



Coventry & Nuneaton

METHODIST CIRCUIT

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If you have anything you would like to be included, please send to the Circuit Office.

Circuit Easter Offering Service, 6.30pm on Sunday 2nd July 2023

Just to remind you all that the Circuit Easter Offering service with Rev'd Pauline Warner is taking place on Sunday 2nd July 2023 at Balsall Common Methodist Church from 6.30pm.

The Theme for this years' service is '*No Borders to God's Love*'. **No borders to God's love** offers churches, circuits and districts a celebration of God's love and mission worldwide. It includes the dedication of the Easter Offering, all of which goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain, supporting and working with over 100 Partner Churches and organisations around the world. <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/lent-and-easter/easter-offering/>

I hope you will be able to join us in an act of worship, sharing stories, prayers, and monetary donations.

Prayer and Discernment Meeting – Thursday 13th July 2023 at 7.30pm

There will be a Circuit Prayer and Discernment meeting on Thursday 13th July 2023 at Meriden Methodist Church at 7.30pm. This is a time for the whole circuit to come together to prayer for those who have served throughout the year and for the new connexional year. Please put this date in your diary.

Coventry Central Hall

Coventry Central Hall will be having a Hymns of Praise service with their City of Culture orchestra on Sunday 16th July at 3pm to which everyone is welcome.

Leaving Service for Rev'd Marcus Torchon – Sunday 23rd July at 6.30pm

There will be a Leaving Service on Sunday 23rd July at Nuneaton Methodist Church from 6.30pm for Rev'd Marcus Torchon.

This will be a time to express our collective and individual appreciation of Marcus' ministry to the Circuit over the last few years.

Foundation Safeguarding Training

We have arranged two dates for Safeguarding Foundation Training for anyone who hasn't done this training (Foundation or Foundation Refresher) **at all, or since 2019**. The first date for the training is 1st July 2023 and the second date is on Saturday 2nd September 2023. Both training dates will be held at Central Hall, Coventry at 10am. We are aiming to limit numbers to about 20. Please can you contact your Church Safeguarding Officer if you would like to book on to this training.

Advanced Safeguarding Training

There is an Advanced Safeguarding Training run by Kay Redfern our Assistant District Safeguarding Officer, taking place in our Circuit.

Please contact Kay directly to book onto this date, kayredfern@birminghammethodist.org.uk

1st July 2023 – Kidderminster – face to face – 9.45 Registration

9th Sept 2023 – Coventry Central Hall – face to face – 9.45am registration

16th Sept 2023 – Dudley Wood – tbc

14th October 23 – Kenilworth – face to face – 9.45am registration

Information Received from Methodist Learning Network - Sunshine & Showers

This session introduces the Sunshine & Showers resources and how you can lead a series exploring paradoxes in prayer.

This 1-hour introductory session takes place on Thursday 20th July, 2023, 11.30am -12.30pm. It introduces the Sunshine & Showers: Prayer's Beautiful Messiness resources, how to obtain them and how you can use them in your local context. Sunshine & Showers has been created to enable us all to talk more about the joys and challenges of

prayer. With animations, video, creative prayer and conversation starters to get us all talking about the adventure of prayer.

This event is being led by the Learning Network in partnership with the Evangelism and Growth Team. Please see the attached document on how to book onto this event.

Information received from Birmingham District

'John's Tale' – a new piece of drama telling the story of Jesus through the people he met in about an hour based on St. John's Gospel. We are pleased to say that two performances have been arranged in Birmingham at St. Paul's Church in the Jewellery Quarter on the 26th and 28th of July, both starting at 7pm. Tickets are now on sale – including some allowing you to pay what you can on the night – through EventBrite. For those of you who are uncertain where to find the church it is about 3 minutes' walk from the Metro stop of the same name. If you want to get a flavour of the show there is a short video based on the opening at <https://youtu.be/09QG7o80dNU>.

Roger Price, the writer/producer, says "I know that the Birmingham Methodist District is far more than the city that bears its name. We are continuing with the show into the autumn and are still be looking for partnership venues for then. If you have a special event coming to your circuit or fellowship, or simply think it might be good to have a bit of drama in your church, then why not come along and see for yourself what the show is like? Why, if you book a 'pay what you can' ticket, you don't even have to pay up front for the experience!" For more details contact Roger via roger@rogoofsham.plus.com.