

Hello Circuit Contact

Here is the Circuit News for December 2024 The Circuit Leadership Team pray for the circuit, its churches, and people every Tuesday morning. We pray that all your celebrations will be full of the joy of knowing the Christ-child this Advent and Christmas.

If you have any items to be included for January 2025, please send to the Circuit Office <u>office@covnunmethodist.org.uk</u> by the end of December.

News from around the Circuit



St Mary & All Saints Church, Fillongley

Christmas Tree Festival 2024 is taking place Saturday 7th December – Sunday 8th December Saturday 7th December 11am – 4pm Christmas Tree Festival viewing, turkey batches & punch, tea & coffee, cakes & biscuits available Sunday 8th December 12 noon – 4pm Christmas Tree Festival viewing, tea & coffee, cakes & biscuits available

Earlsdon Methodist Church

Tree Festival 5th to 8th December Thursday and Friday open 2pm – 4pm & 6pm – 8pm Saturday 9am – 12pm Sunday worship 10.30am all welcome tree festival 1pm-4pm including crafts for children

Theme this year is: your favourite film (pg rated only please) enjoy mince pies & tea /coffee come and vote for your favourite tree free entry

Bedworth Methodist Church

Carol Singing for the shoppers will take place at Tesco Store Bedworth on Thursday 12th December 1.30pm and Wednesday 18th December 11am Indoor location at the top of the escalator. No special talent needed, wear something Christmassy and a smile. Come along and help us sing out the Christmas message to our town shoppers, Share the good news of the birth of Christ. Collecting for the local branch of 'Air Ambulance'

Meriden Methodist Church

Meriden Methodist Church are looking for carol singers! Planning to sing outside the Methodist Church on Wednesday 18th December from 3.30pm. The idea is to remind people that we, as churches, are here and active and enjoying our faith at the Christmas season. We hope to serve tea, coffee and mince pies and may have treats to give away. Anyone willing to come and sing? We will have words and hopefully a backing track'.

The Chapel of Unity, Coventry Cathedral

The Chapel of Unity is both part of and separate form Coventry Cathedral. It provides opportunities for Christians from different denominations to pray together and to learn from each other. During Advent there are online reflections on Mondays.

On Sunday 15th December at 2pm, there is a German carol service.

All are very welcome at these events. Please see the attached posters.

Supporting Chaplaincy

United Nations International day supporting Palestinian people at Coventry University. Rev Pauline Warner organised PaxChrist to attend with decorations for sale made in Bethlehem.

We had some meaningful conversations not least with a young student from Gaza and her family still there...



Information received from the District Office

The Rev'd Rachel Deigh has been nominated for the role of Chair of the West Midlands Methodist District. The trustee bodies of the two current districts voted unanimously as the next step in a rigorous and prayerful selection process.

Rachel is currently serving as a mission partner in Sierra Leone with her husband, the Rev'd Sylvester Deigh. She offers to the new District the experience of 25 years of presbyteral ministry in a wide variety of settings, including as a circuit minister, a Superintendent, and a District Mission and Evangelism Facilitator. Members of the Nomination Committee who met with Rachel were impressed by her ability to articulate a vision for the life of the new District in a way that values and understands the diversity within it and models a collaborative form of leadership. Both Districts are grateful to members of the Nomination Committee for their careful work of discernment.

Rachel's name still has to come before both Synods and ultimately the Conference in Summer 2025. However, the strong support already shown for her nomination gives grounds for confidence and hope in the emerging arrangements for the new District. Rachel's appointment would be for a period of six years from 1 September 2025. The Rev'd Novette Headley will remain as a District Chair for the first of these in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Rural Mission & Ministry Course

For anyone in need of a rural refresher or considering a move to rural. 50% bursary for all lay/ordained Methodists.

Bookings are now open with dates & new venues for 2025.

Further information & booking form here: www.tinyurl.com/RMMC25

The Methodist Conference Telford 2025 Volunteers needed!

Taking place @ Telford International Centre from 26th June – 2nd July 2025 An exciting opportunity to support The Methodist Conference. Conference Needs Stewards/Help Desk Collators and paper distributors Creche Memorial Service Chaplains Please make initial contact with your District's PA Birmingham office@birminghammethodist.org.uk Be part of the team that makes The Methodist Conference work!

Tamworth and Lichfield Circuit

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