

CIRCUIT NEWS

August 2026



Coventry & Nuneaton
METHODIST CIRCUIT

Save the Dates!

Sun 6th Sept Circuit Service

Methodist New Year Service, 3:30pm at
Woodside Avenue Methodist Church

Saturday 29th Aug World Church Event

Koinonia 2pm, at Radford & Holbrooks

Ecosia



Ecosia is a search engine (which does exactly the same thing as Google or Firefox) and is just as effective BUT... it is a not-for-profit organisation and promises to use all its profit to plant trees and improve the environment.

You need to choose to set your computer to use it as your default search engine as Google will occasionally try and take that back! Please have a go. They have now planted 254,015,330 trees and dedicated £102,901,795 to climate action and it all started with a couple of ordinary friends wondering what they could do to make a difference.

<https://www.ecosia.org/>

It might not seem much but we know from the parable of the mustard seed that God can use small things for big change!

Thanks for thinking about this, and other climate changes we can make.

Leaving a legacy

We are always so grateful when people leave us money as legacies in their will. Recently we have had some really encouraging gifts in particular churches which make such a difference. Please consider whether you could be generous in this way.

We do understand the pressures that younger generations are under and the desire we all have to provide for our families. On the other hand, the costs of running churches increase year on year and 'the widow's mite' reminds us that gifts of all sizes are welcome.

If you care about the future of the Methodist Church please consider leaving a legacy in your will. Getting the wording right is important. Please look at the link below for advice on how to make your gift a lasting legacy.

Thank you.

Click here to read the [Legacy leaflet](#)



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Koinonia:

Circuit World Church Event



Date: Saturday, 29 August 2026



Time: 2 - 5 pm (setting up from 1 pm)



Venue: Radford and Holbrooks Methodist Church

Koinonia (the Greek word for fellowship or sharing in community)

A time of Christian fellowship, games, singing, shared food, and a meaningful opportunity to celebrate God's love together through worship and spiritual reflection.





Everyone is warmly invited to bring a dish/lunch to share from your own country, so that we can enjoy a meal together as one community.





We are also encouraging everyone to invite a friend, as this is a wonderful opportunity to experience Christian fellowship and extend a warm welcome to others.





Flags and national dress welcome!





Advanced Safeguarding Training

The West Midlands District has introduced a new online booking process using Eventbrite for Advanced Safeguarding Training.

One of the venues is Coventry Central Hall on Saturday 26th September 2026 starting at 10am.

To book a place please use the details below.

www.eventbrite.com/o/stephanie-bradley-81147774823

Summer Newsletter from Revd Clive Folwe Touch of Hope

The newsletter celebrates:
30 years of reconciliation and peacebuilding work.
The publication of Clive Fowle's book.

Evidence that former workshop participants continue to value the programme decades later.
An ongoing commitment to healing divisions through dialogue, non-violence and relationship-building, despite continuing conflict around the world.

To read the complete Newsletter please contact Clive Fowle to be added to his mailing list
clivefowle1@gmail.com

WOODSIDE FELLOWSHIP

We are a friendly mid-week fellowship, meeting twice a month, with a variety of activities/speakers. Everyone is welcome (men and women). We always finish with a refreshing cup of tea (with biscuits).

Our programme for August and September is as follows:

Tuesday, 11th August, at 2pm - "Ancient Caves" - our own Keith Chapman will be giving another of his intriguing talks on this topic, together with pictures on the screens

Tuesday, 25th August, at 2pm - We will meet in the garden of Sue and Brian Davies to enjoy tea/coffee, cakes and lots of chat, while we admire their lovely flowers. We hope for sunny weather (as in previous years) but will hold it indoors if wet.

Tuesday, 8th September, at 2pm - "The day I retired" - we welcome back Rev Pauline Warner who recently retired (but is still active!)

Tuesday, 22nd September, at 2pm - following our recent successful fund-raising coffee morning for the Salvation Army, the Captain will be coming to show how the money raised is spent, speaking about the valuable work they undertake amongst the vulnerable in our city. For directions about how to find Woodside Avenue Methodist Church, please see our [website](#).

Parking is easy in our car park. By bus - it is the number 9 from the city centre - get off at the Burnt Post/Woodside Avenue North, with a very short walk (past the shops) to Woodside Avenue South.

Living with Difference

We're glad to hear that there will be some sessions offered to us all at

Coventry Methodist Central Hall at 6.30 pm on

Mon. 21st Sept and Mon. 18th Oct.

Please read the message below about why and how this has been inspired.

We have both been doing work which focuses on empathy – feeling into the experience of others who are different from yourself.

Pauline, through her work at Coventry explored the story of Edith Stein, the brilliant Jewish student of philosophy whose PhD thesis was on the subject of empathy, who was converted to the Christian faith during those studies and became a Carmelite nun but rejected all opportunities to escape to Britain as Nazism took power in Germany and chose to be sent to Auschwitz ‘to be with her people’.

