



Coventry & Nuneaton

METHODIST CIRCUIT

Dear Circuit Contact

Weekly Circuit News Thursday 5th October 2023, No. 046

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.

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Coffee Shop Sunday – Monthly/Weekly Programme attached

Dear Circuit Friends,

As you'll know Coffee Shop Sunday began not long before Covid began and we have now developed into two related outreach communities... one in the city centre with people on the margins of the city and one online.

We're writing because you may have members, friends, family or other contacts who would like to join in with your church but cannot get along in person. If you don't have something similar to offer why don't you suggest that they join in with this circuit-hosted international online fellowship which has many opportunities to meet online through the week?

We believe we can particularly support those who are house-bound but internet-connected, and also those who are shift-workers and have to miss your worship times some weeks. We will always support them and encourage them to keep involved and in touch with your own church, but this is an extra support for many and enriches so many lives.

We are glad we can work together to keep people connected across the circuit.

Rev. Jill Marsh

Superintendent Minister

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 – Please see attached flyer

“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**

International Worship and Young Adults

On Sunday 8th 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 9th 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 Jill Marsh at super@covnunmethodist.org.uk for more details.

Circuit Prayer and Discernment Meeting

Coventry and Nuneaton Circuit invite you to a prayer and discernment meeting from 7pm to 9pm on Wednesday 11th 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.



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. The attached flyer has more details. 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.

Bedworth Methodist Church Craft Fair

There is a Craft Fair taking place at Bedworth Methodist Church on Saturday 18th November 2023.



Ryton Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival – please see attached poster and letter

We will be again staging our Annual Community Christmas Tree Festival between 24th and 26th November 2023.

We are looking for more people to join us. If there are any individuals or societies who would like to dress a tree please email: pat2556@yahoo.co.uk by 20.10.2023 for more information.

The theme this year is a play on words which sound like they end in tree. E.g. Floristree; toiletree; Chemistree.

We do ask that you supply your own artificial tree, but there is no other outlay other than what you choose to use for decoration

Advanced Safeguarding Training

Please contact Kay Redfern directly to book onto this date,

kayredfern@birminghammethodist.org.uk

14th October 2023 – Kenilworth – 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