddie Reubens
Meriden	10am Rev'd Ian Coates
Nuneaton	10am Rev'd Jill Marsh
Radford	10am Penny McAinsh
Ridge Lane	No Service
Ryton	No Service
Woodside	10.00am Rev'd Doreen Koffie-Williams

Coventry Central Hall - Full time role: Business Development Manager

We are looking for a highly motivated individual with good understanding and experience of business development. At Coventry Central Hall our business involves the development of Community and Commercial activity, which positively impacts Church activity. The Business Development Manager will support our charitable organisation by maximising our engagement with all sectors using our amazing building.

This is a paid, full-time role. Salary up to 36K depending on qualifications and experience.

More details: Rev. Stephen Willey on 07599 011344 or stephen.willey@centralhall.info

Closing Date for applications: **6th December**. Interviews likely to be held in week of 11th December.

Information received from the District Office

Dear Friends

Please see below an invitation extended from the Connexional – Methodist Liaison Officer for Jerusalem, Revd David Hardman, to stand with Palestinian Christians over this Advent & Christmas Season.

An Invitation to Stand with Palestinian Christians this Advent and Christmas

Our Christian colleagues in Bethlehem tell us that this Advent and Christmas in Bethlehem the lights that normally adorn the birthplace of Jesus will remain unlit in memory of those who have been killed in the current conflict. The Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem have noted that the traditional festive services in the Holy Land will be somber in nature due to the ongoing war.

The second candle on the Advent Ring represents peace, and in some traditions is known as the 'Bethlehem candle'. This Advent, we invite Methodist churches across the United Kingdom to do something 'out of the ordinary' and not to light the Advent Candle on the second Sunday in Advent (10 December) and on subsequent Sundays.

The Old Testament lectionary reading for 10 December starts with the words “Comfort, comfort my people says your God” (Isaiah 40:1). As such, it seems appropriate that we take this opportunity to think about Bethlehem and those who have been killed and those who are seeking comfort as they mourn. This unlit candle will serve as a constant reminder that we stand in solidarity with all who are suffering in the Holy Land. The usual Advent liturgies can still be read, but we suggest including a short addition, given below, to underline why this ‘peace’ candle will remain unlit.

On Christmas Day we invite you to take a photo of your Advent Ring with the second candle unlit and send to office@mlojerusalem.org. The staff at the Methodist Liaison Office will forward your pictures to local church communities in the Holy Land so our sisters and brothers in Christ can see that we stand in solidarity with them over the festive season.

For further information, contact Revd David Hardman, Methodist Liaison Officer, Jerusalem on hardmand@methodistchurch.org.uk

Additional Advent Liturgy for the Second Sunday in Advent

As we prepare ourselves to welcome the birth of the Prince of Peace, we hear the festive lights that normally shine bright in Bethlehem will not be lit this year in memory of those killed in the recent violence. To stand alongside our sisters and brothers in Christ, and all who mourn this Christmas, we will leave our second Advent candle unlit during Advent and Christmas.

Possible additional Advent Liturgy for remaining Advent services

We remind ourselves that this year one candle remains unlit, as the Christmas lights in Bethlehem remain unlit, in memory of those killed in the current conflict in the Holy Land.

Praying for peace with justice,

Novette

St Mary & All Saints Church, Fillongley – Christmas Tree Festival 2023

Friday 1st December – Sunday 3rd December

Saturday 9th December – Sunday 10th December

FRIDAY 1st December

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 2nd December

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

7:15pm. Christmas Tree Festival Banquet.*

SUNDAY 3rd December

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 Rev Steve Medley 01676 248479

SATURDAY 9th December

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

SUNDAY 10th December

12 noon – 5pm. Christmas Tree Festival viewing with refreshments

Earlsdon Christmas Tree Festival – poster attached

This will be taking from Thursday 7th December through to Sunday 10th December.

Thursday & Friday 2pm – 4pm and 6pm – 8pm

Saturday 9am – 12pm

Sunday 1pm – 4pm including crafts for children

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

Balsall Common Methodist Wellbeing Project

Balsall Common Methodist Wellbeing Project is offering another nonreligious, guided self-help course for those of all faiths and none, free of charge and without obligation.

There will be a 'taster' session on 18th January 2024 at 3pm at The Jubilee, 227 Station Road, Balsall Common CV7 7FE

Reflect Quiet Morning – flyer attached

Reflect Methodist Spirituality and Retreats are having a Quiet Morning via zoom on Friday 26th January or Saturday 27th January 2024. Please see the attached flyer with further details and how to register your interest in this.