



# Cole Street Methodist Church

## August 2023 Newsletter

Darby End, Netherton, Dudley, DY2 9PA  
part of the Dudley & Netherton Methodist Church Circuit



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Cole Street Church

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'A warm welcome awaits you at our Church.'

### 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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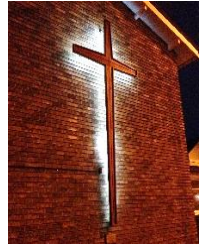
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Please consider the environment. Could you recycle your newsletter or pass them onto someone else to read?

### Regular Activities

Mondays	9:00 & 10:30am, 5:30 & 7:00pm	Slimming World
Tuesdays	1:00pm	Holiday Club
Wednesdays	1:00pm	Toddler Group (term time)
	7:00pm	DETRA (monthly)
Thursdays	10:30am	Zumba
Fridays	6:00pm	Youth Group (bi-weekly – check calendar)
Saturdays	10:00am	Working Party
Sundays	10:30am	Family Worship & Sunday School
	6:00pm	Circuit Service (check location)



### Dates for your diary

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July | 10:30am | End of month Working Party  
 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August | 1:00pm | Summer Holiday Club  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August | 1:00pm | Summer Holiday Club  
 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August | 10:30am | PRE-LOVED CLOTHES SALE  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August | 1:00pm | Summer Holiday Club  
 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August | 10:30am | All-age Café-style Service  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August | 1:00pm | Summer Holiday Club  
 Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August | 10:00am | End of month Working Party  
 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August | 1:00pm | Summer Holiday Club  
 Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September | 10:30am | MINI FAYRE FUNDRAISER  
 Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September | 4:00pm | Sunday School Anniversary 'JOSEPH'

### Please remember in your prayers...

Ellie-Piper, Lillian Pallett, Marion Cooper, June Smith, Alice Parker, Charlie Cowley, Mark Kelly, Graham Brain, Piper Richards.

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 of the Cole Street family to all of the following people who are celebrating their special day during July (date in brackets):

Jacob W (4<sup>th</sup>), Graham F (7<sup>th</sup>), Ray D (13<sup>th</sup>), Clair S (14<sup>th</sup>), Sandra C (24<sup>th</sup>), Joseph G (24<sup>th</sup>), Becky M (24<sup>th</sup>), Dieter H (25<sup>th</sup>) & Val P (30<sup>th</sup>).

A very happy birthday, and may God Bless you all.

## All-age Café-style Worship – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Our next all-age Worship service is on 20<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30am led by Deacon Janet Heys in a café-style setting.

It would be lovely to welcome you to this service, especially if you haven't been to church before, or not been for a while. Please spread the word about this service and feel free to invite others to this relaxed and inclusive church service.

## Health & Safety

A quick couple Health & Safety reminders:

- The large, blue chairs must not be stacked more than two high in any room.
- No sanitary products or nappies should be disposed of at Church – they must be taken home with you.
- Wet floor signs must be used as soon as a slippery surface is identified and after it has been cleaned. These can be found in the cleaning store area.

## Preaching Plan

### August 2023

#### 06.08.23 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Family Worship led by Mr. Peter Roberts & Sunday school

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Woodside led by Mr. Brian Roberts

#### 13.08.23 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Family Worship led by Mr. Brian Roberts & Sunday school

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship 'Songs of Praise' at Central led by Rev. David Alford

#### 20.08.23 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - All-age, Cafe-style Family Worship led by Deacon Janet Heys

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at St. James' led by Mr. Bill Jones

#### 27.08.23 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Family Worship including Holy Communion led by Mrs. Charlotte Harding & Sunday school

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Cole Street led by Mr. Andrew Biggs

## Flower Rota

August 6 | Hazel Kiteley & Trevor Smith in memory of Gwen & Arthur Smith

August 13 | Brenda & Sylvia Holyoake in memory of Ethel, Tom & Vernon

August 20 | Emma Bailey in memory of absent family & friends

August 27 | Sandra & Terry Jewkes in memory of Tom & Nellie Jewkes

## Ensuring the Word is Heard

Want to know more about how the audio visual equipment works at Cole Street? If you would like to know the basic operations of the system, where it is powered, what makes the sound come out, how is the Hymnal used etc., then speak to David Moss who will give you a quick run-down on how it all works.



## Working Party – Saturdays 10am

Many thanks to everyone who supports and attends our weekly Working Party on Saturday mornings at 10am. It is a blessing that we continue to enjoy productive fellowship together.