Clive, through his mediation work and being involved with the ‘Touch of Hope’ project in Croatia which has encouraged former enemies from the former Yugoslavia to sit down together and share honestly their hurts and grievances with the intention of bringing reconciliation and forgiveness. We decided that these two pieces of work could be shared with the wider church and community. Nothing too frequent – we know how busy everyone is – but just enough to give a taste and to encourage everyone to think about ‘living with difference’.

We have both used the insights of a man who we think it is fair to say, has changed the world of theology through his insight on how we scapegoat one another. Rene Girard, like Edith Stein was converted into the Christian faith and focused on Jesus as the Scapegoat, the innocent victim who was forced to bear the sins of others. That ritual happened on the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur. So we are going to begin these evenings on that feast on Monday September 21st when Pauline will present her talk on Edith Stein and the Day of Atonement.

The second evening will be led by Clive on ‘Touch of Hope’ on Monday October 19th (date to be confirmed). The meetings will be held in the Methodist Central Hall lounge, begin at 6.30pm. and finish by 8pm. After these two initial meetings we are open to further suggestions on what we can explore together. Hagar and Sarah is one theme which will be included.

We want this meeting to be open to as many people from diverse backgrounds as possible so as many different themes and styles can be included.

For further details please contact Pauline on warnerpauline86@gmail.com or 07907893739

Other News

Help for Grant Applications

Here's a really helpful video to encourage good grant applications' from a different district but still relevant to us here.

Please don't forget that we'd love to hear about any applications you make (whether successful or not). If you have skills you could offer for grant-finding please contact Rev Jill Marsh as we hope to begin our new circuit 'grant finding group' soon. Thank you."

[click on this link to watch a YouTube video on grant guidance](#)

Young Adult Pilgrimage for Peace 2026

George Oworae Danquah recently went to Columbia with YAPP. Please click the link below to read his reflections and excitement about his recent YAPP trip.

[Young Adult Pilgrimage for Peace](#)



Testimony - Deacon Sue Fry

Deacon Sue Fry has recently shared her testimony in the Methodist Recorder. To read this article please click on this link to our circuit webiste.

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The Methodist Conference 2026

The 2026 Methodist Conference, was held at Telford International Centre: Presbyteral Session 25–26 June; Representative Session 27 June – 1 July
Please click here for the [Conference Business Digest](#).



**WE MEET AT OPEN DOORS CAFÉ
WARWICK ROAD ON THE FIRST AND THIRD
SUNDAY FROM 2.45PM
JOIN US FREE DRINK, CAKE, CHAT, MUSIC
ALL ARE WELCOME**

HERE ARE THE UPCOMING DATES

**SUNDAY AUGUST 2 2.45PM
SUNDAY AUGUST 16 2.45PM
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6 2.45PM
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20 2.45PM
SUNDAY OCTOBER 4 2.45PM
SUNDAY OCTOBER 18 2.45PM
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1 2.45PM
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15 2.45PM**

Circuit Youth Fund

Nuneaton Methodist Church held a Coffee Morning for the Circuit Youth Fund in July and raised £107.

If your church could have a fund-raising event, or if you would like to give a donation for young people's work, please send the proceeds to the circuit account and let Jane in the office know what the amount is for. Thank you.

WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY

**SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER
WORKCARE WEST MIDLANDS**



WHAT IS IT?

An annual event held in churches to support and encourage spiritual care for employees. Supported by all mainstream Christian denominations.

WHAT DO CHAPLAINS DO?

Jesus at the Centre: Chaplains provide a listening ear and wellbeing support for all staff, regardless of faith or background.



OUR CORE AIMS

- ◆ **SUPPORT & RECRUIT:** Support existing chaplains and recruit new volunteers.
- ◆ **ENCOURAGE BUSINESSES:** Encourage businesses to offer pastoral care to their employees.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Participate in taster sessions
- Begin shadowing more experienced mentors
- Visit workcarewm.org.uk



Item Wanted

CD player needed

If anybody has a working portable CD player which could be used in care home services please let

Revd Jill Marsh know (as hers has broken).

Thank you

Items available

a LARGE number of Christian posters with assorted messages and themes.

If you are interest in these please contact Deacon Sue Fry

Circuit Dates 2026-2027

Here are some of the key dates of meetings that are happening in the circuit during the next connexional year. Please check the [Circuit Website](#) for any updates to these dates during the year.

Various Circuit Meetings Dates 2026-2027

Year 2026 **Month** 9 **Start Day** 2 *as at 26th June 2026*

Circuit Meetings 7pm
Students 7pm
LP/WL 7pm
PIDT 7pm
CLT 7pm



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