



Coventry & Nuneaton

METHODIST CIRCUIT

Dear Circuit Contact

Here is the Circuit News for June 2024

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

Welcome Service amendment!

Please note that the Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Christine Crabtree will now start at 10.30am on Sunday 1st September 2024 and will be taking place at Coventry Central Hall.

Circuit Farewell Service

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 retiring as Circuit Senior Steward. Andy has acted for an extra year as Senior Steward for which we are thankful.

Rev Stephen Willey will be our preacher. Please bring cake or fruit to share.

News from around the Circuit

Coventry & Nuneaton Methodist Circuit vacancies for a Community Development Worker and a Property Support and Development Officer.

If you are interested in either of these roles please contact the circuit office office@covnunmethodist.org.uk stating which role you are interested in, we will then send you an application pack. The closing date for applications for both roles is 12:00 Noon on Wednesday 26th June 2024.

Working together zoom meeting for Stewards and Local Preachers on Thursday 20th June at 3.30pm

You are invited to a zoom meeting to discuss Communication and Preparation for services on Thursday 20th June at 3:30pm

This session is aimed at church stewards, local preachers and musicians. If you wish to attend, please email (worship@covnunmethodist.org.uk), so we have some idea of numbers.

Help! It's a Local Arrangement for Church Senior Stewards on Thursday 4th July at 3.30pm

You are invited to a zoom meeting supporting the organising of Local Arrangement Services on Thursday 4th July at 3:30pm

This session is aimed at church stewards, but anyone with an interest in helping to organise worship is welcome. If you wish to attend, please email (worship@covnunmethodist.org.uk), so we have some idea of numbers.

Stationing

Dear Friends, I need to let you know that our colleague, Rev Stephen Willey, has after prayerful discernment decided not to ask for a re-invitation in the circuit and will therefore leave the circuit team by August 2025.

Stephen has been with us for the past 4 years, based mainly at Coventry Central Hall, but also covering other responsibilities within the circuit, and we will miss him deeply when he moves on.

Please keep Stephen, Kathryn, Central Hall and the circuit in your prayers as we make our next decisions in relation to circuit ministry.

Every blessing, Andy Pinks and Jill Marsh

'Presence Ministry' Training

We can all be channels of God's grace, and minister to the people we are with or meet (if we offer ourselves to God!) Come and hear about how Deacon Sheila exercises a 'ministry of presence' and take this opportunity to try it out for yourself:

Thursday 20th June, 7pm at Nuneaton Methodist Church (light refreshments at start)

or Sunday 23rd June 1pm at Coventry Central Hall (light lunch from 12.30pm)

Booking not necessary but numbers attending would be helpful - please contact Deacon Sheila for more info - Tel 07845 238 921 or email sheila.dawson@methodist.org.uk

'Digging the wells of revival'

A meeting at Balsall Common exploring the history of the Moravian movement and its impact on John Wesley and, in recent years, the 24/7 Prayer Movement among young people. This will provide the background for introducing plans to celebrate the significance of Berca's well in Berkeswell and the church's ancient crypt and, hopefully, to encourage participation in the worldwide ecumenical celebration of the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea which first established the creeds of the church. The spirituality of wells will be led by Revd Annie McClintock from the University of Warwick and the Moravians and Nicaea by Reverend Pauline Warner at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 18th June, Balsall Common Methodist Church. Everyone welcome. If you can't be there but would like to know more, please contact Pauline on ac6476@coventry.ac.uk

Pentecost Sunday at Woodside

We had a wonderful celebration on Pentecost Sunday when we had a teenage Baptism, three teenagers confirmed and six other members of our congregation received into membership.

The photograph includes four of the new members with their families and Rev Doreen.

What a joyous occasion !



Message from the Parish Nurse at Woodside Avenue Methodist Church

All are welcome to our **Knitting and Games** afternoon on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Bring your own project (doesn't have to be knitting, any portable craft!) or join with ours or we have resources and patterns, or you can play a game, or do a puzzle (we have some very good scrabble players!) or just chat.

We are currently choosing a pattern to knit a nativity set, feel free to join in or knit for your chosen church.

