

### News from the September 2025 Circuit Meeting

The meeting was at Bedworth and was hybrid. 26 members were present, including 6 who joined on Zoom. Twelve churches were represented.

The Circuit Leadership Team meet on Zoom each Tuesday at 9.15am to pray for the circuit using the circuit map and the prayer for growth on the prayer card now being used in every church. Members of the Circuit Meeting have been invited to join on the first Tuesday of the month.

There will be a meeting to discuss Multi-site Church Councils on Tuesday November 4th at 7.30pm on Zoom.

All churches were thanked for sending in their Mission Plans. The review of the Circuit Mission Plan will be the focus of the Circuit Meeting on November 19th.

Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams will be moving on from the circuit in August 2026. The meeting adopted the proposal that we do not go into stationing for 2026, partly based on the belief that we cannot be confident of the funding for the next five years, but mostly because we believe that we are being called by God to review our patterns of ministry for the mission of the circuit, together with the circuit's churches.

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#### All Are Welcome

In the light of recent growing 'anti' migration or 'anti' refugee statements across the country, the Methodist Church has created this lovely video to make clear that 'ALL are welcome' in Methodist Churches.

Balsall Common's photo was chosen to advertise the video nationally and Nuneaton features in the video... see if you can spot them on this still from the video! Please share on social media and begin conversations locally so that, whatever people's views, they can be aired peacefully and with kindness.

#### All Are Welcome - YouTube





## News from around the Circuit

### Collycroft Methodist Church

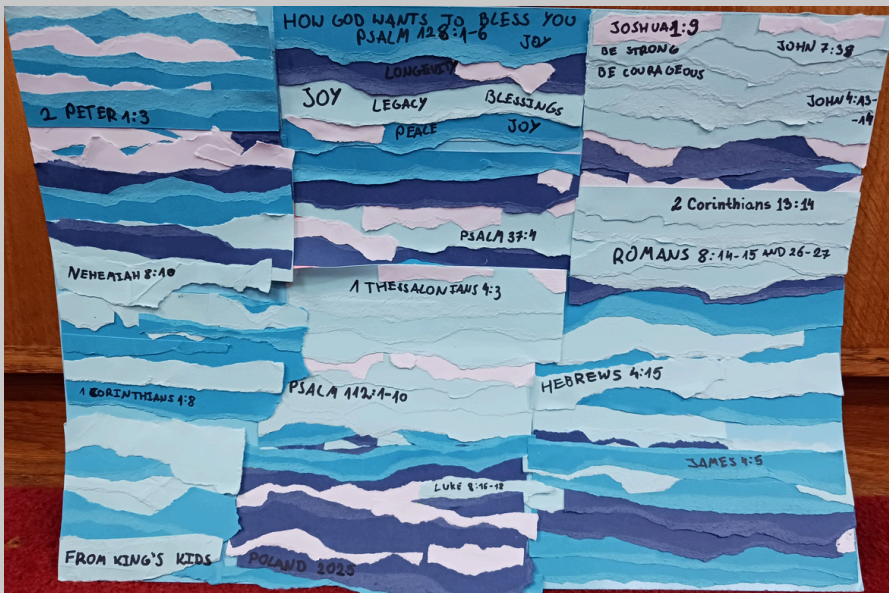
Our Collycroft newsletter writer and eco-rep Grayce, has gone to Canada for a year at Uni, where she has won a scholarship to study for a year in Hamilton, Ontario. We celebrated Canada together to send her our love!



### Nuneaton Methodist Church

Nuneaton enjoyed an International Harvest this year and an International Meal to follow with new friends from the church and the community.

We hope you enjoyed your Harvest celebrations too! Thanks be to God for all our food and drink and for all friends, new and old!



### Bedworth Methodist Church

Recently Bedworth MC had a surprise visit from a group of young Polish Christians who were in the town sharing their faith with people. They came in for coffee and we shared with them about the church's life. They came back the next day with this picture of 'blessings' they felt led to share with the church. What a lovely blessing this was!

## Hope in the Making - Greenbelt 2025 by Penny McCulloch, photos courtesy of Karen Brooks

Have you ever been to Greenbelt? If your answer is yes, you've probably been more than once unless 2025 was your first time. Greenbelt is a Christian Arts Festival that takes place during the August bank holiday. It is held at Boughton Hall Estate, near Kettering about ninety minutes drive from here, or take the train to Kettering and the free Greenbelt shuttle bus. Greenbelt aims to be eco-friendly.

This year's theme was 'Hope in the Making'. There is a friendly atmosphere which buzzes with fresh ideas but with some realism. The pop-up market stalls include Christian organisations such as Christian Aid; those that campaign for justice such as Church Action on Poverty or offer practical help to people in need such as Homes for Refugees. Some of these also have a venue where they hold talks and workshops.

