

CIRCUIT NEWS



Coventry & Nuneaton
METHODIST CIRCUIT

February 2026

Outdoor Worship

**Coombe Abbey – Spring Gathering
Saturday 18th April**

Where to Meet

Gather in the Café Area (closest to the main car park). Look out for our group from 10:45am—we'll begin together at 11:00am.

Join us for a Spring Outdoor Church, celebrating God's goodness and learning from the natural world.

Perfect for any friends and family who do not want to go to Church buildings but do recognise the wonder of the outdoors!

Some woodland photos from
Outdoor Worship on 17th January



Save the Dates!

**Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams
Leaving Service**

Saturday 11th April 4pm
at Radford & Holbrooks followed by
bring and share food

Easter Offering Service

Sunday 10th May
at Earlsdon Methodist Church
4.15pm to share tea and cake
5pm service to start

Circuit Ascension Day Services

Thursday 14th May 2026
Arley 7pm Rev Pauline Warner
Woodside 7pm Rev Becki Stennett



Join us for **OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

One Saturday each quarter at Coombe Abbey.

Arrival 10.45am, meeting in the cafe area (nearest the car park) for 11am.
For worship in prayer and wonder, fun and some gentle walking. Suitable
for all ages.

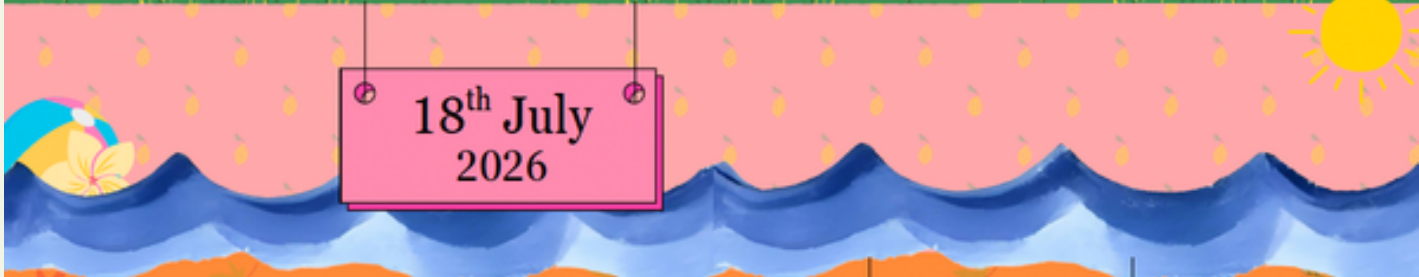
Save the Dates!



17th January
2026



18th April
2026



18th July
2026



17th October
2026

Worship will last for around an hour and then perhaps coffee or
lunch together if you choose to stay on!

EVERYBODY WELCOME!



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Meriden Methodist Church



Meriden Café Church – planning from the right brain

Following on from the writing up of our Mission Action Plan, Meriden got crafty in a Café Church session recently. Using pages from the 'Meriden Mag' and some of the last-ever 'Connexion' magazines, we chose headlines and pictures that appealed to us, and put them together to create an overview of how we think church should be. We also looked at the 'seven Ls' that underpin the work of the Rev7 Hair Salon featured in a recent 'Connexion', and thought how those might feature in all the work that we do: listening, learning, living, lifting, linking, loving, and lavishing. The collages we made, the three pictured here and others, are on display and will continue to form our thinking.

New Year good news from Ridge Lane Methodist Church!

New Doors at Ridge Lane

With the help of a loan from the Circuit, and a grant of £750 from the Benefact Trust, Ridge Lane has been able to replace the front and rear doors to the chapel, and make a new step to the rear door, not only making the chapel look more attractive but helping to prevent water ingress and keep the chapel watertight. While the works were being done, repairs were also made to the wood panelling near the rear door, and ventilation circles have been put into the panelling around the church.

There is (of course) more work that needs doing to keep the building safe and warm, especially following our Quinquennial inspection, but we are thankful to have made a good start.



Ryton Methodist Church!



Sometimes churches enter particular times of change. We've been glad to welcome new members over the last few years and, recently to have welcomed 3 more. You'll see a letter from Mark below. The building has started over the road and several hundred houses are planned for our end of the village. The wreath was made by one of our new Craft Group members. The table shows our new prayer focus just as you come into the church, or leave it. Val and Michelle are seen helping with the sewing for Nuneaton's dishcloths. Meanwhile we are exploring our options for the future. The one thing we are sure of is that we are called to be Methodist Christian people in this village, and our new members and attenders have encouraged us to realise this. Please pray for us as we discover what God has for us next."



