Cole Street Methodist Church
September 2026 Newsletter

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part of the Dudley & Netherton Methodist Church Circuit

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Welcome

Welcome to our monthly Church Newsletter.
Take a look in this edition to see what is happening in the life of Cole Street and in the wider Dudley & Netherton Circuit.
Remember to keep a check on our website and social media pages for the latest updates and news across the coming month. You are welcome to join us online via our social pages as well as at church in person.

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Cole Street Church

Please consider the environment. Could you recycle your newsletter or, even better, pass it onto someone else to read?

'A warm welcome awaits you at our Church.'

Regular Activities

Mondays	9:00am & 10:30am	Slimming World*
Tuesdays	1:30pm	Holiday Club (check calendar)
Wednesdays	7:30pm	AA Group*
Thursdays	10:30am	Zumba*
Fridays	6:00pm	Circuit Youth Group (check calendar)
Saturdays	10:00am	Working Party
Sundays	10:30am	Morning Worship & Sunday School
	6:00pm	Evening Circuit Service (check location)

*** = external group hiring our facilities**

Dates for your diary

Saturday 5th September | 1:00pm | Circuit Youth Group Coffee Afternoon
Wednesday 9th September | 1:00pm | Toddler Group Reopens
Thursday 10th September | 6:30pm | S. School Anniversary Rehearsal
Friday 11th September | 10:00am | Fayre Setup
Saturday 12th September | 10:30am | MINI FAYRE FUNDRAISER
Sunday 13th September | 10:00am | Church at the Boat Festival
Monday 14th September | 7:00pm | Circuit Meeting (Woodside)
Tuesday 15th September | 7:00pm | DETRA – General Meeting
Wednesday 16th September | 7:00pm | Bible Study Group (St. James')
Thursday 17th September – 20th September | Various | DLT – Calendar Girls
Wednesday 23rd September | 11:00am | Prayer Meeting (Central)
Thursday 24th September | 6:30pm | S. School Anniversary Rehearsal
Sunday 27th September | 4:00pm | Sunday School Anniversary – 'THE LION KING'

Please remember in your prayers…

June Smith, Alice Parker, Graham Brain, Marion Davies, Anne Farrell, Steven Bridgewater, Hilda Bick, Emma Bailey, Angie Hill, Jeff and Jenny Sawyer and Brian Handy.

Please continue to pray for all those known to us individually who are ill or in need at this time.

Birthdays, Celebrations & Congratulations

A very happy birthday from all the Cole Street family to the following people who are celebrating their special day during September (date in brackets):

Lottie-Rae M (1st), Theodore M (13th), Sofia (14th), Joseph A (18th), Kirsty R (23rd) & Gill W (23rd).

A very happy birthday to you all and may God Bless each of you.

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View our Sunday Order of Service(s) online via our website

You will notice a 'QR' code pinned to the welcome desk when you arrive on Sundays. If you scan this graphic with your smartphone's camera, you will be able to view the order of service(s) for that Sunday and be able to follow along during the service or view this in advance of the service.
Alternatively, you can visit: www.colestreetchurch.org.uk/order-of-service

Preaching Plan

06.09.26 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Creation Time
10:30am - Morning Worship with Communion led by Peter Roberts (inc. Sunday School)
6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at St. James' led by Dr. Andrew Bagnall

13.09.26 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Education Sunday
10:00am - Church at the Boating Festival hosted by Churches Together in Netherton
10:30am - Sunday School rehearsal for anniversary **(No Sunday morning service)**
6:00pm - Sunday@6 Service at Central led by Andrew Biggs



20.09.26 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - UN Peace Day
10:30am - Morning Worship led by Phil Bridgewater (in Guild Room)
10:30am - Sunday School rehearsal for anniversary
6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Woodside led by Brian Roberts

27.09.26 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Climate & Creation Sunday
10:30am - Sunday School rehearsal for anniversary **(No Sunday morning service)**
4:00pm - SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY - 'THE LION KING'
6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at St. James' led by Revd. Michael Pullan

Flower Rota – August 2026

September 6 | by Gary Moss & family in memory of Susan and Katrina
September 13 | No service at church
September 20 | by Nigel, Josie & Suzie in memory of Florence & Harry Townsend
September 27 | by Val & Ron Priest in memory of Jenny Newman

The new rota for the 2026-2027 year is now out and available online or on the church noticeboard. Please provide any requests for date changes to Wendy as soon as possible. Thanks to everyone who provides flowers for church.

Circuit Notices

The Circuit Youth Group are holding a fundraiser at Cole Street on Saturday 5th September between 1pm and 4pm in the form of a coffee afternoon. A raffle will also be taking place. They are seeking to raise funds for their forthcoming visit to 3Generate.

The next Circuit Meeting is on Monday 14th September at 7pm at Woodside.

The next Circuit Bible Discussion Group is due to take place on Wednesday 16th September at 7pm at St. James' based on Matthew Chapter 14. All are welcome to attend.

The next Prayer Meeting is taking place on Wednesday 23rd September at 11am at Central.

FoodBank

We continue to collect donations towards the work of the Black Country Food Bank. Please place your physical donation into the box which can be found on the stage front.

If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation online on their Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/blackcountryfoodbank Please continue to support the Food Bank if you are able. Our thanks again to Liz & Gary for transporting our donations to the office in Brierley Hill. Thank you to everyone who supports our collections.

