



Cole Street Methodist Church

September 2024 Newsletter

Darby End, Netherton, Dudley, DY2 9PA

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*
	5:30pm & 7:00pm	Slimming World*
Tuesdays	7:00pm	Body Combat* (from mid-Sept)
Wednesdays	1:00pm	Toddler Group (check calendar)
	7:00pm	DETRA* (monthly)
	7:30pm	CHAOS*
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

- Sunday 8th September | 10:30am | Harvest Festival Service
- Friday 13th September | 10:00am onwards | Fayre Prep
- Saturday 14th September | 10:30am | MINI FAYRE FUNDRAISER
- Sunday 16th September | 10:00am | Church at the Boat Festival (CTiN)
- Saturday 28th September | 10:00am | End of month Working Party
- Sunday 6th October | 10:30am | Church Anniversary
- Tuesday 15th October | 7:00pm | Church Council Meeting
- Saturday 19th October | 10:00am | Breakfast Morning
- Sunday 20th October | 10:30am | Sunday School Anniversary Repetition
- Saturday 26th October | 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, Peter and Valarie Bratt, Steven (Bridgewater), Peter & Hilda Bick & Sylvia Holyoake.

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 September (date in brackets):

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

A very happy birthday, 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.

Alternatively, you can visit: www.colestreetchurch.org.uk/order-of-service

Preaching Plan

September 2024

01.09.24 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Morning Worship including Holy Communion & Sunday School led by Bill Jones

4:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Central (including dedication to Local Preachers) led by Rev. David Alford

08.09.24 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Morning Harvest Worship including Sunday School led by Martin Rider

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at St. James' led by Martin Rider

15.09.24 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am - Churches Together in Netherton at the Boat Festival - all welcome

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Cole Street including Holy Communion led by Rev. David Alford

22.09.24 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Morning Worship with Baptism including Sunday School led by Rev. David Alford

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

29.09.24 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at St. James' led by Rev. Michael Pullan & Rev. Tiras Dainty-Share

Flower Rota – September 2024

September 1 | by Gary Moss & family in memory of Susan & Katrina

September 8 | by Nigel, Josie & Suzie in memory of Florence & Harry Townsend

September 15 | by Janet Stockton

September 22 | by Jill Parrish in memory of Elsie Allen

September 29 | by Rachel & Abigail Dutton in memory of Janet & Malcolm Harvey

The flower rota for the forthcoming year (to August 2025) is now 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.



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.

BCFB have informed us that for the month of July, we donated 44.1kgs of food and 4.3kgs of non-food. That enabled **88 emergency food parcels and 4 toiletry parcels** to be provided. Thank you!

Items in need are: Tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned fish, breakfast cereal, long life milk, 1ltr cartons of long-life fruit juice, small jars of coffee, Tea bag 40s & tinned fruit in juice.

Non-food donations: Toilet roll, bars of soap, shower gel and roll-on deodorant.

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**

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.



Toddler Group – delayed reopening

Although the summer holidays are now over, we are unable to reopen Toddler Group just at the moment. Gill & Sylvia take a lead in staffing the group for which we are extremely grateful however, as you may be aware, Sylvia has recently been unwell and is recovering and is therefore not able at this stage to undertake her duty. Therefore, we are having to delay the reopening of the Toddler Group so as to ensure leader ratios can be satisfied. If you feel called to assist us to enable to reopen the Toddler Group, please speak to Gill. Everyone from Cole Street and our Toddler Group wish Sylvia a speedy and full recovery. Keep an eye on our website and social pages for news of a potential reopening date.

Circuit Dates

Future Circuit Dates:

- 04.09.24 – 11:00am – Woodside – Circuit Prayer Meeting
- 07.09.24 – 7:30pm – Knowle's Barn Dance
- 14.09.24 – Representative Synod via Zoom
- 16.09.24 – 7:00pm – Circuit Meeting at the Knowle. ***date change**
- 18.09.24 – 11:00am – LPWL Meeting - Central
- 17.11.24 – 6:00pm – Circuit Service at Woodside to dedicate shoebox appeal led by Andrew Biggs

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.

Property Update

As well as keeping church tidy week to week and keeping on-top of regular maintenance, lots of other jobs have been started or completed including: cutting and trimming of the lower car park boundary hedge, weedkilling, continued painting of the passageway corridor, varnishing of the woodwork in the Guild Room including the wooden furniture, repairs to the lecturn and investigation into the leaking guttering at the rear of the property. Thanks to everyone who helps support keeping the building and site at Cole Street in a safe and clean condition.

Summer Holiday Club – Thank you

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Holiday Club during the summer. It was lovely to have so many children, young people and families attend. Average attendance for each of the clubs was above 20 so a huge thanks to all of the volunteers who have enabled this to happen – they have worked really hard. There is a board in the church celebrating all of the things they've been getting up to featuring pictures, creations and much more – take a look!



