CIRCUIT NEWS

November 2026

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Have you noticed our new outdoor boards?

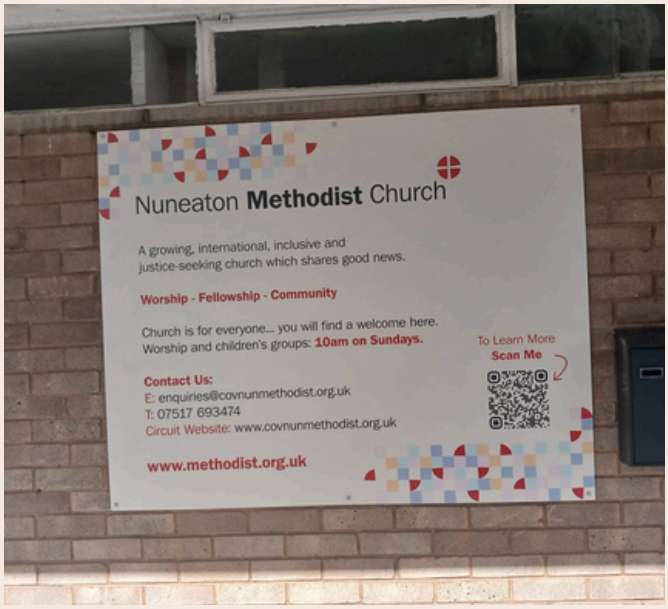
These boards provide a modern and welcoming way to communicate important information, upcoming events, and church activities to the wider community.

Your webpage will be where people look for information and a welcome.

If your church has not been updated yet, please contact George Oworae Danquah at psdo@covnunmethodist.org.uk for further information and advice on the options available.









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CIRCUIT CHARITY 2026 -27 Touch of Hope

Healing the hurts of war in the former Yugoslavia

Blessed are the peacemakers... — Matthew 5:9

The circuit meeting has chosen Touch of Hope as our charity for the year

Why? WHEN war ends, the wounds remain. The wars of the former Yugoslavia may have ended, but their pain continues to affect individuals, families and communities. Grief, fear, anger, mistrust and division can be passed from one generation to the next.

PEACE is more than the absence of war. True peace requires healing, forgiveness, reconciliation and the rebuilding of trust.

WHY TOUCH OF HOPE? As Christians, we are called to be **peacemakers** — to love our neighbours, seek reconciliation and stand alongside those who are hurting. **Touch of Hope** exists because we believe that healing is possible, relationships can be restored, and divided communities can discover a different future. We walk alongside people who continue to live with the wounds of conflict, offering hope and encouragement as they take steps towards reconciliation.

WHY does your support matter? Reconciliation takes time, courage and commitment. Your financial support enables this work to continue and helps create opportunities for people who have experienced conflict to find hope, rebuild trust and become peacemakers within their own communities.
It is an investment in peace. You can help someone take a step away from the hurts of the past and towards a future shaped by hope, forgiveness and reconciliation.

HOW can you, or your church, donate? Touch of Hope is part of C f R (Community for Reconciliation) Footprints which operates within the charity status of the Community for Reconciliation. Reg Charity No 295113 Co Reg No 2041873 .

Account No: Community for Reconciliation Footprints (A/C No 4)
Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account No 00007334

Gift Aid: If you are eligible, please consider adding Gift Aid so your donation. To keep track of donations, please let our treasurer Keith Drinkwater keithdrinkwater@talktalk.net know when you pay in money. Keith will summarise our giving as a circuit and let us know the total. You could encourage individual donations or hold particular fund-raising events. Cheques payable to **CFR FOOTPRINTS** and can be sent to Keith at 6 Mallerin Croft Nuneaton CV10 9JT

For all information Contact **Revd Clive Fowle** clivefowle1@gmail.com Clive is always ready to come to your church to talk about the work.

Thank you for your support.

Special Announcement Coventry Central Hall:
People Make Places Property Project – Works Commencing!



