



# Coventry & Nuneaton

## METHODIST CIRCUIT

### **Hello Circuit Contact**

Here is the Circuit News for September 2024

Please send any news or events happening in your church to the Circuit Office

[office@covnunmethodist.org.uk](mailto:office@covnunmethodist.org.uk)

### **Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Christine Crabtree**

It was wonderful to see (and hear the singing of) 170 people at Central Hall, with our District Chair, Rev Novette Headley preaching and nearly all the churches represented in person. It was also good to know how many churches used the same service, and sermon, in their own spaces.

In particular we welcomed Rev Christine Crabtree as our new circuit minister, John Prickett as our new voluntary Local Lay Pastor (at Collycroft and Ryton Methodist Churches), Rev Ian Coates and Deacon Sue Fry as the new leaders of Coffee Shop Sunday, and George Oworae Danquah as our new Property Support and Development Officer (10 hours) and as the Community Development Worker at Nuneaton Methodist Church (20 hours).

Please continue to pray for these, and the continuing, staff during the coming Methodist year.

We also gave thanks, with CSS members, for Trevor and Annie Gay as they finish their work with Coffee Shop Sunday.

### **Message of thank you from Rev Jane Braund**

To the Circuit

I just wanted to write to say thank you for the lovely plant and generous gift you gave to me.

I have really enjoyed being part of this circuit over the last 8 years – a great introduction to being a Methodist Minister!

Thank you and God bless.

Jane

### **News from around the Circuit**

#### **Coffee Shop Sunday Update**

CSS members give thanks for all that Trevor and Annie have done for CSS and wish them a peaceful retirement.

From 1st September, we are streamlining our programme to make it more manageable for the new leadership team, and we invite you to join us on site or online, or both.

Sundays:

1st and 3rd Sundays - Onsite at Open Doors Cafe, Warwick Row, Coventry

2.30 - 4.00. Volunteers who like to chat to our guests are especially welcome.

2nd Sunday- Online worship 4pm-5pm with a variety of leaders and styles of worship.

4th Sunday - Meditation 4pm, led by Joy from Norfolk, a member of CSS with a heart for meeting God through guided silence and music.

Mondays:

1st and 3rd Mondays - 9pm zoom worship with a variety of leaders and topics.

2nd Monday - Open Mic Zoom 9pm, an opportunity for anyone in the group to share songs, poems, reflections, testimonies, discussions.

4th Monday 9pm Zoom - Night Prayer led by Kate from Lincolnshire.

Thursdays

9pm Facebook Live, usually led by Deacon Sue Fry, includes prayer, songs, Bible readings, thoughts.

If you would like to know more, please contact Deacon Sue Fry or Rev. Ian Coates.

### **Message from Paula Parish Nurse at Woodside**

We would like to welcome everyone to our knitting and games afternoon on the 3rd Tuesday of the month 1.30pm -3pm.

People can bring their own knitting or craft project or join with ours and the same with the games. We are currently working on a nativity set and knitted "paper" chains.

Please contact Paula if you have any questions.

Paula McClenaghan

Parish Nurse

Woodside Methodist Church

Tel 07869715659

### **Fillongley (St Marys and All Saints Church)** Please see attached poster with more information.

Come and explore the beautiful parish church in Fillongley, with its Medieval origins, during the Heritage Open Days weekend 14th and 15th September 2024. Families and pets welcome.

Saturday 14 September : 10.30 to 16.30

Sunday 15 September : 10.30 to 16.30 (church service 10.30-11.30am, open to all visitors)

### **Central Hall - Fusion**

On Saturday 28th September 2024, from 2.30pm – 4pm at Central Hall (located next to The Wave Waterpark) is launching an exciting new youth programme called Fusion for young people aged 11-17. Supervised by safeguarding trained and DBS checked leaders, Fusion Focuses on a wide variety of different topics putting young people's ideas first partnering with adult leaders, members of the community catering to young people's interests.

This will involve a wide variety of different activities based on young people's interests from bible studies to cooking sessions and more!

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with myself.

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Ben Rose

Engagement Coordinator and Fusion Team Leader, The Methodist Church at Coventry Central Hall

### **South Warwickshire Methodist Circuit**

We have a vacancy for an Assistant Operations Manager (Property)

Part time – 25 Hours per week (Mon to Fri)

Are you looking for new challenge?

We are advertising for this exciting and varied role which is based within the South Warwickshire Circuit at the office in Warwick, but covers 12 churches and property all across the circuit.

This is a role where you will

Meet people

Carry out marketing - of church properties for lettings and support local lettings secretaries

Be lettings officer for properties fully managed by the Circuit

Support churches with the management of their planned maintenance

Be able use your initiative and IT skills doing planning and project work relating to properties and lettings.

The successful candidate will ideally start on or around 1 October 2024.

For more information and to apply for the role please follow [this link](#) or contact Unitemps on [02476 528 118](tel:02476528118) or email [unitemps@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:unitemps@warwick.ac.uk) and quote reference 1084691.

## **Information received from District Office**

### **Restore training courses**

We are currently recruiting new volunteers. These volunteers would be matched to a refugee to offer support, English practice and friendship. This course is necessary for all volunteers, but if you attend the course, you do not need to volunteer if you decide it is not for you. We have many people joining the course just for more information, and we are more than happy for people to attend our course even if they do not intend to volunteer.

Participants can sign up using the QR code in the flyer, or alternatively using the webpage located here- <https://www.restore-uk.org/news/restore-autumn-training-course-2024/>

Here is a quick video which includes a summary of our work which you may also find helpful to share- <https://youtu.be/7IQfrZuvl-Y>

If you would like more information or to arrange a speaker from Restore to explain more about our work, please contact me using my email [jasmine@restore-uk.org](mailto:jasmine@restore-uk.org)

### **Paul Field Concert**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. There will be a concert by singer/songwriter Paul Field at South Parade Methodist Church, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1QY

### **Reflect Spirituality and Retreats**

Open Day Conference, Coventry Central Hall, Warwick Lane, Coventry CV1 2HA. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 10 for 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Keynote Speaker: Rev Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference 2024-2025. All are welcome

There is no charge for the day, but donations to cover costs will be appreciated. Please bring your own packed lunch.

To book your free place please follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reflect-day-conference-tickets-922889827317>

### **Future Dates**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 4 - 5 pm**, online – Please see attached poster

**The next circuit Great Green Gathering...** Please make sure all your eco contacts know!

Topic: Great Green Gathering

Time: Sep 28, 2024 04:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94394759226?pwd=jdjWH1bkCxjoqN2K9xaAXtVlipxOWx.1>

Meeting ID: 943 9475 9226

Passcode: 111127

### **Advanced Safeguarding Training**

The following Advanced courses have been arranged in other Circuits which you may be able to attend. Applications to attend any of these should be made to Stephanie,

[<StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk>](mailto:StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk)

5<sup>th</sup> October - Vale of Stour