



# Cole Street Methodist Church

## January 2024 Newsletter

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part of the Dudley & Netherton Methodist Church Circuit

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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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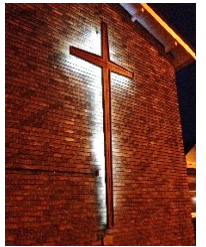


Please consider the environment. Could you recycle your newsletter or pass them onto someone else to read?



### Regular Activities

Mondays	9:00 & 10:30am, 5:30 & 7:00pm	Slimming World
Tuesdays	check online calendar	
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 6<sup>th</sup> January | 10:00am | Working Party – Whole Church Clean & Tidy  
 Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January | 11:00am | Ways & Means (Fundraising) Meeting  
 Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January | 10:30am | All-age Café-style Family Worship  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January | 7:00pm | Churches Together in Netherton Prayer Meeting  
 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January | 10:00am | End of month Working Party  
 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January | 10:30am | Songs of Praise Service  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February | 1:00pm | Holiday Club  
 Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February | 10:30am | All-age Café-style JMA Service  
 Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February | 10:00am | End of month Working Party



### Please remember in your prayers...

Ellie-Piper, Lillian Pallett, Marion Cooper, June Smith, Alice Parker, Mark Kelly, Graham Brain, Piper Richards, Marion Davies, Scott Waters, Anne Farrell & Margaret Willetts.

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 January (date in brackets):

Vicki T-S (17<sup>th</sup>) & Maggie D (23<sup>rd</sup>).

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

## Funeral of Elsie May Chater

Our continued prayers of warmth and support are with the family and friends of Elsie whose funeral was held here at Cole Street on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December conducted by Rev'd David Alford.

Thank you to those who helped steward the service and to those who helped prep the church.

## 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

### January 2024

#### 07.01.24 - Epiphany Sunday

10:30am - Family Worship including Holy Communion & Sunday School led by Mr. Peter Roberts

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

#### 14.01.24 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Family Worship including Sunday School led by Mr. Phill Bridgewater

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

#### 21.01.24 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Prayer for Christian Unity

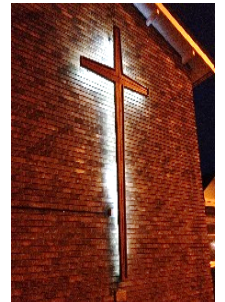
10:30am - All age, Cafe Style Family Worship led by Deacon Janet Heys

6:00pm - Salvation Army Prayer for Christian Unity

#### 28.01.24 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holocaust Memorial

10:30am - Family Worship Songs of Praise led by the Stewards

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship including Holy Communion at Central led by Rev. Rachel Parkinson



## Flower Rota – January 2024

January 7 | by Val Priest & Heather Trevis in memory of Jenny Newman

January 14 | by Brian & Glenda Drew in memory of Florence & Harry Townsend

January 21 | by Sandra & Terry Jewkes in memory of Lily & Jack Gwinnell

January 28 | by Jean Dunning

## Property Update

Please continue to be mindful of energy consumption around our premises as this is becoming more and more expensive year on year. If you see a light on that doesn't need to be, please turn it off – or if you can boil a kettle on demand instead of using a water heater, please do so. Every small saving of energy helps costs and the environment!

Thanks to Wendy & David Goodwin for donating some patio slabs which will be used around our site to improve access. Also thanks to Gary & David Moss for continued electrical work, most recently maintenance of the sockets in the Sunday School Room.

Please be careful as you make your way around the site during cold spells as untreated surfaces may be slippery. A grit bin is located by the rear door if you need to place any down before meetings etc.

## 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. Thank you to everyone who supports our collections.

The most recent statistics sent through are for November where we were able to donate 44.6kg of food and 2.2kgs of non-food which was enough to provide 89 meals and 2 toiletry packs.

**Items in need are:** 1ltr cartons of long-life milk & long-life fruit juice, multi-pack breakfast cereal, packet mash potato, pasta/cooking sauces, tinned soup, tinned fish, meat-free tinned ravioli, chilli, macaroni cheese, tinned fruit in juice.

**Non-food donations:** Shampoo, toilet rolls, roll on deodorant, shower gel & strong carrier bags. 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.



