

CIRCUIT NEWS

November 2025



Coventry & Nuneaton
METHODIST CIRCUIT

Musings of Jill Marsh ...

I wonder when we each last shared something of our own faith with somebody who is not currently Christian? For many of us it happens unexpectedly and in quiet ways. For some of us it has happened while we've been giving away dish-cloths or serving people in our church buildings. For some it is with family or friends and for some with random strangers at bus-stops and in doctor's surgeries!

Over Advent and Christmas let's pray and plan that we will have new opportunities to talk with people who come to our events and worship. Hopefully we will listen too because Jesus Christ came to share our lives and we want to understand our contexts and the issues that people are concerned about today.

I wonder, also, how we, as churches, are preparing to speak of our faith in Jesus Christ, this Christmas, through posters, actual words, worship, gifts or cards? There will be two opportunities to learn about, and practise, evangelism... one is online and can be found here by clicking this link: [Evangelism for Leaders](#) One will be held at Earlsdon MC sometime in the early part of 2026.

Please do consider joining in.

Meanwhile we can love God, love our neighbours as ourselves and share the Good News of God's love for us all, however God enables us. Let's speak with that voice of kindness, joy, hope and blessing that so many, including us, are longing to hear.

Save the date!

**Circuit Service - Leaving Service for
Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams
Saturday 11th April 2026 at 4pm
venue to be confirmed**



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YOU ARE WELCOME

We invite you to join with the
Circuit Leadership Team prayer
meeting on Zoom



1st Tuesday of the month



09.15am - 9.35am

Zoom Link:

Meeting ID: 955 7452 2018

Passcode: 867006

Woodside church would like to invite all abilities to our

Wellness walk Tuesday 2nd December.

Meet at the Burnt Post for Coffee 1.30 and those who want to walk, will continue from there, weather permitting . Do pop along, even if just for a cuppa and a chat (Kenpas Highway CV3 6AW)

Jill Marsh at Institute for Multicultural Ministry

Greetings to our circuit from Austria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Iran, Norway, Scotland, Switzerland, the USA and Ukraine!

I was so pleased to be asked to do a week's work with the United Methodist Church (in Stuttgart) working with Methodists from across Europe, all working with intercultural churches. What a privilege to hear how God is helping churches to minister with migrant peoples across Europe and how churches are growing in faith, love and numbers. This work came from my research but also, and mostly, from my previous experience and I wondered how I should be sharing in us learning about this together in our circuit and district. Please do be in touch if you'd like to know more.

Thank you to our Chair of District for encouraging me to go. And, above all, thanks be to God who made us all unique and showed us how to love one another as we are also loved.



"Nuneaton Methodist Church will be celebrating their 60th Church Anniversary in January 2026. If your church has any transportable display boards that could be borrowed please contact Mary Armstrong at mary18armstrong@gmail.com"



We are always pleased to hear of staff and colleagues from around the circuit. Congratulations and prayers to Ade and Courage who were recently married! Here is some news from Ade. Please keep this work in your prayers. We look forward to being part of this research.

My name is Ade Johnson, and I am the Development Manager at Coventry Methodist Central Hall. I have worked here for four years in different roles, including Events and Bookings Coordinator and City of Culture Project Manager, and I have been Development Manager for the last two years.

Our work has changed and grown, always aiming to make our community more sustainable. This experience has deepened my understanding of community development and inspired me to explore how faith, urban mission, and sustainability connect.

I am now starting a five-year, part-time Doctor of Practical Theology at the University of Roehampton in London. My research will look at the role of Methodist Central Halls as community hubs and how they help build strong, sustainable neighbourhoods. I will use ideas from theology, sociology, and urban studies to suggest new ways of doing urban mission. My goal is to support the Methodist strategy for mission and growth and to help create communities that are inclusive, resilient, and well connected.

Thank you very much for your prayers and support.

Eco-News across the circuit

Worship

Our commitment to caring for God's world includes our worship.

When a group of us met at Coombe Abbey in September we were inspired to look towards regular worship together outdoors....in whatever the weather! Please save these dates on our seasonal poster.

Autumn Recipes

We share another meat-free recipe for you to try:

COURGETTE MOUSSAKA

750 gm courgettes, or thereabouts, thinly sliced and halved

Oil to fry

1 large onion, peeled and diced

1 pepper, trimmed, seeded and diced

1 garlic clove, peeled and crushed or 1 tsp garlic paste

1 tin tomatoes

1 tbsp tomato puree

1 tbsp chopped fresh mint

100g of sliced gruyere or cheddar cheese, (or 4 squares of presliced cheddar)

2 tbsp plain flour

300ml natural yoghurt

2 egg yolks.....use the whites to make a pavlova, coconut pyramids or fruit fool

75 g cheddar cheese grated

Fry the courgettes in the oil until turning soft and brown, Set aside

Fry the onion, pepper and garlic in the same pan for about 4 minutes. Add more oil as necessary. Add tomatoes, mint, puree, and cook for 2 more minutes.

Layer half the courgettes in an oven proof dish, cover with half tomato mix, then with the sliced cheese. Top this with the tomato mix and finally the remainder of the courgettes.

At this point the dish can be stored, covered) in the fridge for up to 24 hours until ready to proceed.

Mix together the flour, yoghurt, egg yolks until smooth, add the grated cheese. Spoon over the courgettes.

Bake at 200 degrees C for about 40 minutes, until the top is brown.

Serve with vegetables or pasta.

COURGETTE LASAGNE

Make the lasagne your own way but use about three courgettes, sliced and diced, instead of the meat.



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!



