

CIRCUIT NEWS

September 2026



Coventry & Nuneaton
METHODIST CIRCUIT



West Midlands District

To see what is going on in the West Midlands District please click on the link below.

[District E-News - August 2026](#)

Save the Date!

Saturday 24th October 2026

Planning to Flourish Day

10am to 3pm

further details to follow...



Conference 2026

A look back at the highlights of the Methodist Conference 2026.

The Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church and meets annually to discuss matters affecting the life of the Church, the nation and the world.

Find out more about the Conference on the Methodist [website](#):

[Click here to watch the conference highlights on YouTube](#)



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Canva in-person Training sessions

Wednesday 16th September 2026

Practical Canva training to help you create clear, professional designs with confidence

SESSION DETAILS

- Wednesday 16 September 2026
- Morning Session: 9:30am - 12:30pm
Bedworth Methodist Church
- Afternoon Session: 1:30pm - 4:30pm
Earlsdon Methodist Church

WHAT TO BRING

- Both sessions cover the same content
- Please attend one session only
- Bring your own laptop,
fully charged where possible
- Places may be limited.
- Suitable for all skill levels



Date
16 September 2026



Morning
9:30am - 12:30pm

Afternoon
1:30pm - 4:30pm

Choose either the morning or afternoon session. Both sessions are identical, so you only need to attend one.

Register now by contacting
office@covnunmethodist.org.uk



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Advanced Safeguarding Training

**Next in person Advanced Safeguarding training
across the
West Midlands District**

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN

- Understand safeguarding responsibilities and good practice
- Build confidence responding to concerns and disclosures
- Strengthen safer recruitment, reporting, and record keeping

Date



**Saturday 26th
September 2026**

Time



**Starting 10am
Finish 1.30pm**



**Venue
Covnentry Central Hall**

Join colleagues from across the West Midlands District for essential Advanced Safeguarding Training.

**Book online through the eventbrite link below
[Stephanie Bradley](#)**

The River of Life

As a Circuit Leadership Team we have taken a Bible passage to focus on each year, and some of you may have heard preachers refer to the Feeding of the Five Thousand last year, or the Emmaus Road the previous year. This year we want to spend some time with Revelation 22:1-6, mulling over what it has to say to us today:

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. And he said to me, 'These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.'

Here is a river flowing through the countryside, providing water for the trees around it, keeping them nourished and green.

Over the summer we have had very little rain, and rivers and lakes have dried up as they have had nothing to replenish them.

As the people of God – individuals, churches, Circuit - we too face dry times. Where do we get our replenishment, our refreshment, our nourishment, for the work of God we feel called to do in this place? How are we fed? How do we need those in leadership to feed us? How can they themselves be fed, in order to pass on that refreshment?

Please pray over these questions and see where God leads your thoughts.



Progress on Church Outside Boards

As we start the new methodist year we are pleased to share with you the first two churches with their new outside boards.

We look forward to hearing from other churches as you get ready to order your boards.

Nuneaton Methodist Church - Before and after photos



Ridge Lane Methodist Church Before and after photos



Nuneaton Carnival

At Nuneaton Carnival, Nuneaton Methodist Church, supported by circuit volunteers, had a cheerful presence with a team of 8 people. It was great to be part of this community event and here are some comments:



"We just have to do this again!"

"It was a good way to meet people in the community and show them we're here, we can have fun, celebrate life and offer practical support and blessings"

"The families were so grateful the loos were open!!!"

"Many wanted to give money and it was great to be able to say 'give it to the Carnival collection'"

"We were a collective witness to the fact that the church is happy to be friendly and to connect with people"

Ben Rose - A little piece of Switzerland

Ben Rose, Engagement Coordinator with Children and Youth at Coventry Central Hall and Young People & Families Work Co-ordinator with the Coventry & Nuneaton Methodist Circuit, reflects on his recent time in Switzerland with the Jungschar Evangelisch Methodistische Kirche (JEMK) and the importance of community and relationships in church and youth work.