We await the figures from the Foodbank for August 2026.

So far, this year, we have given 175.8kgs of food, 10.2 of non-food And given £75 creating 401 meals and 10 toiletry packs.

See the shopping list to the right for the latest shortages →
Take a look at our FUNdraising Board to see what we have donated over the year to date!



Remember to keep in touch with what is happening round the Circuit by visiting the website: www.dudleymethodist.org.uk

The Dudley & Netherton Methodist Circuit is about the Methodist people of God around Dudley and Netherton.

Information about the Circuit includes:

- Information about the churches in our circuit,
- Where to find the church in our circuit,
- A calendar showing what's going on throughout the circuit in events,
- News articles about upcoming and past events,
- The preaching plan,
- And much, much more.

Church Council

A reminder for all post-holders and representatives that there is a meeting of the Cole Street Church Council on Tuesday 6th October at 7pm. Please pass any apologies to Gill or items for the agenda.

Dudley Little Theatre – Calendar Girls

We are thrilled to be welcoming our friends from Dudley Little Theatre to Cole Street for their first show of the 2026/7 season which will be 'Calendar Girls'.

All are welcome to their shows and more information and how to buy tickets can be found on their website: www.dudleylittletheatre.org

We are excited to be able to offer Cole Street as a community space, as well as a place of worship, using the stage for performing arts - just how those who helped to fund and build our current building some near 70 years ago wished it to be used.

'Break-a-leg' to all involved!



Working Party & Property

We continue to meet to help clean & maintain our church on Saturdays at 10am. It is a great time of fellowship as well as 'getting jobs done' and always includes a warm drink (or juice!) and a chocolate or biscuit (or three!). Thanks to those who assemble on a Saturday who keep the property looking spic and span.

Any help at any of the working parties will be very much appreciated. For more info, speak to our Property Secretary: David Moss.

The next dedicated working party is on Saturday 26th September at 10am. Any help would be warmly appreciated.

Our thanks to Graham who has continued with decoration of the walls in various parts of the church including the Minister's Vestry and the passageway. Our thanks to David & Gary who have replaced all the emergency lighting batteries and completed the system's 3-hour test. Additionally, thanks to them for completing hedge cutting (along with help from Terry), replacement of fire-fighting equipment, installation of a new outdoor storage bench in the veg patch area, maintenance and cleaning of the guttering systems, updates to risk assessments as well as other odd-jobs around church. It's been quite a busy summer of work! And, of course, a huge thanks to those who help on Saturdays to keep church clean and tidy and ready for use. Of course, we are always seeking any additional help, even for half an hour every so often. Please speak to David for more info.

There is plenty planned for work into the Autumn including new carpets in the vestries and installation of a new emergency alarm system in the accessible toilet.

Sunday School Anniversary – 'The Lion King' Sunday 27th September, 4pm

Running back-to-back with our Church Anniversary the following weekend, we look forward to celebrating our Sunday School as they present 'The Lion King'.

They will be rehearsing hard over the coming weeks to put on a joyous celebration of a classic story let alone the infectious songs which you'll be singing for weeks afterwards!

You are all encouraged and welcome to support the children and young people on Sunday 27th September at 4pm. (Please note that there is no service at 10:30am on this Sunday as we hope you will all join us at 4pm!)



Fundraising Thanks

Our thanks to Wendy who has been able to raise an additional £75 towards our fundraising by sorting through lots of books and DVD, which we had accumulated, and selling these to online retailers. Every bit helps!



Our annual Mini Fayre Fundraiser is on Saturday 12th September starting at 10:30am.
~ FREE ENTRY ~
Bargains galore including: Tombola, Bric-a-Brac, Toys, Books, DVDs & CDs, Toiletries, Jewellery, Clothes, Christmas Stall and everything else!
Refreshments and cakes will also be on offer as well as our Pork Sandwiches (get in early to grab these) and cold sandwich options.
Monies raised will support church funds so we can continue our work in and around Darby End, with and for our local community.
Toilet & baby changing facilities available. Make a day of it and visit the Black Country Boating Festival over Bumble Hole! You can find us just down the road from there – come and say hello!

~~ TABLES AVAILABLE FOR HIRE (£8 FOR THE DAY) ~~
Email: colestreetchurch@outlook.com if you would like to book a table for this event.
First come, first served!

If you can help on the day on a stall or assist with catering, or on the day before to help get things set up, please let one of the Stewards know.
Please place any donations of good quality items which we can sell on the stage.

Our Mission Statement – Being Christ-like as best as we can!

The calling of the church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in church and in the following ways:
- through worship, increasing the awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love,
- through learning and caring to help people grow as Christians,
- through service by being a good neighbour to people and to challenge injustice,
- and through evangelism by making more followers of God.

We also seek to support the other churches within the Dudley & Netherton Circuit and seek to manage our financial and material resources in a responsible manner, ensuring the fabric of the building is appropriately maintained to afford a safe place in the heart of our community.

We seek to ensure a warm and sincere welcome to new individuals attending church and to provide an environment in which we achieve active Christian worship. Daily, we strive to demonstrate the love of God by forging closer and continued links with the local community and by working collaboratively with other denominations to proclaim the good news of God, our Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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