



Dear Circuit Contact

Weekly Circuit News Thursday 9th November 2023, No. 051

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.

Lectionary Readings

You can find the lectionary readings online at this address <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/>

They also give ideas for linked hymns to accompany the Church Lectionary and special services.

Select the day you need on the calendar (active days marked in yellow). Here you can see the readings for the day and choose from a wide range of hymns.

A message from Rev'd Pauline Warner regarding a half day Symposium on God in Christ Reconciling

I used to be a member of the Methodist - Roman Catholic dialogue group. It was one of the most exciting and stimulating experiences of my life. It wasn't dry and dusty (well, not much anyway) but a genuine sharing between our two traditions that have a great deal in common. I would say that this report is very timely because its publication coincides with a movement of the Holy Spirit which is being testified to across the world. I have booked a place and will gladly give a lift to any others who wish to come.

Rev'd Pauline Warner

You will be aware of *God in Christ Reconciling*, the report of the Joint International Commission for Dialogue between the World Methodist Council and the Catholic Church.

Following the fringe meeting at this summer's Conference, the British Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue Commission has arranged a symposium at Oscott College on the afternoon of 23 November. You are warmly invited to attend and further details can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/half-day-ecumenical-symposium-god-in-christ-reconciling-tickets-697546308787?aff=oddtcreator>

St Mary & All Saints Church, Fillongley CV7 8EW (Anglicans and Methodists in Unity)

We will be open on Saturday 11th November from 10.30am to 4.00pm, observing 2 minutes silence at 11.00am. There will be a display of World War memorabilia and hand knitted creations by the Fillongley Knit and Natter group (recent winners of a CAVA volunteers awards) Teas, coffees, and cakes will be served. Our poppy cascade from the church tower will be in place again...

Radford & Holbrooks Methodist Church

Radford & Holbrooks are holding an Autumn Fair on Saturday 18th November from 10am – 1pm. You are invited to come along. There will be cakes, craft, art, jigsaws & books on sale together with refreshments.

Bedworth Methodist Church

Bedworth Methodist Church are holding a Craft Fair on Saturday 18th November from 10am. Many varied craft and church stalls, refreshments available including turkey and stuffing batches.

Arley Methodist Church

Family Quiz night on Saturday 18th of November 7.00 PM with Fish and Chips supper!
Teams of 6 maximum
Tickets – please contact Joyce 02476392376

£8 per ticket, including fish and chips.

Ryton Methodist Church

We will again be staging our Annual Community Christmas Tree Festival

Between 24th and 26th NOVEMBER 2023

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

Woodside Avenue Methodist Church

Stivichall Primary School Choir will be coming again to our Woodside Fellowship on **Tuesday afternoon, 28th November at 2pm.**

The singing was of a very high standard when they came to our Fellowship last spring and their performance was very much enjoyed.

We are pleased they are able to come again to entertain us. This will be a wonderful start to the Advent Season. Tea and biscuits will be provided afterwards. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

St Mary & All Saints Church, Fillongley - CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023

Friday 1st December – Sunday 3rd December and Saturday 9th December – Sunday 10th December

FRIDAY 1st December

6:30pm. Grand Opening with music from Bournebrook School Pupils, Christmas Tree viewing and special visit by REVERSE Father Christmas, who will receive your gifts to send to less fortunate children in the local area

SATURDAY 2nd December

11am – 5pm. Christmas Tree Festival viewing, including Turkey batches & punch, tea & coffee, cakes & biscuits.

7:15pm. Christmas Tree Festival Banquet. *

SUNDAY 3rd December

12 noon – 5pm. Christmas Tree Festival viewing with refreshments.

7:15pm. Christmas Tree Festival Banquet*.

**Entry strictly by ticket only, purchased in advance of the evening*

from Heather Badham 01676 549193 or Rev Steve Medley 01676 248479

SATURDAY 9th December

11am – 5pm. Christmas Tree Festival viewing, including Turkey batches & punch, tea & coffee, cakes & biscuits.

SUNDAY 10th December

12 noon – 5pm. Christmas Tree Festival viewing with refreshments.

Bedworth Methodist Church Carol Singing at Tesco

Once again, we will be joining together to sing carols at Tesco, Bedworth as part of our church mission to take the Christmas message out to the shoppers. Please come along and wear something Christmassy.

We will be singing on 2 dates: -

Thursday 14th December 6.30pm – 8pm and Tuesday 19th December 1.30pm – 3pm

Information received from our District Office (These messages have come from the Birmingham Methodist District which covers a large area with ten circuits including our own circuit)

1. Vacancy for District Treasurer, please see attached document. For further details and an application form please contact office@birminghammethodist.org.uk
2. Inclusive Church Gathering - This is a district project.
We have two special events happening at Inclusive Gathering Birmingham in November that I would love to invite you and your communities to attend (if you would like to!).
On the weekend of 11 & 12 November we are going to be joined by the Rev Jide Macaulay who will be leading a two day workshop entitled What the Bible Really Says in Favour of Same-Sex Relationships. Jide is an openly gay, HIV positive British Nigerian priest - he is a gifted teacher and a good friend to IGB. If you are interested in attending (in full or in part) [there are details here](#).

Then on the 19th November, we are thrilled to be hosting a Complicite Theatre Screening of a rap theatre piece called 'Can I Live?' The piece explores the lack of black representation in the climate change movements (and other social justice movements). The screening will be followed by a live panel discussion with Fehinti Balogun (the actor and activist who developed and stars in the piece) alongside local artists, activists and theologians. [This is a free event and you can book tickets here](#). Any questions, feel free to email me at newchurchbirmingham@gmail.com.