



# Cole Street Methodist Church

## February 2025 Newsletter

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part of the Dudley &amp; Netherton Methodist Church Circuit


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### February 2025

#### 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.



Scan the QR code with your mobile device to visit our website

#### Join us online


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[info@colestreetchurch.org.uk](mailto:info@colestreetchurch.org.uk)

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### 'A warm welcome awaits you at our Church.'

#### Regular Activities

Mondays	9:00am & 10:30am	Slimming World*
	5:30pm & 7:00pm	Slimming World*
Tuesdays	7:00pm	Body Combat*
Wednesdays	1:00pm	Toddler Group
Thursdays	10:30am	Zumba*
	7:00pm	Legs, Bums & Tums*
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

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	6:00pm	Circuit Youth Group
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	10:00am	Breakfast Morning
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	10:30am	All-age, Café-Style Service – Theme 'Love'
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	1:00pm	Holiday Club
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	6:00pm	Circuit Youth Group
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	10:00am	End of month Working Party
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	10:30am	Sunday Service led by Rev. Rachel Parkinson
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	6:30pm	Movie Night & Chip Supper
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	10:30am	All-age, Café-Style Service
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	7:00pm	Circuit Meeting (venue tbc)
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00am	End of month Working Party
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	10:30am	All-age, Café-Style Mothering Sunday Service

#### Please remember in your prayers...

*Lillian Pallett, Marion Cooper, June Smith, Alice Parker, Graham Brain, Marion Davies, Anne Farrell, Steven (Bridgewater), Peter & Hilda Bick, Mark Wood, Emma Bailey & Brian & Glenda Drew.*

Please 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 February (date in brackets):

*Evie T (25<sup>th</sup>) & Jayjay W (27<sup>th</sup>)*

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

## In this edition...

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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.

Alternatively, you can visit: [www.colestreetchurch.org.uk/order-of-service](http://www.colestreetchurch.org.uk/order-of-service)

## Preaching Plan

### February 2025

#### 02.02.25 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany (Candlemass)

10:30am - Morning Worship led by Kirsty Barrett including Sunday School

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Cole Street led by Brian Roberts

#### 09.02.25 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am - Covenant Sunday Worship led by Rev. David Alford including Sunday School

6:00pm - Sunday@6 at Central led by Andrew Biggs

#### 16.02.25 - 6th Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am - All-age Cafe-style Worship led by Dr Andrew Bagnall

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at St. James' led by Rev. David Alford including Holy Communion

#### 23.02.25 - 7th Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am - Morning Worship led by Phill Bridgewater including Sunday School

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Woodside led by Martin Rider



## Flower Rota – February 2025

February 2 | by Jill Parrish & Jean Ellis in memory of the birthday of Bert Parrish

February 9 | by Liz Ralph in memory of Anne & John Priest

February 16 | by Val Priest

February 23 | by Sylvia Holyoake in memory of Bill & May Totney

The flower rota for the forthcoming year (to August 2025) is available online via our website (click the 'resources' tab and then 'rotas & policies' tab). If you need to make any changes, please speak to Wendy.

## Circuit Dates

Future Circuit Dates:

- 06.02.25 – 4:00pm – Prayer Meeting at Central
- 08.02.25 – 10:00am – Circuit Stewards' Gathering (online via Zoom)
- 12.03.25 – 7:00pm – LPWL at St. James'
- 17.03.25 – 7:00pm – Circuit Meeting (venue tbc)

## 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](http://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.

Our most recent update shows we donated 108.5kgs of food and 7.1kgs of non-food meaning a total of 217 food parcels and 8 toiletry packs could be provided.

See the shopping list to the right for the latest shortages →

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**Remember to keep in touch with what is happening round the Circuit by visiting the website:  
[www.dudleymethodist.org.uk](http://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.



## Foil & Cling Film Fundraising

Orders for foil and cling film have now been completed for 2024 and have again contributed greatly to our fundraising. We continue to hold a small stock of both foil and cling film so if you need any, please speak to Jean Dunning who will be happy to assist.

## Methodist Prayer Handbooks – 2024/2025

We have two copies of the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2024/2025 available at a reduced price of £4.15 (reduced from £4.50 from the Methodist Church website). If you wish to purchase one, please speak to a member of the Stewarding Team.

## Holiday Club – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Our Holiday Club is running during half-term on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February between 1:00pm and 3:30pm. A reminder that a responsible adult must remain with their child(ren) and that a £2 payment on the door (please bring coins!) covers an afternoon of crafts, creative activities, a drink and small snack. Keep an eye on our social channels for themes and more info nearer the time!



## Working Party

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!).