There is always plenty to do and help is very much appreciated, even if it's not physical work but a catch-up over a cuppa. If you would like to know more, speak to David Moss (Property Secretary) or come along on a Saturday morning at 10am to see what we get up to and join us for a cuppa and biscuit.

## 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 for transporting our donations to the office in Brierley Hill.

During June this year, we donated **40kgs** of food and **3.2kgs** of non-food to support families and individuals in crisis – **enough for 80 meals and 3 toiletry packs**. Thank you to everyone who supports our collections.

**Items in need are:** Tinned soups, breakfast cereal (multipack), 1ltr cartons long life milk, 1ltr cartons long life juice, pasta sauce/cooking sauces, tinned vegetables, packet mash potato, tinned fish, tinned fruit in juice, small bags of sugar.

**Non-food donations:** Carrier bags (strong ones!), roll on deodorant, shampoo, toilet roll & shower gel. Thank you for your continued support.

**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.



## Quiz Night Fundraiser sponsored by R&C Williams

Congratulations to 'The Tea Ladies' who won this year's Quiz. And a huge thank you to everyone who supported the quiz or donated towards it. Since the event, which on the day raised £370, donations in lieu have since pushed this to more like £420. We really appreciate your generous support in these challenging times. But more importantly, we valued an evening of being together, enjoying each other's company and having fun! It was heart-warming to hear so much laughter and happiness around the room.



## Summer Holiday Club

Our Summer Holiday Club will be running on Tuesdays through the school six weeks' holiday between 1pm and 3.30pm for primary school aged children.

Each week we will advertise a theme with creative and fun activities based around this to enjoy and complete with your adults.

All of this including refreshments and a time to socialise and play for just £1 per child/young person per session.

No need to book – just turn up. For more information, visit: [www.colestreetchurch.org.uk/holiday-club](http://www.colestreetchurch.org.uk/holiday-club)

**Cole Street Holiday Club**  
**'Colour'**  
[www.colestreetchurch.org.uk](http://www.colestreetchurch.org.uk)

Tuesday 1st August 2023  
1:00pm – 3:30pm

Please ensure attendees are accompanied by a responsible over-16

£1 per child / young person  
ages 3 to teens

This poster features a vibrant rainbow background. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram, along with a QR code.

**Cole Street Holiday Club**  
**'Animals'**  
[www.colestreetchurch.org.uk](http://www.colestreetchurch.org.uk)

Tuesday 8th August 2023  
1:00pm – 3:30pm

Please ensure attendees are accompanied by a responsible over-16

£1 per child / young person  
ages 3 to teens

This poster has a bright yellow background with green leaves in the corners. It features colorful illustrations of various animals including a bear, a tiger, a flamingo, a zebra, a lion, a giraffe, a deer, and a pig. Social media icons and a QR code are at the bottom.

**Cole Street Holiday Club**  
**'Monsters & Robots'**  
[www.colestreetchurch.org.uk](http://www.colestreetchurch.org.uk)

Tuesday 15th August 2023  
1:00pm – 3:30pm

Please ensure attendees are accompanied by a responsible over-16

£1 per child / young person  
ages 3 to teens

This poster has a white background with a pattern of various robots and monsters. Social media icons and a QR code are at the bottom.

**Cole Street Holiday Club**  
**'FUNDAY & BBQ'**  
[www.colestreetchurch.org.uk](http://www.colestreetchurch.org.uk)

Tuesday 22nd August 2023  
1:00pm – 3:30pm

Please ensure attendees are accompanied by a responsible over-16

£1 per child / young person  
ages 3 to teens

This poster has a bright orange background with colorful abstract shapes in blue, green, and yellow. Social media icons and a QR code are at the bottom.

**Cole Street Holiday Club**  
**'Local Heroes'**  
[www.colestreetchurch.org.uk](http://www.colestreetchurch.org.uk)

Tuesday 29th August 2023  
1:00pm – 3:30pm

Please ensure attendees are accompanied by a responsible over-16

£1 per child / young person  
ages 3 to teens

This poster has a blue background with a pattern of lightning bolts and a central cross symbol. Social media icons and a QR code are at the bottom.

