

# CIRCUIT NEWS

## June and July 2026



**Coventry & Nuneaton**  
METHODIST CIRCUIT

### Save the Dates!

#### Saturday 4th July Bloom

Bloom is our brand new District festival taking place 10am-4pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Codsall, WV8 2ER.

The day will consist of a range of activities, workshops, worship, community and conversation, and is open to all ages.

More information can be found on pages 14 & 15.

<https://www.wmmethodists.org.uk/bloomfestival.html>

#### Saturday 18th July Outdoor Church

**Arrive 10:45**

meeting in the cafe area (nearest the car park) for 11am. Please contact Rev Jill Marsh if you would like more details 07869 701309

#### Saturday 25th July Circuit Service

joined by the whole of the district as we say farewell to Rev Novette Headley, 3pm followed by food, at Coventry Central Hall

#### Sunday 6th September Circuit Service

We will be holding a Methodist New Year Service, 3:30pm at Woodside Avenue Methodist Church



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We'd love you to join us for circuit prayers on the first Tues of each month on Zoom... Come and pray for our circuit and all the churches, including yours



Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2026  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2026  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2026  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2026



09.15am - 9.35am

Zoom Link:

[https://zoom.us/j/95574522018?](https://zoom.us/j/95574522018?pwd=hF5nT5m2Qoa5ClabldMhJ5m46Ccnaw.1)

[pwd=hF5nT5m2Qoa5ClabldMhJ5m46Ccnaw.1](https://zoom.us/j/95574522018?pwd=hF5nT5m2Qoa5ClabldMhJ5m46Ccnaw.1)

Meeting ID: 955 7452 2018

Passcode: 867006



Nuneaton Methodist Church were pleased to welcome two new members on Pentecost Sunday, as we celebrated becoming a very international congregation with our flags!

Welcome to Richard and Angela.

**Included in this bumper edition...  
news from some of our Supernumerary Ministers,  
Central Hall, Woodside,  
District Bloom Festival and more**

# We are blessed with wonderful Supernumerary Ministers ... here is some news about their ministries

## Happy Birthday Touch of Hope

To celebrate our 30th birthday, a group of ten of us travelled to Osijek Croatia for a big party with lots of food and a reunion of former participants. This was combined with a book launch for my book. Over 60 people came to the Osijek Bible College, representing the three decades of our work. It was truly humbling and encouraging to hear men and women testifying to their healing through Touch of Hope. We visited the town of Vukovar and the mass grave site at Ovčara. We were guests at Kisac Methodist Church in Serbia which has a mainly Slovak congregation, where I preached.

We are now launching a fresh appeal to raise £30,000 to continue our work with the Muslim community in Bosnia and Serbia.

In Spite Of Our Differences Healing the hurts of war by  
Revd Clive Fowle.

Copies available from Clive price £10 or £12.50 if posted.

Revd Pauline Warner has reviewed the book in the Methodist Recorder. She writes,

Although this is the story of one man's experience, it also tells of how others (mainly from the various circuits in which Clive has served) became involved through financial support and exchange visits in both directions. This book tells how many people working together can move the Kingdom's call for peace and justice out of spoken prayers and good intent into something which is truly creative.

## Rev Clive Fowle



## Exciting News For Macs

Mediation and Community Support (MACS) has been successful in bidding for the tender to be a commissioned service for the OPCC (Office of Police and Crime commissioner in Warwickshire) working alongside Victim Support's Restorative Justice Team. This means we have funding for 3 years and closer cooperation with the Police tackling conflict in Warwickshire, including Nuneaton and Bedworth and North Warwickshire. MACS supports people experiencing conflict with neighbours through coaching, nonviolent communication, and mediation—helping individuals feel heard, rebuild communication, and find constructive ways forward. Revd Clive can give further information..





A Sunday afternoon stroll  
visiting the  
three ancient Abbeys  
on the river Sherbourne  
in Coventry,  
on Sunday 14th June 2026

You can either choose to begin at 2pm  
at the Calais or Callis Bridge which  
crosses the river at the bottom of  
Gosford Street and walk up to  
Whitefriars from there.....or gather at the  
back of Whitefriars Carmelite building  
by the pond for 2.15pm.