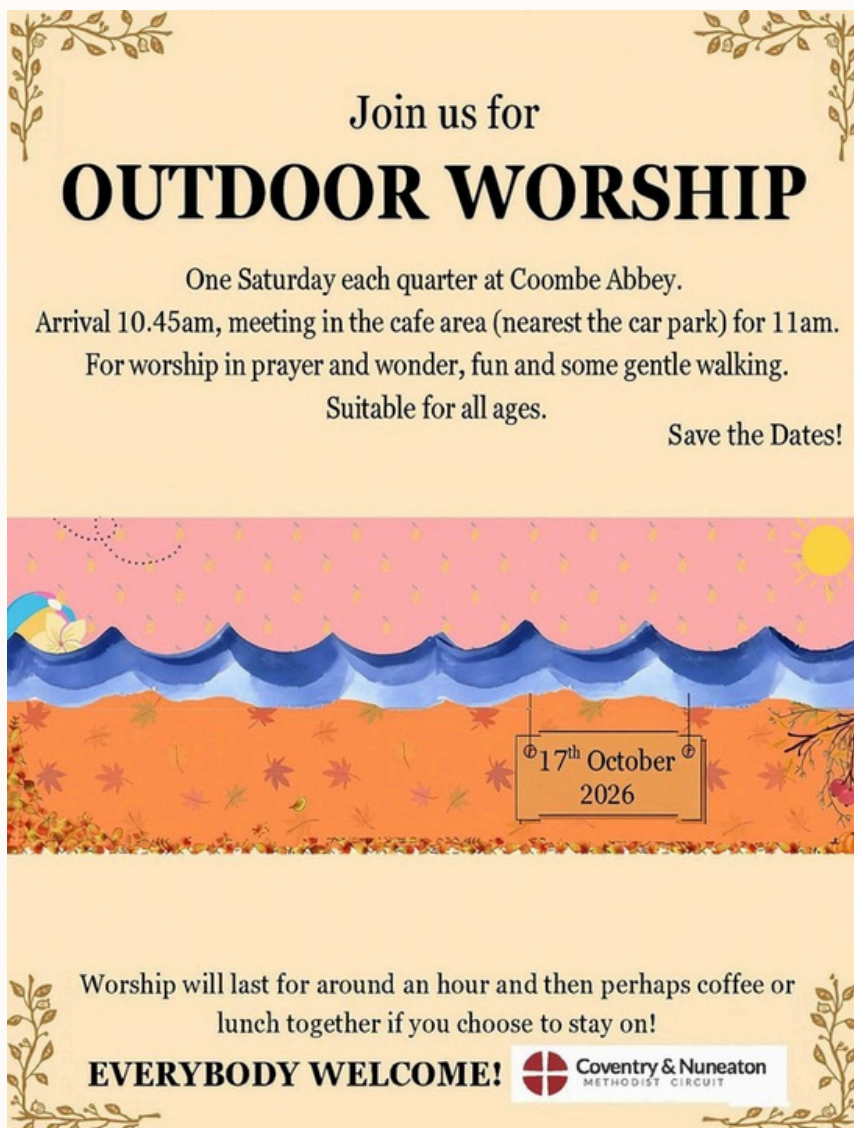
In A Little Piece of Switzerland..., he explores how we can include young people in all that we do, so that they are not simply recipients but are part of creating the communities they belong to.

Through his reflections on faith, belonging and shared experiences, he considers what it means to journey alongside one another and build authentic intergenerational communities.



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To read the Ben's article in full please click on this [link to the Circuit Website](#)



A few people joined together in July to walk, watch and worship in Coombe Abbey.

Our next outdoor worship is on Saturday October 17th, starting at 11am and meeting in the café / information area at 10.45am.

Suitable for all ages and gentle or brisk - walkers. Do join us!

Next 'Great Green Gathering': A meeting online by zoom Saturday 17th October 4pm -5pm. We look forward to reviewing our work and commitment in being an Eco-Circuit, sharing ideas and inspiring each other. The zoom link will be shared in October Circuit News. Do share with us any plans or initiatives going on in your church

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Circuit Eco-Rep**

Harvest Festival Brunch

Saturday 19th September

Ryton Methodist Church

Rugby Road Bulkington CV12 9JG

10am to 11.30am Brunch

11.30am Harvest Songs of Praise

All Welcome

NO CHARGE

But Donations Welcome

Autumn at Earlsdon Methodist Church

Autumn activities get underway at the Methodist Church on Earlsdon Avenue. Coventry CV5 6NF with a Macmillan Coffee Morning **on Friday 25th September 9am to 1pm**. There will be a cake, plant and produce stall with homemade goodies for sale alongside the usual hot drinks and treats in their Wellspring Café - proceeds from these are added to the sales stall for that day and donated to Macmillan.

They are also inviting other churches in the Circuit to get involved in two more events.

Their October Lantern Parade and the December Christmas Tree Festival.

For the past two years families have enjoyed making hand-held lanterns which they take to the church **(this year on Saturday 17th October at 6pm)** where a steel band provides entertainment while the best lantern is chosen. Everyone then walks around the surrounding streets parading the colourfully lit lanterns and returns to the church for hot chocolate. The event, including refreshments is entirely free of charge and everyone is welcome to join in. Why not enjoy putting together a creation lit by battery tealights or fairy lights? In the past they've had decorated lampshades, umbrellas, structures made from chicken wire or willow sticks and even a couple who couldn't manage to create anything so turned up with fairy lights attached to their own clothes!

With Christmas only a couple of months away you are also invited to get ready for the church's annual **Christmas Tree Festival in the second week of December**.

The festival has been running for around 20 years. Individuals and organisations with any connection to Earlsdon or the Methodist Church are invited to decorate a Christmas tree either reflecting their own activities or simply in line with the festival theme which this year is Pantomime. You have a completely free hand so entries can range anywhere from beautiful to bonkers. They will welcome entries from churches, organisations within or associated with the church, individuals or families. All manner of materials have been used in the past from recycled rubbish to carefully crafted detailed models. Everyone provides their own tree to fit into a space approximately 3 feet wide and the only restriction is that any lights must be battery operated. Some entries promote charitable causes, others encourage people to join their organisation, most just enjoy creating something interesting, pretty or funny and generally taking part. The church is open to visitors, hot drinks and mince pies are given away and on Friday evening a steel band plays seasonal music. Visitors vote for their favourite tree and the winners get a "valuable prize" - usually a tub of chocolates! There are categories for children and for adults. The whole event is free to entrants and visitors.

Everyone is welcome to join in either or both events, so if you would like to let them know you are thinking of entering or want to ask more questions about the event, drop them an e-mail

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