The Tree of Life – Revelation 22:1-6



On our CLT and Staff Awaydays in October, we focused on the passage from Revelation and what God has to say to us through it.

In the passage, verse 2 tells us that the tree of life has 'twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.' This led us to think of seasons. We made a visual depiction of a tree and a river, with different kinds of leaves to show each season of the year – light green, fresh new spring leaves, darker green established summer leaves, red autumn leaves and brown leaves that fall from the tree.

We asked ourselves what might be the brown leaves we see – for example, the idea of one minister per church, or one church per neighbourhood, seem to be things of the past, as is the idea of Sunday as a day of rest in wider society. We wondered about red leaves, things which may still appear to be good, but that are fading, and thought of mid-week groups such as Bible Studies and prayer groups, which are reducing in number in many places. But there are also flourishing leaves such as our Warm Hubs, our work to combat loneliness, offerings of extended Communion, etc. And there are new leaves of using volunteers from beyond the Church to ensure that things we do can carry on; our work with the Methodist Way of Life and the 'On the Way' course; and Street Banquet, which you'll be hearing about soon if you haven't already.

There are plans for this tree and a supply of paper leaves to spend some time in each church building, giving time for you all to write on the various colours of leaves – or on flowers, as we used on our Flourishing Day on 24th October – the things that you see as new growth and as fading memories within your congregation, and in sharing what each fellowship writes, we hope to notice some commonalities which might help us see more clearly where God is leading us.

We'll be working on a timetable for the tree's journey, and will give more details as to how we see it working, in due course.

Until then, notice the falling leaves around you, and the ones that stay green through the winter, and give thanks to God for his wonderful creation!

Christine Crabtree

Eco News from across the circuit



Next **'Great Green Gathering**' A meeting online by zoom Saturday 7th November 3pm – 4pm.
We look forward to reviewing our work and commitment in being a Eco-Circuit, sharing ideas and inspiring each other.
We very much look forward to meeting with Danielle and Shalome (New Places for New People, West Midlands District)
Zoom details:
Topic: GGG
Time: November 7th 2026 at 3pm
Join Zoom Meeting
Passcode: 271718
Do share with us any plans or initiatives going on in your church (photos always welcome!
Earlsdon is working on the small garden alongside our church to create a wildlife friendly space – look out for 'before and after' pictures!
We are also pressing on towards a silver award for Eco-Church.
Lois Talbot (loismtalbot@gmail.com) Circuit Eco-Rep

Deacon Sue Fry shares highlights from her recent visit to Kenya

Greetings from the Methodist Church in Kenya, part 1
Every church, every minister and every project I visited in Western Kenya and Nyanza Province asked me to send their loving greetings in Christ to the Coventry and Nuneaton Circuit, and so I bring greetings, from Rev. Melkizadek, Rev Monica, Rev. Samuel, Rev. Geoffrey and Rev. Marian as well as the Simbiri Methodist and Kebabe Methodist and the other churches in their circuits and the Africa Inland Mission and the chaplain and staff of Homa Bay women's prison.

As always, my time in Kenya was amazing and I was privileged to share in the lives of many people in rural communities. Rural communities have few facilities, and that includes the churches. Each circuit is responsible for paying its ministers and so those in rural circuits, where there are few resources and ways of earning, cannot afford their ministers.

Rev. Marian has been in an appointment for 2 years where they cannot afford to pay her, where housing would not be safe for a single woman, so she commutes from the home she has rented for about 2 hours several times a week to work with the people of Kariachor. She is gifted in work with children and young people and so has built up the Sunday School and raised funds so that their rented church hut has a floor.

Rev. Melkizadek is also in appointment that struggles to pay him, has no house so he, too, has to commute for around 2 hours, using the motor bike taxis to his church. Housing is not provided in most rural appointments, so the ministers need to rent. Melkizadek is in his first appointment and struggles to build proper relationships with his 3 churches from a distance.
Rev. Samuel, in a different denomination, faces the same problems. No one cares is his comment, repeated by many other rural ministers whom I have know over the past 25 years.
We may struggle with the assessment, but I am certain that this is a better way of supporting our ministers and their mission than pretending they don't exist and leaving them and their churches to fend for themselves.
Next month I will share some of my experiences during my recent visit.