The Sunday morning service is a huge gathering. Throughout the rest of the weekend festival goers have plenty of services to choose from: various styles of communion, cafe style church, Taizé services or singing hymns with beer in The Jesus Arms. The main Methodist venue, Hope and Anchor, serves non-alcoholic drinks and hosts discussions with a particular appeal for younger people.

Talks cover a whole range of topics from discussions about the future church A.I. justice, peace, women in the Bible ... There are well known and lesser known speakers from those in their early twenties to octogenarians. The music is popular in a range of styles. For light relief there is comedy and performance. This year there was a watercolour painting workshop by the lake. One year I screen printed a tote bag.

Many of the names on the programme I did not know but there were some voices I recognised from Radio 4. One of these was Martin Wroe who presents Thought for the Day. He entertained us for a full hour with his poems. Also in the Wild Goose tent, John Cooper managed to lift our spirits in this wartorn world: 'Making Time For Peace'.

A highlight for me was Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin's talk. She fascinated her audience with her alarming life story. She peppered it with her musings on the Anglican church; and some thoughts about what we should be doing as Christians. She said Jesus doesn't ask how many meetings you've attended but rather, 'When I was hungry, did you feed me?' This was reiterated by John Cooper with a slip of the tongue, 'When I was naked, did you feed me?' which illustrates the fact that disadvantaged people often suffer multiple forms of disadvantage.

Don't go to Greenbelt and not expect to be challenged or disturbed. A panel discussion on the justice system included real insights into lived experience of prison especially if you're black or brown. There were lighter moments when we were entertained by Lady Unchained's poems. It was inspiring to learn how prisoners given appropriate opportunities can turn their lives around.

Camping is included in the weekend ticket but you might prefer to stay off site and go in each day or just to buy a day ticket. For those people who can't afford to pay, there are some free places or you can volunteer. They need plenty of volunteers.



If you are interested in going to Greenbelt next year please contact Karen Brooks via her Circuit email: [worship@covnunmethodist.org.uk](mailto:worship@covnunmethodist.org.uk)



# Circuit Great Green Gathering

A small group met at Coombe Abbey for our Circuit Gathering outdoors in September. We were a diverse mix representing at least three churches and different ages. It was good to share food, walk and talk together. There was fun with ball games and one impressive tree hug around a giant redwood. We listened to and really noticed the joys of nature – including flying geese – and gave thanks to God.

Plans are developing to meet during each season of the year, to walk and worship outdoors. Watch this space for dates!



Our next 'Circuit Great Green Gathering' Online is on Saturday October 11th, 4pm-5pm. Everyone is welcome to this short meeting to share ideas going forward. Zoom link below

Coventry and Nuneaton Circuit is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/94394759226?](https://zoom.us/j/94394759226)

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Meeting ID: 943 9475 9226

Passcode: 111127



## Events happening around the Circuit

### Reflect

Methodist Spirituality and Retreats

REFLECT QUIET MORNING (via Zoom)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October or Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025



"You do not have to be good"

*Opening up to God through the poems of Mary Oliver*

9.30am - Welcome, Prayer & Introduction

10.00am - Session 1: 'It does not have to be the blue iris'  
*Finding God wherever we are*

11.00am - Session 2: 'The world offers itself to your imagination'  
*Seeing below the surface*

12 noon - Conclusion & Closing Prayer

To end by 12.15pm

*The event will be led by Christine Crabtree - presbyter & member of Reflect Executive Committee*

If you would like to attend please email Lynne Tonge [2tonges317@gmail.com](mailto:2tonges317@gmail.com)  
stating which date you would like to book

There is no charge for this event but donations (suggestion £10)  
may be made by bank transfer to support the work of REFLECT  
(Reflect Bank Details: Lloyds Bank; Sort Code 30 96 18, Account no. 02833113  
please quote 'Quiet Day' as a reference for your payment - Thank you!)

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### LANTERN FESTIVAL

**Earlsdon Methodist Church**  
**6.30pm-8pm**

Build your own lanterns and come and join us.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE DETAILS

Please contact Steve Fox if you would like more  
information on the lantern festival  
[stevrfox@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stevrfox@hotmail.co.uk)

### Book Launch -In spite of our differences - healing the hurts of war

Rev Clive Fowle one of our supernumerary ministers is  
launching his book, In spite of our differences - healing  
the hurts of war, on Saturday 4th October.

