



Cole Street Methodist Church

July 2026 Newsletter

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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.



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Regular Activities

Mondays	9:00am & 10:30am	Slimming World*
Wednesdays	1:00pm	Toddler Group
	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

Sunday 19th July | 10:30am | All-age Café-Style Church
 Friday 24th July | 6:00pm | Circuit Youth Group
 Saturday 25th July | 10:00am | End of month Working Party
 Sunday 26th July | 10:30am | Confirmation Service
 Tuesday 28th July | 1:30pm | Holiday Club

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.

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 July (date in brackets):

Irene O (1st), Diane A (2nd), Jean D (10th), Molly R (10th), Layla R (16th), Isla-Rose M (28th) & Janet S (29th).

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

Happy 90th Birthday Molly

Many happy returns to Molly Roper on the occasion of her 90th birthday – with all our love and best wishes from everyone at Cole Street.

50 Golden Years

Congratulations to Jean and Steve Dunning on the occasion of their (Golden) Wedding Anniversary on 24th July. God bless you both and here is to many more blessed and happy years.



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





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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

05.07.26 - AFC Sunday

- 10:30am - Morning Worship led by Revd. Helen Croft (inc. Sunday School)
6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Cole Street led by Martin Rider

12.07.26 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

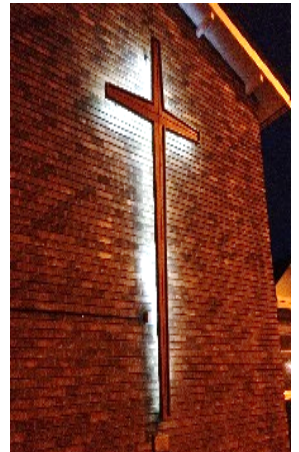
- 10:30am - Morning Worship led by Kevin Gripton (inc. Sunday School)
6:00pm - Sunday @ 6 service at Central led by Andrew Biggs

19.07.26 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 10:30am - All-age, Cafe Church led by Kirsty Barrett
6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Woodside led by Revd. David Alford

26.07.26 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 10:30am - Morning Worship with Confirmation & Communion led by Revd. David Alford (inc. Sunday School)
6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at St. James' led by Dr. Andrew Bagnall



Flower Rota – July 2026

- July 5 | available for dedication
July 12 | by Jean Dunning
July 19 | by Wendy & David Goodwin in memory of William Corns
July 26 | by Rita & Graham Faulkner

Please begin to consider your dates for flowers for 2026/2027 as the rota will be updated in August 2026. Please provide any requests for dates to Wendy as soon as possible. Thanks to everyone who provides flowers for church.

Fundraising Thanks

Thank you to all those who supported our Summer Fayre fundraiser in any way. We had a great time of friendship, fellowship and laughter. A total of £584.60 has been raised towards church funds.

Also a huge thanks to everyone who supported our annual Quiz Night sponsored by R&C Williams – this year holding its 10th Anniversary. Well done to 'The No Brainers' who are our 2026 champions who get to hold onto the coveted R&C Williams trophy. As well as a wonderful time of friendship, fellowship and laughter, it raised an on-the-day total of £360 towards church funds – a fantastic amount. A final thanks to our resident quizmaster, Gary, who tested our grey matter and provided some very interesting questions!



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.

In the month of May 2026, we donated 14.1kgs of food and 3.4kgs of non-food which created 28 meals and 3 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!

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK LOVE · CONNECT · INVEST	
☐	BAGS OF RICE
☐	LONG LIFE MILK
☐	1LTR CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
☐	TINNED TOMATOES
☐	TINNED SPAGHETTI
☐	TINNED RICE PUDDING
☐	JARS OF PASTA SAUCE/COOKING SAUCE
☐	BREAKFAST CEREAL
☐	PACKETS SAVOURY RICE
☐	TOILET ROLL
☐	SHOWER GEL
☐	BARS OF SOAP
☐	ROLL ON DEODORANT

**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.



Change of Email

Due to rising server costs, we have made the decision to cease using our info@colestreetchurch.org.uk account with immediate effect. Instead, the primary email contact will be: colestreetchurch@outlook.com
Please update your contact lists accordingly.

Sunday School Heating Project

Following discussions at our recent Annual Church Meeting, church has decided to prioritise the upgrade and provision of heating in our Sunday School room. Various options and costings are taking place to decide how is best to improve heating most efficiently in the room. Work in upgrading windows and insulating the room has already taken place. £1000, kindly left to us by Sylvia, has already been pledged towards the heating work and the decision was made to use our fundraising income for this year towards this project. So please spread the news of our fundraising to folks and encourage as many people as you can to attend our events to help generate the funds we need to keep our Sunday School room warm and cosy over the winter!

Circuit Bible Discussion Group

The next Circuit Bible Discussion Group is due to take place on Wednesday 15th July at 7pm at St. James'. All are welcome to attend.



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 25th July at 10am. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Our thanks to Graham who has continued with decoration of the walls and skirting board in the Sunday School room. Also, thanks to Gary and David who have disposed of waste following the carpet replacements and tidy following the Summer Fayre.

Work to replace the Kitchen floor and servicing of the fire-fighting equipment is due to take place towards the end of July so keep a look-out for exciting updates!



Holiday Club

Our Holiday Club will be running for 4 weeks' during the school summer holiday. The team are busy putting plans together. More details will be shared in future newsletters and online. It will be held in the usual Tuesdays between 1:30pm and 3:30pm. Themes are to be confirmed but dates are as follows:

Tuesday 28th July, Tuesday 4th August, Tuesday 11th August, Tuesday 18th August.

More details can be found at: <https://www.colestreetchurch.org.uk/holiday-club>

Confirmation Service of Olivia & Layla – Sunday 26th July, 10:30am

We thank God and share our excitement for the forthcoming Confirmation Service of Olivia & Layla at Cole Street taking place on Sunday 26th July at 10:30am. Led by Revd. David Alford, we are inviting you to join us for this special occasion and to share in the celebration with us. Congratulations to Olivia & Layla on this next chapter of your faith journey – we are glad to be part of it!

Methodist Prayer Handbook – 'Sorrow and Joy'

The Circuit are again seeking interest from those who wish to purchase a personal copy of the Methodist Prayer Handbook titled 'Sorrow and Joy' for the forthcoming connexional year. These would normally be priced at £4.99 however, purchased via the circuit, these are reduced to £4.50 per copy. If you would like to purchase one, either as an A5 booklet or in large print, please speak to a church steward. Orders would be required by no later than Sunday 19th July so the order can be placed.



Startime Variety – ‘Starovision’

We are excited to once again be partnering with Startime Variety for their summer show, ‘Starovision’ on Friday 10th July & Saturday 11th July 2026 at 7:30pm.

Startime Variety invites you to experience a spectacular, high-energy celebration inspired by the world’s most outrageous and beloved song contest. The show will be packed with legendary Eurovision anthems, guilty pleasures and jaw-dropping performances; two hours of pure escapism, laughter and sing-a-long joy. Featuring iconic classics to modern fan favourites, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Written and produced by Gemma Shaw and Ryan Wall, this vibrant summer show celebrates music, community and the joy of performing together.

You can book your tickets through the details below:

Tickets are:
£8.50 each (plus booking fee)

Head to: <https://www.seaty.co.uk/starovision> to get your tickets or call 07942 337 496





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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