Harvest Service | 08.09.24 | 10:30am
led by Martin Rider

**BLACK COUNTRY
FOODBANK**
LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

You are all welcome to join us at our Harvest Service on Sunday 8th September at 10:30am. We would be really grateful if you can bring a food donation for the work of the Black Country Foodbank as part of our Harvest appeal such as cereals packs, tinned foods, carton juices/milk or toiletries.

Please place any donations on the chancel steps prior to the service beginning.

Take a look at the Foodbank section on page 3 for the latest shortages for the Foodbank.





Our annual Mini Fayre Fundraiser is on Saturday 14th 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 (£7 FOR THE DAY) ~~

Email: bookings@colestreetchurch.org.uk 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 pop your name on the list on the Hymn Book Case or let Gill or Wendy know!

Please place any donations of good quality items which we can sell on the stage.

Forthcoming Events...







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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 19th October
10:00am – 11:30am

*please advise us of any dietary requirements when ordering.

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COLE STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY REPETITION

You are warmly invited to join us for our celebrations led by our children and young people.

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2024
10:30 AM

YOU ARE SPECIAL
 A heartwarming musical with a timeless message

Based on the best-selling book by Max Lucado

Songs by Mark, Helen and Naomi Johnson
 Script by Sue Langwade



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Foil & Cling Film

As part of our fundraising efforts, we are once again taking interest for foil and cling film orders for this year. Both the foil and cling film are of catering grade standard meaning they are top quality and last you a very long time! Purchasing these items means that a small amount of what you pay goes directly into church funds and helps support our fundraising.

Prices are yet to be confirmed as it will depend on demand – the more demand; the cheaper it becomes for each item. If you are looking to place an order this year, please speak to Jean D in the first instance. Our thanks to Jean & Steve who will be overseeing this again this year.

October Anniversary Giving

An advance notice to remind you that October is a month we dedicate to giving as we celebrate the anniversary of our current Church building (dating back to 1959) and celebrate our ongoing successes with our Sunday School and children and young people's programmes. Although we recognise that 'church' is not just the building and the facilities, we rejoice that we have such a place in which church can gather, in which our children and young people can meet, make friends and develop their faith journey as well as provide a safe place for our local community to use so frequently as they do. Without monetary support, we wouldn't be able to provide such a space and maintain this to the standard we do (as well as pay our energy bills and service rates!) Please do consider what extra you may be able to give in the month of October as we seek to continue God's work in Darby End.

External Hire

Our thanks to those who help support with hiring out our facilities for use by external groups and the community.

We are pleased to say that CHAOS (Cradley Heath Amateur Operatic Society) continue to use Cole Street for rehearsals for their forthcoming show at Stourbridge Town Hall and have booked in further dates (take a look at their banner on the fence for details).

Also, Cally, who hosts fitness classes at Cole Street on Thursdays (called Legs, Bums and Tums) is now going to begin a fitness class based around 'body-combat' on Tuesdays starting in September.

And of course, we continue to host Slimming World on Mondays as well as other odd hires for meeting for residents associations and alike. We even hired out the lower car park to assist with parking for a birthday celebration for a resident in Double Row recently! It is lovely to see our church used so much for more than just worship.

Of course, as well as providing an income stream for Cole Street, it does mean that our building and facilities require even more maintenance the more it is used. If you feel called to help with maintenance aspects, please do come along on Saturdays at 10am to our Working Party or speak to our property secretary, David Moss, for more info on how you can help.

An email of thanks...

Natasha and Jon Smith have sent an email of thanks following the baptism of Persia Annie. This email has been circulated and includes the following:

We really wanted to send an email of thanks to everyone at Cole Street and to everyone present on the Sunday. It was such a wonderful and personal service. It was amazing and so relaxed and put everyone at ease. Everything was perfect. After being such a long time having not been at church, all of the family, including Molly, felt really welcomed and at home. Thank you to everyone for working so hard and using your own time to make Persia's day one she will remember forever. Thank you for Persia's gifts: her cards, bible and teddy will be special to her for years to come. We are so grateful and would love for this to be shared with everyone, God Bless!

Love from Natasha, Jonathan and Persia Annie

It was a lovely service, and we extend our thanks to Rev. David for his stewardship and ministry leading baptismal services at Cole Street.

All are welcome and welcomed to Cole Street.

Circuit Notices

Woodside Community Foodbank are looking for someone to join their group of volunteers on Mondays from 10am to 1pm once or twice a month. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact Brian Handy at Woodside or pop in on a Monday for a look and a chat.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world by sending shoeboxes filled with toys, personal care items, school supplies and fun gifts. Pat and Bill Jones send over 100 shoeboxes each year and they would like to invite you to two special events at Woodside Methodist Church to help prepare the boxes and bless them before they are despatched. These packing events are on Wednesday 30th October and Thursday 31st October between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Everything you need will be provided. All welcome (under 12s must be accompanied by an adult). For any further info, please contact Pat or Bill.

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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