Eco-friendly flower arranging

Thank you to Kath at Bedworth for her response to our call regarding alternative ideas :

“We frequently use Oasis foam for our church flower arrangements. Peter has sourced a product called 'Oasis Bio' floral foam which is the first available of its kind and has enhanced biodegradability and is sustainable. It is 51.5% biodegradable within 365 days and up to 91% biodegradable within 1,100 days in a biological active landfill. The downside is, as you would expect, it is 25% more expensive, but it is all about making the right choices as we know!”

Do send in your ideas, news and photos
Lois Talbot (loismtalbot@gmail.com)

Circuit Eco-Rep

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Earlsdon Methodist Church

BEING A PILGRIM



A 'Pulse' Meditative Worship

6.30pm Sunday 16th November

Based on 'Exploring Anglo-Saxon Spirituality' by
Faith in the North

BEDWORTH METHODIST CHURCH 1845- 2025 - 180TH ANNIVERSARY

‘Lord for the years we bring our thanks today’

We give thanks to God for the years of service amongst our community of Bedworth with our 180th Anniversary Service on Sunday 30th November which will be led by our dear friend Deacon Sheila Dawson followed by a celebratory meal for church members.

There will be a small selection of photographs and items on display from Friday 28th November.



Arley Methodist Church Presents

Family Quiz Night

Saturday 15th of November

7.00 PM



£10 per ticket, including

Fish and Chips supper!

Teams of 6 maximum

Tickets – Joyce 02476392376

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



HOIHO! 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



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

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Friday 28th to Sunday 30th November 2025

Friday 28th 2pm -6pm
Carols by Treelight at 4pm



Saturday 10am till 5pm



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



REFRESHMENTS ALL DAY
HOT MEALS 12 pm till 3pm



FREE ADMISSION ALL WELCOME



JOIN US FOR A
**FESTIVE WREATH
MAKING WORKSHOP**

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2025
AT COLLYCROFT METHODIST CHURCH,
BEDWORTH, CV12 8BW
7PM-9PM

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
£48PP - REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

CREATE YOUR OWN WREATH
FOR YOUR OWN FRONT DOOR

TO BOOK, PLEASE EMAIL:
collycroftmethodistchurch@outlook.com



Fudge 

Jam, marmalade and chutney 

Craft stalls

Chocolate Tombola 

Gift stall 

Tea and mince pies 

Cakes 

Wood turning gifts

**Father
Christmas
will be
popping in!**



Lucky dip





ARLEY METHODIST CHAPEL

CHRISTMAS SINGALONG



Come and sing along to your
favourite Carols and
Christmas Songs



Saturday 13th December 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Tea and mince pies will be served.

Donations Welcome for the Kenya Project



You are invited to join us for
CAROL SINGING AT TESCO

Local Methodist Churches



Once again we will be joining together to sing Carols at Tesco, Bedworth as part of our church mission to take the Christmas message out to the shoppers.

We will be singing on two dates,

Monday 15th December

11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

and

Thursday 18th December

1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Collecting for the
local Air Ambulance Service.



We need as many singers as we can get - please join us if you can -and bring a friend!

Don't forget to wear something 'Christmassy'!



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Advent Arrangements 2025

Sunday 30th November

Ryton 10am Christmas Tree Festival Service – Deacon Sue Fry

Sunday 7th December

Bedworth 10.30am Nativity Play – John Prickett

Sunday 14th December

Atherstone 10.45am Carol Service – Tony Cashmore

Bedworth No morning service

5pm Candlelight Carol Service – Rev Jill Marsh

Central Hall 10.30am – Rev Becki Stennett

3pm Carol Service

Collycroft 10.30am AAW Nativity – Local Arrangement

No evening service

Earlsdon 10.30am Christmas Tree Festival – Penny McAinsh

Nuneaton 10am AAW Nativity – Rev Jill Marsh

Monday 15th December

Balsall Common 6pm Local Scout Troupe Service – Rev Christine Crabtree

Sunday 21st December

Arley No morning service

6pm Carols by Candlelight – Rev Christine Crabtree

Atherstone 10.45am Carols by Candlelight – Pam Deacon Balsall

Common 10.30am Christine Welham

3.00pm Longest Night Service – Rev Christine Crabtree

Bedworth 10.30am Carols around the tree – Mel Wheeler

Earlsdon 10.30am Karen Brooks

4pm Community Carol Service – Local Arrangement

Horeston Grange 6pm Lessons and Carols – Rev Allan Smith

Nuneaton No morning service

5pm Carol Service – Local Arrangement

Meriden No morning service

4pm Carol Service – Rev Neil Bishop

Radford & Holbrooks 10.45am Rev Graham Gee

6pm Carol Service – Rev Ian Coates

Ridge Lane No morning service

4pm Carol Service – Rev Keith Salter

Woodside No morning service

3.30pm Community Carol Service – Local Arrangement



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Advent Arrangements 2025 continued

Wednesday 24th December

Balsall Common 4pm Family Carol Service – Rev Christine Crabtree
Central Hall 6pm – Rev Becki Stennett
Nuneaton 11.15pm – Rev Jill Marsh
Radford, Earlsdon & Woodside - 4.30pm Joint Service (communion) taking place at
Radford – Rev Ian Coates
Ryton 11.30pm – Deacon Sue Fry

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

Balsall Common 10am – Rev Christine Crabtree
Central Hall 10.30am – Rev Becki Stennett
Collycroft 10.30am – John Prickett
Earlsdon 10.30am Ethel Martin and Heather Mills
Meriden 10.30am Rev Ian Coates
Nuneaton 10am – Rev Jill Marsh