We are also knitting "paper" chains – much easier when you are chatting or if you simply prefer a less challenging project. Next one is June 18th.

Please join us for a **Walk In The Park** on Tuesday 2nd July 1.30pm

Meet in the Memorial park in the main car park where the buses are, off the Kenilworth road. We will have a walk and hopefully a coffee and if anyone has more energy we can continue after. (3 hours free parking). I am likely to bring my therapy dog Ruby so please let me know if you prefer her to stay away.

For any further information on these activities, please contact me on the details below. If you have any bright coloured wool for our "paper" chains or size 4 knitting needles, or even scraps that could be used in the nativity set! We would be very pleased to receive them.

Hope to see some of you soon

Paula McClenaghan

Parish Nurse

Woodside Methodist Church

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Coffee Shop Sunday

Do you enjoy meeting new people?

Are you good at meeting, greeting and offering a warm welcome?

Do you like chatting with different people?

Do you have a ministry of tea and coffee making?

Do you feel called to walking and praying in the City Centre?

Do you enjoy sharing God's love with others?

If you can say "yes" to any of these then why not join us at Coffee Shop Sunday?

We meet at Open Doors Café on Warwick Row on the first and third Sundays of each month from 2.30pm – 4.00pm. Offering Christian hospitality to passers-by with free (that's right free) tea, coffee and cake and a place to just sit, chat or for private prayer and with a short time of prayer and worship at the end of each session. On the third Sunday of each month a group of us pray and sing at locations around the City Centre. We always feel God's presence at Open Doors and on our Prayer Walks. It's an exciting place to be.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join us. Why not come along on the first or third Sunday of any month and see what God is doing through Coffee Shop Sunday? Perhaps he's calling you to join in.

Advanced Safeguarding Training

The following Advanced courses have been arranged in other Circuits which you may be able to attend. Applications to attend any of these should be made to Stephanie, [<StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk>](mailto:StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk)

8th June - Wednesbury Black Country

19th June - Birmingham West & Oldbury

22nd June - Telford

13th July - Bromsgrove & Redditch

5th October - Vale of Stour

Future Dates

Saturday 3rd August, 9.30 - 12.30, venue tbc

Mission Action Planning session for the churches of the circuit to find support and ideas. Please let Jane know, at the office know if you would like to come.

Saturday 28th September, 4 - 5 pm, online

The next circuit Great Green Gathering... Please make sure all your eco contacts know!

Information received from the District Office

3Generate 2024 updates

- **Volunteering** We've been celebrating everyone who is part of the team at 3Generate during Volunteers Week recently. There are some crucial roles that still need filling. Come and be a village host in the camping area, guide others around the event as a steward or support children and young people with additional needs. You can make a real difference by joining the team. Find out more about the range of roles on offer here: <https://vimeo.com/954311225?share=copy>
- **Bring a group to 3Generate!** Are you keen to bring a group of children and young people to 3Generate 2024? Is it proving difficult to find leaders to come with you? If the answer is yes, then this webinar is for you! There will be top tips and ideas about where and how to grow your team plus we'll hear from others how they made it happen. Join in on **Wednesday 19th June at 7pm**. Follow the link to book your place today: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwoc-2vrD4pHNePFck_IIIIE8e65HifmPNd
- **Sneak peak of the programme!** As the 3Generate 2024 programme comes together, there are some exciting new venues and activities for children and young people to enjoy. Tom Hart, Youth President, will be going live on Facebook and Instagram on June 11th at 7pm sharing a sneak peak of what's on offer! Tune in to hear just some of what there is to look forward to at this year's event.
- **Mini 3Generate for 4-7 year olds** Did you know that Mini 3Generate for 4 to 7 year olds now have a bigger and better venue at the event? Children in school years reception to year 2 are invited to join in on Saturday 5th October. There's plenty to explore including a climbing wall, silent disco, storytelling and crafting with Forest Church. Find out more here: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/children-youth-family-ministry/events-including-3generate/3generate/attending-3generate-2024/4-to-7s-at-3gen/>

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>