## 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!)

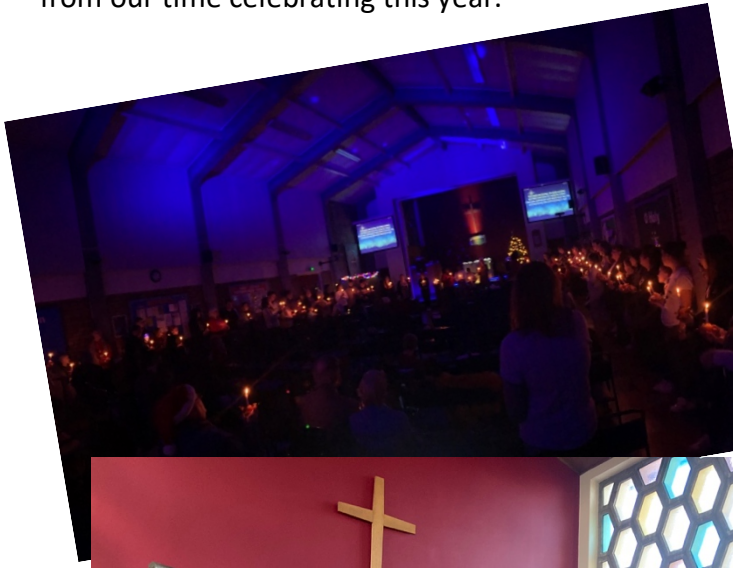
As we go into the New Year, we have a couple dates for organised Working Party activities:

- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Whole church clean and tidy (packing away of Christmas decorations)
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Focus on cleaning, painting of the passageway wall and hedge cutting (weather permitting!)

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

## Thanks for your help & support this Christmas

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas celebrations in any way. Here is a selection of photos from our time celebrating this year.



## A Generous Donation from R&C Williams

R&C Williams, a civil engineering company based in Birmingham (who also support our annual quiz night fundraiser), have given Cole Street a generous donation through their 'GIVE 1' initiative. Each week during the month, employees of the company give one pound towards a fund which is then distributed to community groups and charities as chosen by the employees. R&C Williams round this up to £500 each month and we were notified that for December 2023, we were the chosen benefactors. R&C Williams particularly noted the work we do with the community and the space and activities we provide for the community to meet.

We are extremely grateful to R&C Williams and for their continued support and thank them for their kind donation.

To find out more about the company, and about the GIVE1 initiative, visit their website: <https://randcwilliams.ltd.uk>



## Churches Together in Netherton

Churches Together in Netherton are holding a prayer meeting at Cole Street on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. All are welcome. For more information, please speak to Deacon Janet or Wendy.

## Circuit News

The Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) met following the 'Strategy Service' during November. A proposal of a 'Community Hub' was mentioned and if the CLT are to progress with this, additional people who are truly interested in this are asked to speak with their CLT rep. This is so a working group can be put together to evolve the idea.

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As part of the next Methodist Church Conference in Leeds between 27<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024, Reverend Rachel Moss & Reverend Tiras Dainty-Share will both be ordained on the middle Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> June). The venue is still to be confirmed but if you are interested in going and supporting them on this special day, please let your interest be known to one of the church stewards. This service is ticket only and if numbers permit, travel could be arranged for the circuit.

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There is NO evening service on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (New Year's Eve). Please spend time with family and friends welcoming the New Year.

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'Wholehearted' Conference | NPNP – New People New Places  
12 to 14 January at Yarnfield Park, near Stone, Staffordshire

Spend time seeking God, discerning vision and engaging into strategic planning and workshopping knotty problems. Places include accommodation and food booked with a deposit of £50 returned in full after attending the weekend. Please contact Julian Bond ([bondj@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:bondj@methodistchurch.org.uk)) if you are interested.

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Our warm wishes to Rev'd Helen Croft (based in the Vale of Stour Circuit) who will be exploring opportunities to serve in ministry in the United States. We have welcomed Helen at Cole Street a number of times recently at Cole Street and wish her well on her new calling from God.

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Amplify 2024 will be taking place between 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024!

Amplify is a weekend away for 8-18s and their leaders from the Birmingham and Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury Districts. The weekend is packed full of outdoor activities as well as our own programme of worship and activities. For more information and to book tickets, please visit: [www.birminghammethodist.org.uk/amplify](http://www.birminghammethodist.org.uk/amplify)

## 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.

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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

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### Pastoral Secretary

Mrs. J. Dunning

### Cole Street Safeguarding Officer

Chelsie Priest - In process of fulfilment

### Notices Secretary

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### Communion Stewards

Mrs. H. Kiteley, Mrs. J. Sheppard

Please send any items for consideration for the February 2024 Newsletter by email to David Moss by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024. email: [notices@colestreetchurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@colestreetchurch.org.uk)