



# Coventry & Nuneaton

## METHODIST CIRCUIT

**Dear Circuit Contact**

**Weekly Circuit News Thursday 21st September 2023, No. 044**

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.

**Message from our new Superintendent Jill Marsh**

Hello Friends! Thank you for the really warm and friendly welcome I've been given since I arrived in the Circuit.

The Welcome service itself was a real joy and a big thanks go to Bedworth Methodist Church for hosting the circuit service that night.

I hope that there will be many more occasions to meet for worship in this way.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30 we'll be celebrating with International Intergenerational Worship... whichever generation and whichever part of the world you're from you'll be very welcome... please invite all your younger contacts too... at Earlsdon Methodist Church, followed by food.

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 - 8.30 pm, we're gathering for a Young Adults Evening in Nuneaton. Please invite any young adults, over 18, to join us and contact me at [super@covnunmethodist.org.uk](mailto:super@covnunmethodist.org.uk) for more details.

Lastly... although I'm beginning to get to know you all there is still a huge amount to take in with this new role so, if I appear to have forgotten something, please do get in touch and nudge my memory! Thanks.

You will continue in my prayers and I value yours too. Every blessing, Jill

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**Circuit Prayer and Discernment Meeting**

Coventry and Nuneaton Circuit invite you to a prayer and discernment meeting from 7pm to 9pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Radford & Holbrooks Methodist Church, Rupert Road, Radford, Coventry, CV6 3AZ.

Let us please come together in prayer and discernment to hear the still small voice of God.

What Is The Lord Saying? Where Are We Heading? *Our time together will include: Prayer Stations, Lectio Divina, Bible Reflections & Discussions.*

Teas and Coffee Will Be Served! God Bless.

### **Greetings from Kenya!**

Thank you everyone in the circuit for the generous gifts of glasses, flip flops, stationery and baby clothes, which are all now safely delivered to 4 Sunday Schools, one school being built, Hope Hartshill Clinic's free medical camps and a women's prison. The recipients are delighted by every single thing.

I will resume collecting for next year once I return home next week, some of the same things and a few different. Watch this space for information!

My sincere thanks to everyone,  
God bless, Sue Fry

### **Licensing service at Fillongley**

"On the 16<sup>th</sup> Sept some of us from the circuit and the local church, were present to celebrate the licensing of Rev. Gail Phillip, as Priest-in-charge, and Rev Steve Medley, as Associate Minister, for the Anglican Ley Group of Churches which includes our LEP at Fillongley where the service was held, with great singing and cake and much rejoicing"



### **Bedworth Methodist Church Craft Fair**

Craft Fair at Bedworth Methodist Church on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

### **News received from The Methodist Church**

We thought you might be interested in this material which could be used in your fellowship groups, for Local Arrangements, or for personal prayer and worship.

### **Exploring a Justice-seeking Church through the lectionary this autumn**

[Singing the Faith Plus](#) is offering a six-week series of sermon and worship starter-guides on justice linked to the lectionary readings for the six Sundays 15 October to 19 November 2023. Produced by the Tamworth and Lichfield Circuit, for each Sunday there is a possible approach to a sermon/reflection, a quote from the Justice-seeking Church Conference report and suggested hymns.

*posted 14/09/23*

## **Information Received from the District Office**

### **1) National Retreat Week**

renew:all (23-30 Sept 2023) is a new initiative for individuals, churches and groups to promote contemplation, prayer and retreat - rooted in various ancient and contemporary Christian traditions and supported by well-known Christian retreat leaders and authors. Please see attached document with more information.

### **2) Joint Districts Easter Week Pilgrimage 2024**

Plans are beginning to be made for another joint Districts Easter Week Pilgrimage 2024. Last year's Easter Pilgrimage was a refreshing and inspiring event, encountering God's creation in prayer and conversation as we travelled.

We are in search of someone from the Birmingham District to be part of the planning group for next year's Pilgrimage, which will be across the Wellington/Telford/Wrekin region of the District. Could you publicise this across the Circuit and amongst any of the fellowship groups, local preachers groups, youth groups that you may have for someone who can join the Pilgrimage Planning Group. Please let your Superintendent, Jill Marsh, know if anyone is interested in joining the Pilgrimage Planning Group.

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### **Advanced Safeguarding Training**

Please contact Kay Redfern directly to book onto this date,  
[kayredfern@birminghammethodist.org.uk](mailto:kayredfern@birminghammethodist.org.uk)

14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Kenilworth – face to face – 9.45am registration

21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – Wolverhampton St Johns, Wolverhampton Rd East, WV4 6AA– face to face – 9.45am registration

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 – St Johns Bloxwich – 9.45am registration

25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Solihull – face to face – 9.45am registration