There the Salvation Army Band will lead  
us in singing hymns as a reminder that  
for many years that building was used  
by them as a hostel for the homeless.....

Then we walk down to The  
Carthusian Charterhouse and see  
the restoration not only of the  
building but also of the river...time  
for a cup of tea and then a stroll  
along the river and .....

crossing the road, continue by the  
riverside to Whitley Bridge and the  
location of Whitley Abbey which  
was not monastic but the family  
home of the Petre family with its  
own chapel of the Sacred Heart.

The date has been chosen as  
the closest Sunday to the  
feast of the Sacred Heart and  
there will be reflections at  
each site on what their  
particular tradition  
represents.

Approx one and a half miles  
(one way)

Further details from Revd  
Pauline Warner, chaplain at  
Coventry University.  
Warnerpauline86@gmail.com

**Alzheimer’s campaigner awarded honorary doctorate for  
“immeasurable” contributions.**

We were so glad to hear this good news, Carol Jennings has been handed a rare posthumous Honorary Doctorate from UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology for her instrumental role which led to the first treatments to slow the progression of the disease.

Congratulations and love go to Stuart and the whole family, in recognition of Carol's work and their own.



## News from around the Circuit

Step into an unforgettable evening of live music this July at Coventry Central Hall.

On Friday 18 July at 6:30pm, our historic Great Hall will host The Music of The Lord of the Rings - a spectacular live concert celebrating the music from one of fantasy cinema's most iconic worlds.

Performed by the acclaimed Mystery Ensemble, the evening will feature sweeping orchestral pieces, powerful themes and atmospheric moments that audiences know and love.

With the stunning surroundings and acoustics of Coventry Central Hall providing the backdrop, this promises to be a truly special experience in the heart of the city. We expect tickets to prove popular, so don't leave it too late to book.

Booking link -

<https://redevents.world/event/711-the-music-of-the-lord-of-the-rings-tribute-to-howard-shore.html?date=2026-07-18%2018:30:00>



## WOODSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Our programme for June is as follows:

Tuesday, 9th June, at 2pm - Rev Jill Marsh will be speaking to us on the intriguing title of "The Priesthood of all Believers" (which could also, perhaps, be called "the ups and downs of life as a Minister"!).

Tuesday, 23rd June, at 2pm - Our own Christine Short will be giving a talk and show a short video (postponed from last month), about the problems our hedgehogs face, causing the reduction in their numbers and danger of extinction. (We are collecting used stamps for this cause - many thanks to those who have already donated.)

Our meetings always finish with a refreshing cup of tea (and biscuits).

Everyone is welcome to join us at our friendly mid-week Fellowship.

For directions about how to find Woodside Avenue Methodist Church, please click here

[Website](#)



### Pentecost Praise Service

We held this outside at the front of the building

A climate event.

Central Hall put on a free community screening event followed by a discussion on nature and climate change and what this means for everyday life in the UK.

**For any church** looking to host a screening event can register - <https://arocha.org.uk/peoples-emergency-briefing/>



# 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!

17<sup>th</sup> January  
2026

18<sup>th</sup> April  
2026

18<sup>th</sup> July  
2026

17<sup>th</sup> 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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### A recipe from Penny McCulloch

#### Vegetable Tagine

Ingredients:

Vegetable oil

500g onions, chopped

1 tsp garlic granules

1/2tsp chilli flakes

3tsp ground coriander

3tsp ground turmeric

2 unwaxed lemons, zest and juice

800g chopped tomatoes

500g butternut squash

500g sweet potatoes/swede - peeled and chopped

500g carrots, scraped and chopped

2 vegetable stock cubes, dissolved in boiling water

400g chickpeas (cooked)

2 tablespoons honey

80g apricots, chopped

50g sultanas

1. Roast butternut squash for about 20 minutes on an oiled tray (180°C, 160°C fan). Allow to cool, peel and chop into cubes.
2. Add oil top frying pan/wok. Saute onions, then add garlic granules.
3. Add spices, lemon zest and juice. Stir well.
4. Add tomatoes and vegetables. Cook until vegetables begin to soften.
5. Add stock, honey, chickpeas, apricots and sultanas. Add additional water if needed to cover everything. Bring to the boil.
6. Transfer to a tagine or casserole, preferably with a lid. Cook for about 45 minutes until the vegetables are soft.