Harvest at Meriden

At Meriden, we held our Harvest Service on 11th October. We had a traditional service and gathered food to make and beautiful display in church, and to be taken to the Coventry Food Bank afterwards.

We remembered the difficult year that our farmers have had, with much-reduced harvests. This was also the theme of our Harvest Supper on Friday 16th October, when we tucked into a plentiful supper and puddings, and heard something of the plight of farmers, not only at Harvest, but facing rural crime, isolation and mental health issues. Money from the meal tickets will be going to the farmers charity RABI, the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, which gives grants to farmers, and provides a 24-hour helpline for those in any kind of need, practical advice and help, and events for farmers and the farming community.

Tea, Toast and an MP at Ridge Lane

On 12th October, Ridge Lane Tea and Toast had a visit from Rachel Taylor MP. She joined us around the table, even bringing a large tin of coffee for the group to use. She chatted with people about what was important to them, and promised to take action on some of the issues mentioned. She left us her newsletter and dates of her surgeries.



Tea and Toast happens every Monday from 10.00 to 12.00. As you can see, it spans the ages (permission was given by each person in the photo, and the baby's mother). It's a welcoming place to have a cuppa, share news, and find out what's going on. As the morning goes on, more and more people arrive and the circle gets wider. In a village with no coffee shop, or community space other than in the pub, this is an essential weekly get-together for whoever wishes to come.

Knit, Natter, and Slow Down!



Fillongley's Knitters have been in the news again, this time for their campaign to slow down traffic that passes through the village.

Members of the Fillongley Knit and Natter group have dotted knitted mannequins around the Warwickshire village in an effort to encourage motorists to take more care on local roads.

Among the creations are knitted children carrying road safety messages, zebras perched above crossing signs and an RAF character holding a knitted speed gun.

The displays were introduced amid ongoing concerns about road safety, particularly around a busy crossroads in the village that residents say has a history of accidents.



Sadly, the RAF figure with the speed gun was stolen, and there is now a social media campaign to find and return him.

This is not the first time that the Knit and Natter Group's work has featured in the BBC Coventry and Warwickshire news. To mark VE Day last year, there was a knitted street party, with all the food and people having been knitted by members of the group, that also featured on the news page.

Their next project is Remembrance, with the wonderful fall of poppies from the tower, and knitted wartime figures.

BEDWORTH METHODIST CHURCH
(opposite 'Iceland' shop - CV12 8JZ)

CRAFT FAIR AND CHURCH FAIR

Saturday 21st NOVEMBER at 10.00 am

sewing -knitting - cards -jewellery-raffle -games -toiletries
books -ornaments -toys- craft - christmas goods - C.D's /D.V.D's

GIFTS GALORE AND LOTS MORE

HO!HO! HO! SANTA WILL BE VISITING BETWEEN 10.45 A.M. AND 12.15.

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE including turkey and stuffing batches

All proceeds will go towards Church funds

'Church outside church'
You are invited to join us at our

CAROL SINGING FOR THE SHOPPERS



Ryton, Collycroft and Bedworth Churches are planning to do their usual carol singing for the Tesco shoppers in December.The two dates have not been fixed yet but they will be on the next newsletter. This is enjoyed by the staff, the shoppers and by ourselves. We collect for the 'Air Ambulance'. More singers always needed. If you would like to join us that would be lovely. If you need any more information contact Kath on O7843250467





RYTON (Bulkington)METHODIST CHURCH
RUGBY ROAD,BULKINGTON CV12 9JG

20th Anniversary CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Friday 27th to Sunday 29th November 2026