## View our Sunday Order of Services online via our website

You will notice a new '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)

## Thanksgiving Service at Trinity – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023, 4pm

With the sad news of Trinity voting to cease to meet for worship at an extra-ordinary church council on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, there will be a thanksgiving service for the worship and life of Trinity fellowship over the years on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 4pm. The Reverend Rachel Moss will be our preacher at this service. We continue to hold all members and stakeholders at Trinity in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

## Circuit Newsletter

If you would be able to help or feel called in collating circuit information from across our churches and are confident in sending emails and/or familiar with the software 'Mailchimp', please speak to Rev. David Alford who is looking to get this newsletter back up and running.

## EDI Training (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion)

A heads up that EDI training will be being rolled out in the near future with some of those in positions of office required to take the training. More news will be shared as it is disseminated to the circuit. You will be notified if you will be required to undertake this training. A training session has been arranged for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September between 10:30am and 12noon at Central led by Charlotte Harding.

## Pre-loved Clothes Sale – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 10:30am

We are holding a 'Pre-loved clothes sale' on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August from 10:30am. We are therefore after any good quality (new, or nearly new) clean clothing, shoes, accessories, handbags, jewellery etc. which we can sell to raise much-needed funds for church. If you have anything you can donate, please drop it off at church on Saturdays between 10am and 12noon or on Sundays between 11:30am and 12:30pm. Thanks.

## Future Dates

Dates you may wish to make a note of:

03.09.23 | 4:00pm | Trinity Thanksgiving Service

09.09.23 | 10:30am | MINI FAYRE at Cole Street

17.09.23 | 4:00pm | Sunday School Anniversary ' JOSEPH'

25.09.23 | 7:00pm | Circuit Meeting at St. James'

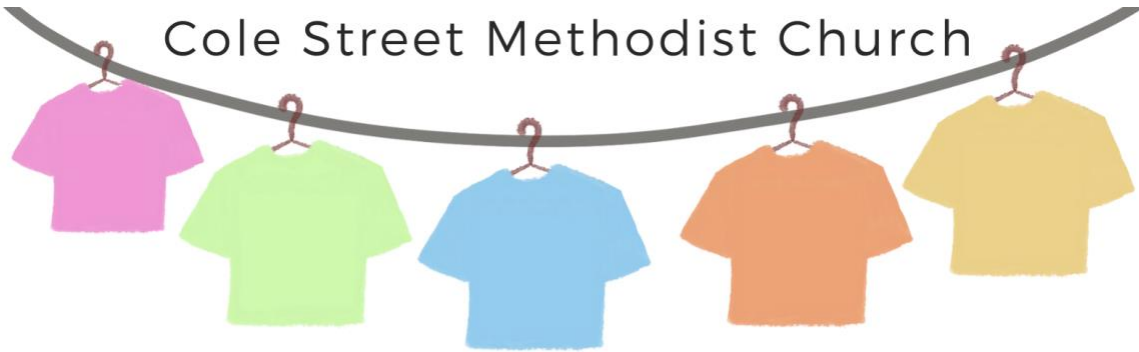
08.10.23 | 4:00pm | Churches Together in Dudley Service at Central

19.10.23 | 7:00pm | Cole Street Church Council Meeting

## Circuit Prayer

Brian Handy has proposed an idea that we take time on each Tuesday at 10am, wherever you may be, whatever you may be doing to pray for the circuit and for its members to ask God to help us in all elements of circuit life: mission, outreach, growth, strategy, our communities, families & to love one another.

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# PRE-LOVED CLOTHES SALE

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST  
10:30AM

BRAND NEW & NEARLY NEW  
ITEMS & ACCESSORIES GALORE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS INCLUDING  
TEA, COFFEE, JUICE & BISCUITS

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



## Our Mission Statement

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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### Church Stewards & \*Associate Church Stewards

Mr. G. Moss, Mrs. G. Waters, Mrs. W. Goodwin, Mrs. H. Kiteley, \*Mr. D. Moss

### Church Council Minutes Secretary

Mrs. G. Waters

### Church Treasurers

Mrs. E. Ralph, Mrs. S. Holyoake

### Property Steward & Secretary

Mr. D. Moss

email: [property@colestreetchurch.org.uk](mailto:property@colestreetchurch.org.uk)

### Pastoral Secretary

Mrs. J. Dunning

### Cole Street Safeguarding Officer

In process of fulfilment

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Mr. D. Moss

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### Communion Stewards

Mrs. H. Kiteley, Mrs. J. Sheppard

Please send any items for consideration for the September 2023 Newsletter by email to David Moss  
by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023. email: [notices@colestreetchurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@colestreetchurch.org.uk)