Serving suggestion: wilted spinach and new potatoes

This quantity will serve 8 people. It freezes well.

### Sherbourne Recycling Centre Coventry

Earlsdon Church Eco-Group is arranging a visit to our local recycling centre later in the year for EMC and friends, to raise our awareness and understanding.

You may be interested in doing something similar in your area?

Do share with us any plans or initiatives going on in your church

**Our next outdoor worship at Coombe Abbey is on Saturday July 18th**

**Lois Talbot (loismtalbot@gmail.com) Circuit Eco-Rep**



Parish Nursing  
Ministries UK

### **Woodside Methodist Church**

Woodside Avenue South,  
Coventry, CV3 6BE  
[www.woodsidemethodist.org.uk](http://www.woodsidemethodist.org.uk)



With the support of **Woodside Methodist Church** are pleased to be hosting **baby massage courses**

Come and join our 5-week session and learn how to massage your baby and understand the importance of touch

*Benefits of the course include helping you and your baby relax, boost their immune system, help with their digestive system and enhance bonding and attachment*

This course is aimed at **Babies of 4 weeks to 6 months**

Date yet to be confirmed. Email your interest or any questions to-

[Nurse@covnunmethodist.org.uk](mailto:Nurse@covnunmethodist.org.uk)

(Ran by Paula, Parish Nurse. Qualified Baby Massage Teacher and Children's nurse)

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## Off Balance Dance

**Will continue running sessions at  
Woodside Methodist Church**

**Woodside Avenue South  
CV36BE**

**Wednesdays 11.30am term time only.**

**Aimed at all abilities, sit or stand or a bit of  
each 🤝**

**£6 suggested donation per session but just pay what  
you can**

*For questions, contact via email or text or leave a message*

*Paula McClenaghan*

*Parish Nurse*

*Woodside Methodist Church*

*Nurse@covnunmethodist.org.uk*

*Tel 07869715659*

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**sessions of**

# **Qigong Flow**

**Will continue at**

**Woodside Methodist Church**

**Woodside Avenue South CV36BE**

# **Thursdays 1.30pm**

**£8 suggested donation per session but just pay what you can**

**(we have had to increase the suggested donation but if numbers improve we will be able to lower it again)**

*For questions, contact via email or text or leave a message*

*Paula McClenaghan*

*Parish Nurse*

*Woodside Methodist Church*

*[Nurse@covnunmethodist.org.uk](mailto:Nurse@covnunmethodist.org.uk) Tel 07869715659*

Join Woodside's new group!  
3rd Tuesday of the month  
1:30-3:00pm



**R**elax  
**E**njoy  
**F**riendship  
**R**efreshments  
**E**mpathy  
**S**upport  
**H**obbies

Drop in for a coffee or join in a board game or craft.

Please contact me for more info:  
Paula McClenaghan, Parish Nurse, Woodside Methodist  
Church  
Tel 07869715659  
[nurse@covnunmethodist.org.uk](mailto:nurse@covnunmethodist.org.uk)

## Come for a walk !

First Tuesday of the  
Month 1.30

Meet at memorial  
park near the buses.

We have mixed abilities, so some  
may take a more direct route to the  
coffee shop than others (most of us will  
end up in the coffee shop though!)

Look out for Paula, Parish  
Nurse, in a purple fleece.

Email - [nurse@covnunmethodist.org.uk](mailto:nurse@covnunmethodist.org.uk)

Tel. 07869715659



# BLOOM

## West Midlands District Festival

Saturday 4 July 2026

**PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS**   **LIVE MUSIC**   **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Bloom is our brand new District festival!