Friday 27th 2pm -6pm
Carols by Treelight at 4pm
CAKES, COFFEE and TEA

Saturday 10am till 5pm
HOT MEALS till 3pm





Sunday
Worship 10am till 11am
Viewing 11.30am till 3pm
HOT MEALS till 3pm

FREE ADMISSION ALL WELCOME

THEME HOLIDAYS

SUPPORTED BY: Warwickshire County Council

St Mary & All Saints Church, Fillongley

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2026

Friday 27th November – Sunday 29th November
Saturday 5th December – Sunday 6th December

FRIDAY 27th November

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 28th November

11am – 4pm Christmas Tree Festival viewing
turkey batches & punch, tea & coffee, cakes & biscuits available

7:15pm. Christmas Tree Festival Banquet.**

**Entry strictly by ticket only, purchased in advance of the evening from Rev. Steve Medley 01676 248479

SUNDAY 29th November

12 noon – 4pm Christmas Tree Festival viewing
tea & coffee, cakes & biscuits available

SATURDAY 5th December

11am – 4pm Christmas Tree Festival viewing
turkey batches & punch, tea & coffee, cakes & biscuits available

SUNDAY 6th December

12 noon – 4pm Christmas Tree Festival viewing
tea & coffee, cakes & biscuits available

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Advent Arrangements 2026

Sunday 29th November

Balsall Common	10.30am Gift Service – Revd Pauline Warner
Ryton	10am Christmas Tree Festival Service – Deacon Sue Fry

Sunday 6th December

Bedworth	10.30am Nativity Play – John Prickett
Central Hall	No morning service
	3pm Carols – Revd Becki Stennett
Collycroft	5.45pm – Carols– Revd Jill Marsh

Sunday 13th December

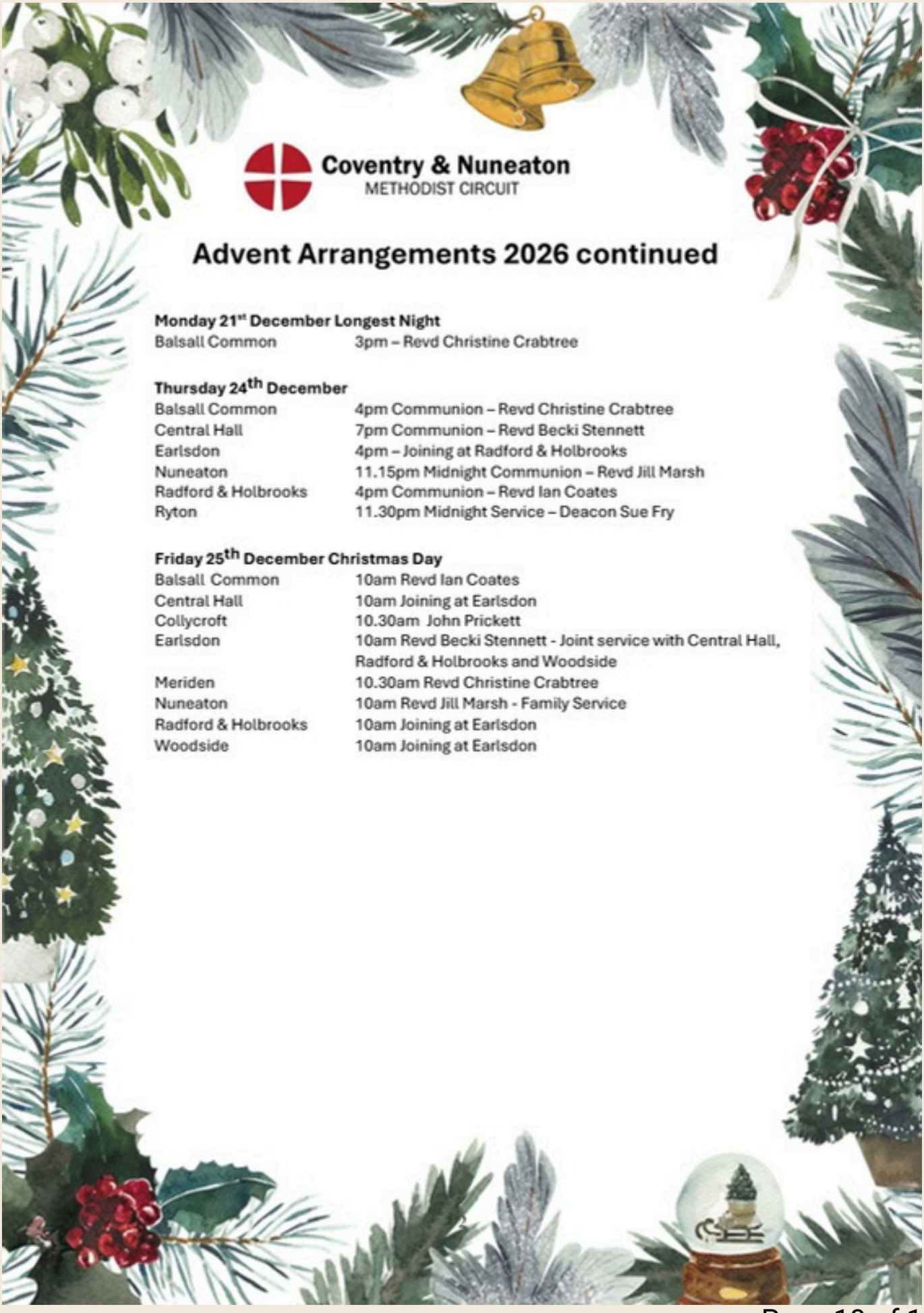
Atherstone	10.45am Lessons and Carols – Revd Allan Smith
Bedworth	No morning service
	5pm Candlelight Carols– Rev Jill Marsh
Collycroft	10.30am AAW Nativity–Local arrangement
	No evening service
Earlsdon	10.30am Christmas Tree Festival – Penny McAinsh
Nuneaton	10am AAW Nativity – Clive Marsh