News from Ryton Methodist Church!



Hello,

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Mark Fletcher, a 41 year old resident of Bulkington, Warwickshire, who has lived in the village all of his life. Although Christened as an infant, I have - throughout recent decades, been very remiss with practicing my faith, that is until recent months. Since last year, I have started to become a regular attendee at the Ryton Methodist Church - a building that until then I had entered only a handful of times, to my detriment, as it is a wonderful church! As the saying goes, I live literally 'a stone's throw away'.

Reconnecting with my Christian roots has already been an incredible journey, from reading the Bible on my lunchbreaks at work, to becoming better at taking things in my stride, I honestly feel that I can achieve more with the teachings of Jesus Christ by my side.

What initially made me choose Methodism as my route back into Christianity was from my recent studies within the Open University (Undergraduate in English Literature and Creative Writing), where when studying Christianity through the years I learned the intricate differences between different denominations, and by doing so, Methodism leapt out at me, for its inclusivity, and its focus on the local community.

I personally feel that the absence of Christianity from society has been quite telling, and meaning that its absence has showed in the decline of many communities, and society on a whole. When I first entered the Ryton Church, I was shy and apprehensive, now I'm singing hymns to the full and praying with the utmost sincerity, the group have been very welcoming and having spoken to them further, I am hoping sometime in the near future to be doing a Bible reading at the front! But I want to do more than that, now I am very open to others about attending church, even deliberately throwing it into conversation so people then enquire, and in doing so, I am slowly encouraging more people to come and attend. After attending the Christmas Tree festival where there wasn't an empty seat in the building, I know that there is definitely potential for further growth, and I do believe that Christianity is on an (albeit slow and steady) ascendancy, and with that, I want to give back as much as I can, more than the direct debit I have set up, but also in helping to maintain the upkeep of the building, be it with my own personal graft, to networking with previous contacts within the building trade, and also fundraising. Having spoken to Jill, Val, Robert, and other members of the Ryton Church I am hoping that they can also vouch for my enthusiasm and forward thinking.

Hopefully 2026 will be a year where the Methodist Church takes big steps going forward, and more people like myself will be coming through the doors.

Thankyou for reading, and God bless.

Kind regards

Mark Paul Fletcher

Coffee Shop Sunday



Do you feel God is calling you to a new challenge? Is God calling you to meet people in a new place? Are you passionate about sharing the gospel?

Then COFFEE SHOP SUNDAY is the place for you.

Coffee Shop Sunday is a Circuit outreach project from the Coventry and Nuneaton Methodist Circuit.

We meet in person at the Open Doors Café at Warwick Road Church Centre from 2.30-4.00pm on the first and third Sundays of each month offering a ministry of hospitality and worship supported by a small team of volunteers.

We are always richly blessed by the encounters we have at Open Doors.

We are always looking for new friends to join us. God may well be calling you to be part of this exciting outreach. Don't miss the chance to be part of something really special!

We also meet online on Mondays and Thursdays every week and have other special on-line events including an on-line Lent course on Tuesdays starting on February 17th.

Our FACEBOOK page is always open. You can catch up on facebook live at any time.

Contact Deacon Sue Fry for the on-line links.

Coffee Shop Sunday Programme

Here is our programme for the next few weeks:

February 1st 2.30pm In person at Open Doors Café
February 2nd 9.00pm On-line Prayer and Fellowship with Ruth Thomason
February 5th 9.00pm On-line Facebook live with Sue or Simon
February 9th 9.00pm On-line "Open mike" with Deacon Sue Fry
February 12th 9.00pm On-line Facebook live with Sue or Simon
February 15th 2.30pm In person at Open Doors Café
February 16th 9.00pm On-line Prayer and Fellowship with Kate and Rebekkah
February 17th 7.30pm On-line Lent course with Sue and Simon begins
February 19th 9.00pm On-line Facebook live with Sue or Simon
February 23rd 9.00pm On-line Night Prayer with Kate Ellis
February 24th 7.30pm On-line Lent Course week 2
February 25th 9.00pm On-line Facebook live
March 1st 2.30pm In person at Open Doors Café
March 2nd 9.00pm On-line Prayer and Fellowship with Pamala Coles
March 3rd 7.30pm On-line Lent Course week 3
March 5th 9.00pm On-line Facebook live with Sue or Simon

All members of the Circuit are invited to join us in this exciting project. To find out more contact Deacon Sue Fry or Revd Ian Coates.