**Trinity Methodist Church,  
Codsall, WV8 2ER  
Sat 4 Jul, 10am-4pm**

All ages welcome!

Scan the QR code to find out more and book tickets  
or visit [wmmethodists.org.uk/bloomfestival.html](http://wmmethodists.org.uk/bloomfestival.html)



# BLOOM West Midland District Festival 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## Have you booked your tickets yet!

We are so excited to invite people of all ages to Bloom, our brand new District festival taking place on Saturday 4 July 2026 at Trinity Methodist Church, Codsall.

Open to all ages, Bloom is a day of worship, creativity, conversation and community.

Throughout the day, there will be plenty to explore, including:

- a festival green with an outdoor stage
- barbecue and coffee lounge
- drop-in spaces for craftivism and forest church

There will also be storytelling, puppets, an interactive art exhibition, inclusive musical worship, quiet sensory spaces and communion.

Alongside this, a range of workshops and activities will take place throughout the day, including eco-spirituality, mini-retreat experiences and practical church growth conversations.

We're also delighted to welcome special guest David Benjamin Blower - folk musician, poet and theologian.

We'd love to encourage you to book your tickets in advance and invite others from your church or circuit to come along too!

[Book Now! – Bloom: West Midlands District Festival – Trinity Methodist Church, Codsall](#)

Growing from our Methodist roots and exploring a theme of "rooted and growing" there will be contributors from across the District and beyond sharing in worship, storytelling, workshops, creativity, community and conversation. With a mixture of outdoor and indoor venues there is something for everyone.

Food will be available for purchase on the day with all other activities being included. A suggested donation of £5 is recommended per person attending to contribute towards the cost of the venue, contributors and resources.

Please note that parking at Trinity Methodist Church will be reserved for Disabled parking and for loading and unloading. Please let us know when booking if you require accessible parking. Parking is available at the Council Hub a short walk across the road from the Church, please do consider sharing transport with others travelling from your area. We encourage you to explore your public transport options. Codsall and Bilbrook railway stations are about a 10 minute walk away and local busses stop nearby.

Can you volunteer?

Yes! We will be looking for volunteers for Bloom!

If you are able to help out with set up or set down, as a steward or are a first aider, we'd love to hear from you.

Please email us at [info@wmmethodists.org.uk](mailto:info@wmmethodists.org.uk)

The **Methodist** Church 

A CONVERSATION ON  
**REPARATORY  
JUSTICE**

A TRAUMA-INFORMED CONVERSATION EXPLORING REPARATORY  
JUSTICE AND THE METHODIST CHURCH'S ENTANGLEMENT WITH  
THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE.



**SAT 13 JUNE 2026**

09:30 - 13:00

**THE QUEEN'S FOUNDATION**

18 SOMERSET ROAD  
BIRMINGHAM B15 2QH

REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE: [HTTPS://SHORTURL.AT/LEMS8](https://shorturl.at/LEMS8)

## Thriving Under 5s

### SPIRITUAL AND FAITH FORMATION WITH UNDER 5 YEAR OLDS

A session for leaders of Toddler groups, creche, and under 5s ministry in Churches:

Grow skills, knowledge & practice with under 5s

Monday 15th June  
9.45am - 12.15pm

Free online event; scan to book

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Ronni Lamont

Sarah Cornthwaite

[adventureswithjesus.co.uk](http://adventureswithjesus.co.uk)

Deep Dive Conversation and breakout groups

Scan me!



Join us on Monday 15 June 2026 (9.45am – 12.15pm on Zoom) for a free, inspiring session on how children aged 0–5 can encounter God through play, rhythm and gentle faith practices.

Grounded in the belief that young children are naturally open to spiritual experience, this workshop shares practical ways to create welcoming spaces using story, movement and sensory play, supporting faith both in weekly settings and at home.

Led by experienced practitioners, with guest speakers Sarah Cornthwaite and Ronnie Lamont, it's ideal for anyone nurturing under-5s and their families in faith and community life.