Saturday 19th December

Meriden	5pm Carols on the Green

Sunday 20th December

Arley	No morning service
	6pm Carols – Revd Christine Crabtree
Atherstone	10.45am Carols by Candle light – Pam Deacon
Bedworth	10.30am Informal Café Style service, Local arrangement
Earlsdon	10.30am Local Arrangement
	4.30pm Carols – Revd Becki Stennett
Horeston Grange	No morning service
	6pm Lessons and Carols – Revd Allan Smith
Meriden	10.30am Judith Mudzamiri
	4pm Carols -Revd Neil Bishop
Nuneaton	No morning service
	5pm Carols – Margaret Marshall (refreshments from 4pm)
Radford & Holbrooks	10.45am Carols – Revd Becki Stennett
Ridge Lane	No morning service
	4pm Carols – Revd Keith Salter
Woodside	No morning service
	3pm Carols – Revd Becki Stennett



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Advent Arrangements 2026 continued

Monday 21st December Longest Night

Balsall Common	3pm – Revd Christine Crabtree

Thursday 24th December

Balsall Common	4pm Communion – Revd Christine Crabtree
Central Hall	7pm Communion – Revd Becki Stennett
Earlsdon	4pm – Joining at Radford & Holbrooks
Nuneaton	11.15pm Midnight Communion – Revd Jill Marsh
Radford & Holbrooks	4pm Communion – Revd Ian Coates
Ryton	11.30pm Midnight Service – Deacon Sue Fry

Friday 25th December Christmas Day

Balsall Common	10am Revd Ian Coates
Central Hall	10am Joining at Earlsdon
Collycroft	10.30am John Prickett
Earlsdon	10am Revd Becki Stennett - Joint service with Central Hall, Radford & Holbrooks and Woodside
Meriden	10.30am Revd Christine Crabtree
Nuneaton	10am Revd Jill Marsh - Family Service
Radford & Holbrooks	10am Joining at Earlsdon
Woodside	10am Joining at Earlsdon