



Coventry & Nuneaton

METHODIST CIRCUIT

Dear Circuit Contact

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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.

Celebrating Black History Month

October is Black History Month and we hope that preachers and churches will include this prayer and use the video link to hear it in the words of Norman Mullings MBE.

<https://vimeo.com/866385842>

Let us pray...

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ears; it soothes his soul, heals his wounds and drives away his fears

Loving God, as we prepare to celebrate Black History Month and the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the Windrush with 500 black people from the Caribbean who were invited to assist in the rebuilding of this country after the devastation of the war: we pray that you will open the hearts of those who still harbour the views that black people are inferior to white people.

Father God, we pray that you will help us to realise that we are all your children and that we all, one day, have to answer to you for all our doings.

In your holy name dear Father, I ask you to look favourably on all your children and give us the strength to continue your work, with the hope that one day we all will accept You as our Heavenly Father and will treat each other the way we would wish to be treated, with friendship, respect and kindness towards each other. Amen (taken from Methodist Website 4th October 2023)

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.

The event will be held on the Friday evening, 6th of October from 6:30pm until 9 pm.

As part of the programme, we shall have workshops throughout the month on the following dates and times;

- 6th October/ Main Hall/ 6:30 - 9pm (BHM Launch event)
- 7th October / Lower Hall / 2-5pm (Women Empowerment workshop)
- 14th October/ Lower Hall / 2-5pm (African traditional drumming and dance accompanied with a fashion show to celebrate the African Culture)
- 21st October/ Lower Hall / 2-5pm (Youth Empowerment workshop using music and art)
- 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**

South Warwickshire Circuit Away Day – 21st October 2023

Have you ever wondered how your church might grow? We want to support each other in helping this to happen.

We're really grateful that our neighbouring circuit, South Warwickshire, have invited us to share in a day with them on Saturday 21st October. Their Superintendent, Rev Iain Ballard, has been doing some learning about what helps churches to grow and he's sharing this learning on that day. We need you to sign up for this event so please contact **the Circuit Office by Tuesday 17th October**. Please note that you will need to bring your own lunch.

Advanced Safeguarding Training

Please contact Kay Redfern directly to book onto this date,

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14th October 2023 – Kenilworth Methodist Church – face to face – 9.45am registration

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