Voices of Ukraine EXHIBITION

Testimonies and Photographs from Ukrainians in the UK



courtesy of Ira Sozanska Photography

3rd February to 3rd March 2026



Sundays 13.00 to 17.30
Mondays 14.00 to 17.30
Tuesdays to Saturdays
10.30 to 17.30

All Saints' Church
Victoria Terrace
Leamington Spa
CV31 1AA

The Voices of Ukraine Exhibition - continued

Belveder CIC is proud to announce the opening of The Voices of Ukraine Exhibition celebrating the resilience of the people of Ukraine in their continuing fight against the Russian invasion of their country. This free to enter Exhibition takes place in All Saints Church, Leamington Spa from 3rd February to 3rd March 2026. The exhibition is due to move out around various locations in Warwickshire when it closes in Leamington.

Sponsored by the Belveder CIC, a Leamington based community support organisation, supplying humanitarian aid to Ukraine since the start of the Russian invasion. The organisation, in association with LKQ Europarts, has been instrumental in sending over sixty refurbished ambulances and 4x4 vehicles to the front line of the fight to maintain the freedom of Ukraine. This is a fund raising venture, aiming to raise £10,000 to purchase, refurbish and deliver another ambulance to Ukraine.

The Voices of Ukraine Exhibition highlights images of Ukraine after the Russian Invasion, featuring interviews with Ukrainians describing their lived experience of finding refuge in Warwickshire.

A beautiful Sunflower Cascade (the national flower of Ukraine) produced by individuals and craft groups throughout Warwickshire is a feature of the exhibition, with unique hand-crafted blooms representing the individual Ukrainians affected by the war. In addition to private individuals producing blooms, Warwickshire Libraries, Women's Institutes and Warwickshire County Council have provided support in the creation of this wonderful cascade. Also on display is a beautiful mosaic of Yellow and Blue photographs reflecting the colours of the Ukrainian Flag.

We are very grateful to all members of our community for their generous support in creating this very moving exhibition.

For further information, please email janekijewski@gmail.com



Would you like to share in shaping and forming the mission and vision of the new West Midlands District?

Expressions of Interest are invited for the role of

Treasurer

You will be part of a collaborative team, working strategically and creatively to shape a sustainable future for Methodism across the West Midlands with particular responsibility to ensure there is proper governance oversight of district funds and expenditure.

This role is open to lay and ordained Methodists living in the West Midlands District.

You will need:

- to be a qualified accountant or hold other relevant accounting qualifications
- a good understanding of charity governance particularly in a Methodist Church context,
- an understanding of financial matters, budgeting and monitoring ,
- the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team,
- the ability to present financial information clearly in written and spoken formats,
- a proven commitment to JDS

The appointment is for 3 years with the possibility of extension for a further 3 years

For a conversation about the role,
or more information and a role description
please contact info@wmmethodists.org.uk or go to
www.wmmethodists.org.uk/vacancies.html

West Midlands District

Pilgrimage

Easter Week, 5 - 10 April 2026

West Midlands District Pilgrimage

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Are you part of the West Midlands Methodist District? Would you like to pause, connect and deepen your faith journey?

Join us from 5-10 April 2026 for a gentle and reflective pilgrimage. You will connect with a "pilgrim community" of up to 12 people, gathering in Hereford (accessible by train) on the evening of Easter Sunday and finishing in Hereford the following Friday.

During this six-day experience, we will walk, pray and eat together and share sleeping space in a number of Methodist and Anglican Churches. Luggage (including your airbed / camp-bed and bedding) will be transferred each day. Mileage will be around 7 to 11 miles, taken at a gentle pace on rural routes that may include stiles. We will share cooking within the group.

This is now a "tried and tested" formula which has been greatly appreciated by previous pilgrims. Being willing to be part of a short-term community is far more important than being super-fit, providing you can manage a modest amount of walking over a number of consecutive days, followed by nights on a church floor! The pilgrimage will be led by a small team of previous pilgrims.

If means allow, we suggest a contribution of £140 to the kitty to cover food, accommodation and luggage transfer. Unfortunately, the living arrangements mean we cannot include children and young people, though they will be welcome to join us as accompanied day walkers (details later).

Numbers are strictly limited so if you are interested in joining the group this year, please don't delay.

Contact Roger Dunlop to book your space:

roger@telfordmeth.org.uk