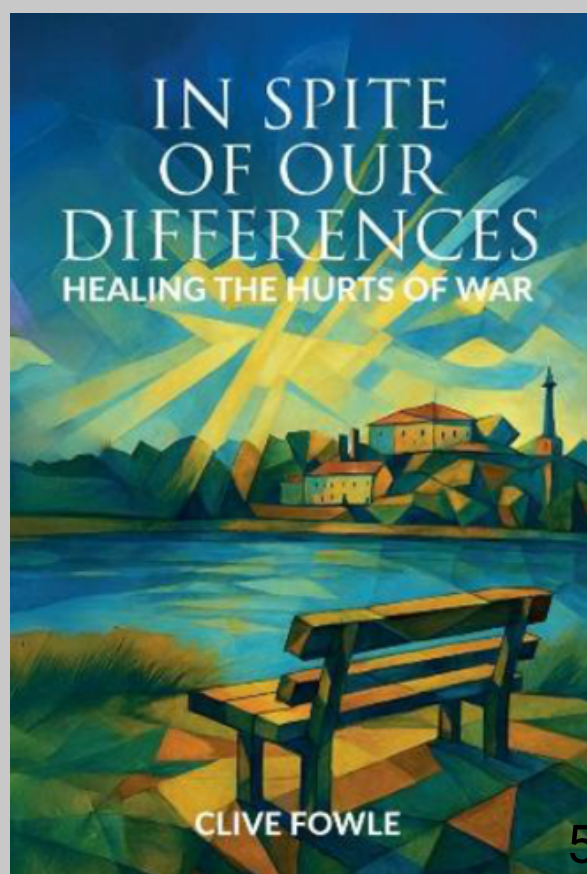
In spite of our differences is Clive's story of how he  
came to be a mediator and now helps  
others do the same. It is also the story of those who  
survived hostilities and are learning to  
live with their former enemies in Croatia, Serbia and  
Bosnia and Herzegovina. The book  
challenges you to put these ideas into action in your  
own life, in your local community or  
further afield.

Come and meet Clive and some of his fellow peace  
workers from Croatia and Serbia at the  
launch of his book

Date: Saturday 4th October

Time: 2.30pm

Venue: Rugby Methodist Church Centre, Rüsselsheim  
Way, Rugby, CV22 7TB



## Events happening around the circuit continued

### News from Paula our Parish Nurse based at Woodside Methodist Church

Please join us at woodside every 3rd Tuesday of the month – next one is on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1.30 until 3pm. Just drop in for coffee and cake or bring your knitting or craft project to do, or use our resources . There are also board games and puzzles and a quiet reflective space with mindful colouring, prayer materials and quiet music. The craft available this month is Crystal Art Cards (birds, flowers and Christmas).

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

Relax  
Enjoy  
Friendship  
Refreshments  
Empathy  
Support  
Hobbies

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.

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

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

Tel. 07869715659

Weather permitting and venue changes in the winter to coffee in the Burnt Post first and walk on to the park, weather permitting, so please do get in touch.

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

## CRAFT FAIR



### AND CHURCH FAIR

Saturday 22ND 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



HOIHOI HOI  
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



### Information received from Methodist Church House

## Trauma Informed Practice Webinar



Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October  
9.30am - 12.30pm  
Speaker: Rev Karen Jobson

#### What is trauma?

We will be looking at the different ways people can be exposed to and react to trauma and the practical ways we can best support those that have experienced trauma.



Book your free place today

<https://251011-trauma.eventbrite.co.uk>

Rev Karen Jobson is the Chaplain for Staff Wellbeing at North West Ambulance Service. She has previously served as a chaplain in mental health hospitals and at the University of Portsmouth and was a circuit minister. A qualified counsellor, she brings both professional expertise and personal insight to her work, with a particular interest in trauma and emotional wellbeing.

# Eco Ideas

## Autumn Recipes

We share a few meat-free recipes for you to try:  
The Season of Autumn provides us with nuts, good alternatives for meat.



### NUT RISsoles

1 medium-sized onion

knob of butter

250g mixed nuts, chopped

125g breadcrumbs, preferably wholemeal

300ml vegetable stock or water

2tsp yeast extract (eg.Marmite)

1tsp mixed herbs

Peel and chop the onion and soften over heat in the butter.

Mix nuts and breadcrumbs together.

Dissolve yeast extract in the hot stock.

Mix all the ingredients together

Divide into 12 portions and shape each one into a disc about 7cm diameter.

Fry until golden brown on both sides.

Serve with vegetables.

### COURGETTE AND PRAWN LINGUINE

300gm pasta 2 pinches cayenne pepper

oil to fry 1 lemon, zest and juice

2 courgettes sliced 2 big handfuls of parmesan cheese

garlic to taste 2 big handfuls of basil leaves

300g cooked prawns

Cook pasta.

Gently fry courgettes and garlic, stirring over a medium heat for 5 minutes.

Stir in prawns, pepper, lemon zest and juice.

Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Cook until hot

Drain pasta keeping some of the water, then mix with the prawns, courgettes, parmesan and most of the basil. Serve scattered with remaining basil.

### Eco-friendly flower arranging

Alison Lawn, who is a florist and a member of Earlsdon church, has been exploring alternative ideas to using oasis in floral arrangements. Floral foam (oasis) contains the same amount of plastic as several plastic shopping bags, is non-biodegradable, non-recyclable and toxic for both humans and animals.

If you would like to know more, Alison would be happy to speak with you – and offer a flower arranging demonstration if you wish!



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