

Circuit News for April 2024

Please send any news or events happening in your church to the Circuit Office
office@covnunmethodist.org.uk

A message from Jill Marsh:

It is a pleasure to be sending this month's circuit newsletter and we are going to try a monthly newsletter for a while to see how that goes.

Any feedback will be appreciated. We may miss some events if we don't have them ahead so, please bear that in mind when you are sending advertising to the office. Thank you.

I hope that you all had a good Holy Week and Easter weekend. It is, of course, still the Easter Season!

We have so much to thank God for... and not least that God is with us as the Risen Christ... through all the changes of life including endings and deaths... nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ!

With that in mind, I wanted everybody in the circuit to know that the circuit budget, which is currently being set, is a deficit budget (which can only continue for one more year) and that the income we need for next year is still £65,000 short despite moving from 5 to 4 ministers for 2024-25.

We do not need to fear this, but we need to face it together and to look for new patterns of finance, ministry and mission.

It reminds me of Wesley's "Earn all you can, save all you can and give all you can". This is a challenge in today's financial situation... but nothing is impossible with God. I am confident that God has a future for us and am looking forward to us working out what it will look like!

Please pray for our circuit churches' treasurers and for our retiring circuit treasurer, Mike Hobbs, and our incoming circuit treasurer, Alastair McCullough, as we meet to talk and agree on next year's finances, later this month.

Rev. Jill Marsh

14th April 2024 Circuit Service at 4pm, Balsall Common Methodist Church, 228 Station Road, Balsall Common, CV7 7EE

This will be a Circuit Service of farewell for Rev'd Jane Braund. Please join us as we say thank you and farewell to Rev Jane Braund (one of our circuit ministers) as she begins her sabbatical and then moves on to her next circuit.

We will be celebrating Jane's ministry among us and giving her our blessing as she leaves. We will also be saying thank you to Mike Hobbs who will be finishing as Treasurer and Circuit Steward.

Lastly the dedication of our Easter Offering gifts will also be included at the same service.

Please will each church bring along an envelope as a symbol of the giving that has been sent independently. Thank you.

Donations at this service will be given to the Second Mile Project.

28th April 2024 Inter Generational Church, IGC, Worship at 4.00pm, online (flyer attached)

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE

This quarter the IGC, planned for on the 28th April, is meeting online. Hopefully, this will make it easier for families to attend - and we don't mind if you're eating your tea! There will be fellowship, a Bible story for discussion, prayer and games.

You may be involved with Children's Work already, but if you're a church steward please forward this to any families with children (toddlers to teens) in your congregation.

Carol Joyce Jennings (25 March 1954 - 29 March 2024)

Some of you will know that Carol Jennings, wife of Rev Stuart Jennings in this circuit, has been an inspiring advocate for those with early onset Alzheimer's and has been the Vice-President of the Alzheimer's Society in recognition for her contribution to the research of this disease. As a Local Preacher Carol lived out her faith and lived in passionate pursuit of learning that would help others in the future. There are films that you can watch about Carol online, and one is here at the following link... <https://www.bbc.co.uk/ideas/videos/how-one-woman-transformed-alzheimers-research/p05wy4bw>



[How one woman transformed Alzheimer's research](https://www.bbc.co.uk/ideas/videos/how-one-woman-transformed-alzheimers-research/p05wy4bw)

Video about Carol Jennings whose work with Alzheimer's researchers at UCL led them to a groundbreaking new understanding of the disease.

www.bbc.co.uk

Friday 26th April 2024 at 12:00 Noon

The funeral of Carol will take place at Woodside Methodist Church, Coventry on Friday 26 April 2024 at 12:00 noon followed by Cremation at 1:30pm.

Following the cremation there will be refreshments and a chance to share at the Phantom Coach Pub (opposite the crematorium).



Addresses are below.