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 will focus on high-level dusting and cleaning of internal door vision panels which will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 at 10:00am. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

## Property Update - Sewers

We have been informed by Severn Trent that work to replace the blocked sewer under the road of Cole Street is due to take place from the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025. This will include the full closure of the main road and therefore keep an eye on our social pages or website for any further updates in terms of access etc.. In the meantime, Severn Trent are mitigating the issue by visiting our site weekly to clear the sewage drains and for this we thank them. Unfortunately, until the work by Severn Trent is complete, the accessible toilet has been locked out of use due to sewage forcing its way back up the pipe. We will reopen this toilet as soon as we can. If you notice any issues while using the church site, please inform David, our Property Secretary, as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Property Update – Winter Work

Our thanks to Gary & David who have completed some more work around the site during January:

- A new fridge has been purchased and fitted into the kitchen as the old one had stopped working.
- Reclaimed plastic panelling has been repurposed adjacent to the cabin to create a lean-to allowing for dry, outdoor storage, the veg patch has been cleared and (with the help from Maria), will soon be sewn.
- Work to the car park including the reinstatement of a bollard and clearing of the gate pin floor holes.
- Vacuuming of the heaters.
- Repairs to the felt on the cabin roof.

## Breakfast Morning – 08.02.25 @ 10am

We are kicking-off our 2025 fundraising campaign with a Breakfast Morning on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February between 10:00am and 11:30am. Come along for some great food at affordable prices in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Enjoy conversation and fellowship as we enjoy good food together. Our thanks to Gill for organising the food – any monies in lieu would be greatly appreciated.

Please remember to bring cash on the day – there will be a bric-a-brac stall and greeting cards stall to peruse too! We hope to see you there.





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**BREAKFAST MORNING**

Come along for a friendly chat, bric-a-brac stall & a bostin' breakfast raising money towards church funds!

**Saturday 8th February**  
**10:00am – 11:30am**

\*please advise us of any dietary requirements when ordering.

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## Ways & Means Committee – Fundraising Group

Our thanks to everyone who supported our Ways & Means meeting to plan dates and initial arrangements for fundraising events in 2025 at Cole Street. Last year, we managed to raise a total of £4448.00 towards church funds as well as enjoying fellowship, laughter, each other's company and building community. Let us see if we can match all of that again this year! Below are the dates for your diary– keep checking posters, social channels, the website and newsletters for more info on each event.

### COLE STREET CHURCH 2025 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

[WWW.COLESTREETCHURCH.ORG.UK](http://WWW.COLESTREETCHURCH.ORG.UK)

<b>08</b> FEBRUARY	
BREAKFAST MORNING   10:00AM	
<b>07</b> MARCH	
MOVIE NIGHT & CHIP SUPPER   6:30PM	
<b>04</b> APRIL *TBC	
BETLE DRIVE   6:30PM	
<b>17</b> MAY	
CHARITY COFFEE MORNING   10:30AM	
<b>14</b> JUNE	
SUMMER FAYRE & TABLE TOP SALE   10:30AM	
<b>04</b> JULY	
QUIZ NIGHT!   7:00PM	
<b>13</b> SEPTEMBER	
MINI FAYRE   10:30AM	
<b>18</b> OCTOBER	
BREAKFAST MORNING   10:00AM	
<b>29</b> NOVEMBER	
CHRISTMAS FAYRE   12NOON	



### Snow & Ice risk – take care

With cold weather well into its stride, please be reminded to be cautious when moving around the site at Cole Street particularly if there is lying snow or icy conditions. Please be particularly cautious on the gradient on the rear car park and also on pathways around the building.

Remember to keep a check on our social channels and website where we will post any amendments to services, meetings or events held at Cole Street in periods of inclement weather.

## Our Mission Statement – Being like Jesus 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.

## Church Contacts

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### Minister including Pastoral Oversight of Cole Street

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### Church Stewards & Associate Church Stewards

Mr. G. Moss, Mrs. G. Waters, Mrs. W. Goodwin, Mrs. H. Kiteley, Mr. D. Moss, Mrs. S. Jewkes, Mrs. R. Faulkner

### Church Council Secretary

Mrs. G. Waters

### Church Treasurers

Mrs. E. Ralph, Mrs. S. Holyoake

### Property Steward & Secretary

Mr. D. Moss

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### Pastoral Secretary

Mrs. J. Dunning

### Cole Street Safeguarding Officer

Ms. C. Priest

### Notices Secretary

Mr. D. Moss

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### Communion Stewards

Mrs. H. Kiteley, Mrs. J. Sheppard

Please send any items for consideration for the March 2025 Newsletter by email to David Moss  
By Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025. email: [notices@colestreetchurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@colestreetchurch.org.uk)