Woodside Methodist Church
Woodside Avenue South Green Lane
Coventry
CV368E

The Phantom Coach Inn
Fletchamstead Highway
Canley, Coventry
CV4 1BA

You are warmly invited to share with us in this celebration of Carol's life.
Stuart, Emily and John

Saturday 15th June 2024 Circuit Service at 3pm, Bedworth Methodist Church, Mill Street, Bedworth, CV12 8JZ

We will be saying thank you and farewell to Deacon Sheila Dawson, who is leaving the circuit to retire nearer to her family and thank you to Andy Pinks who will be finishing as a Circuit Steward. Andy has acted for an extra year as Senior Steward for which we are thankful. Please bring cake or fruit to share.

Thursday 9th May 2024 Ascension Day Service at 7pm Woodside Avenue Methodist Church, Woodside Avenue South, Coventry, CV3 6BE

All the circuit is invited to the Ascension Day service at Woodside Avenue Methodist Church at 7pm, led by Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams.

Lost glasses

Rev Jill Marsh has left a pair of glasses at one of the churches. If you think you might have them (pale tortoiseshell pattern and large lens) please be in touch with her at super@covnunmethodist.org.uk Thank you!

News from around the Circuit

Coventry Central Hall, Warwick Lane, Coventry, CV1 2HA

We are thrilled to extend an invitation to you for an electrifying evening at Coventry Central Hall on Wednesday April 24th at 6:30 pm, where we will be hosting the Coventry & Warwickshire Year 6 and 7 Poetry Slam Grand Final!

Join us for an unforgettable event showcasing the poetic talents of our local schools' brightest stars. Hosted by Coventry Poet Laureate Emilie Lauren Jones, this grand final is the culmination of weeks of hard work and dedication, as Emilie spent days in schools running slam workshops and selecting winning teams.

Be there to witness as schools go head-to-head in a battle of words, with special guest appearances, esteemed judges, and coveted trophies awaiting the top three teams.

Secure your spot now by registering through our Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-coventry-warwickshire-year-6-7-slam-grand-final-tickets-880124635477>

Don't miss your chance to be part of this thrilling literary spectacle, celebrating the creativity and passion of Coventry's young poets!

Wesley Hall Methodist Chapel, Old Arley, CV7 8FU

On Saturday 4th May 2024 3pm – 5pm , Wesley Hall Arley will be holding an Afternoon Tea in memory of Shirley Wilkinson. The money received will be put towards the building fund. Tickets cost £10. Contact Carole Jackson 07460257151 or email cjackson981960@hotmail.com

Advanced Safeguarding Training

This will be taking place at Coventry Central Hall on 25th May, 2024. Registration from 09.45am and beginning at 10am. (It is anticipated that it will finish at around 1.30pm.) Bookings need to be made through Stephanie Bradley Assistant District Safeguarding Officer at [<StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk>](mailto:StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk)

If anyone needs to attend the Advanced training on a different date, the following Advanced courses have been arranged in other Circuits which you may be able to attend instead.

Applications to attend any of these should be made to Stephanie,

[<StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk>](mailto:StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk)

13th April - Wolverhampton

20th April - Dale Street Leamington Spa

11th May - Sutton Park - Erdington

21st May - Droitwich

1st June - Solihull

8th June - Wednesbury Black Country

19th June - Birmingham West & Oldbury

22nd June - Telford

13th July - Bromsgrove & Redditch
5th October - Vale of Stour

Information received from The Connexional Team

More than welcoming: Engaging with South Asian Communities

We are delighted to have Revd Inderjit Bhogal speak to us about how to be "more than welcoming: engaging with South Asian Communities" . This is in conjunction with the South East District and is open to everyone across the Connexion but places are limited.

The event takes place on Tuesday 30th Apr 2024, at 19:30. It is an online event. Please book your place here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/more-than-welcoming-engaging-with-south-asian-communities-registration-776334787247>

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The Vine at Home

Please click on this link to view the Vine at Home on the Circuit website. This resource is being provided by Twelvebaskets and is provided as a resource for home worship.

<https://www.covnunmethodist.org.uk/news/vine-at-home-4th-june-2023.html>