



Cole Street Methodist Church

October 2023 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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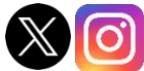
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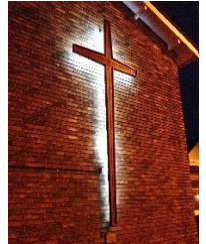
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Please consider the environment. Could you recycle your newsletter or pass them onto someone else to read?

Regular Activities

Mondays	9:00 & 10:30am, 5:30 & 7:00pm	Slimming World
Tuesdays	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

Sunday 1st October | 10:30am | Harvest & Church Anniversary Celebrations

Friday 6th October to Sunday 8th October | 3Generate

Saturday 14th October | 10:00am | Breakfast Morning

Sunday 15th October | 10:30am | All-age, Café-style Service

Thursday 19th October | 7:00pm | Church Council Meeting

Sunday 22nd October | 4:00pm | Circuit Youth Service

Saturday 28th October | 10:00am | End of Month Working Party

Sunday 19th November | 10:30am | All-age, Café-style Service

Saturday 2nd December | 12noon | Christmas Fayre

Sunday 10th December | 12noon | Sunday School Party

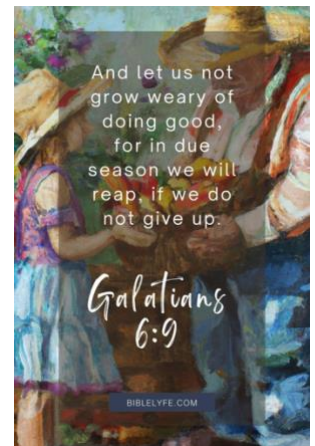
Sunday 10th December | 5:30pm | Carols in the Cool

Sunday 17th December | 4:00pm | Carol Service

Please remember in your prayers...

Ellie-Piper, Lillian Pallett, Marion Cooper,
June Smith, Alice Parker, Charlie Cowley,
Mark Kelly, Graham Brain, Piper Richards and
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 of the Cole Street family to all of the following people who are celebrating their special day during October (date in brackets):

Chelsie P (23rd), Janet S (27th) and Terry J (30th).

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

Trinity Methodist, Netherton

On Sunday 3rd September, 2023, the place of Worship at Trinity, Church Road, Netherton held a final service led by Rev. Rachel Moss & Rev. David Alford. Whilst it was a service of loss and grief, it was also a service of thanksgiving, goodness and rejoicing at the work and witness of Trinity and acknowledging that Trinity, as a church - a body of people, will continue the work of God in a new way - however this may be. We extend a warm welcome to those who attended Trinity to Cole Street. We are thankful for Trinity and all its members. In a final token of generosity, a sum of £432.85 was collected in offering which will be donated to the work of local hospice, Mary Stevens.

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

Preaching Plan

October 2023

01.10.23 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Family Worship Harvest Festival & Church Anniversary led by Mr. Richard French & Sunday school
6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship 'Songs of Praise' at Woodside led by Mr. Bill Jones

08.10.23 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Prisons' Sunday

10:30am - Family Worship led by Rev. Sharon Elson & Sunday school
4:00pm - Churches Together in Dudley Service at Central

15.10.23 - 28th 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' to include Holy Communion led by Rev. Sharon Elson

22.10.23 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Family Worship led by Mr. Andrew Bagnall & Sunday school
4:00pm - Circuit Youth Service at Cole Street led by Deacon Janet Heys

29.10.23 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Bible Sunday

10:30am - Family Worship including Holy Communion led by Rev. Helen Croft & Sunday school
6:00pm - Evening Circuit Memorial Service at Central led by Rev. David Alford

Flower Rota – October 2023

October 1 | by Rachel & Abigail Dutton in memory of Janet & Malcolm Harvey
October 8 | by Lia Ralph in memory of Dora, Jack & Keith Chapman
October 15 | by Glenda & Brian Drew in memory of Alice Drew
October 22 | available for dedication
October 29 | by Emma Bailey in memory of absent family & friends

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.



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 August this year, we donated **47.3kgs** of food and **0.2kgs** of non-food to support families and individuals in crisis – **enough for 95 meals**. Thank you to everyone who supports our collections.

Items in need are: 1ltr cartons of long life milk & long life fruit juice, meat free tinned ravioli, chilli & macaroni cheese, tinned soup, tinned fish, tinned fruit in juice, tinned vegetables, breakfast cereal (multipack), pasta sauce, packet mash potato & cooking sauces.

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

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.



Mini Fayre Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mini Fayre this year! It was a very warm day but was great fellowship and was well worth melting for!

We managed to raise an on-the-day total of £756.77 – a fantastic amount.

Thanks as always to all those who gave up lots of time sorting items for the event.

Keep a check on our website and in our Newsletter for our next fundraisers.

BREAKFAST MORNING

Our next fundraiser is on Saturday 14th October starting at 10:00am and will be one of our famous Breakfast Mornings. Great food at affordable prices!

We are seeking people to donate food items and give any money in lieu – please speak to Gill W for more info. Some of the options include:

- Large Breakfast: 2 sausages, 2 bacon, mushrooms, 2 hash brown, egg, beans, tomatoes & toast - £5
- Small Breakfast: 1 sausage, 1 bacon, egg, hash brown, beans or tomatoes & toast - £3
- Extras: Mushrooms etc. 30p
- Bacon or sausage sandwich: £2
- Beans or egg on toast: £1.50
- Toast: 30p - Tea: 60p - Coffee: 70p - Hot Chocolate: 70p - Juice: 30p



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

Saturday 14th October
10:00am – 11:30am

*please advise us of any dietary requirements when ordering.

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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)

Thanks to all those who attended the EDI training led by Charlotte at Central. If you couldn't make this session, training can be completed online through the Methodist Church website. All required post holders are requested to complete this training by the end of the year.

Circuit News

The Circuit are seeking to appoint a property steward to act across the circuit. Support will be given for this role. If you are interested, please get in touch with Rev. David Alford in the first instance.

The Circuit are also seeking to engage the services of a qualified auditor to audit the accounts of churches within the circuit. If you know of anyone, please again speak to Rev. David Alford in the first instance.

Circuit Prayer

We are asked 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.

Sunday School Anniversary

Congratulations to our Sunday School children, young people and their staff for a fantastic anniversary celebration telling the story of Joseph. All full congregation joined in with song and drama enjoying wonderful fellowship together. Over £170 was collected in offertory towards the continued work of Cole Street with our children & young people.



Work in the garden

We have a newly installed bird table which has been donated to Cole Street by the family of the late Eileen Higgs.

Eileen loved watching the birds visit the wooden structure and now wildlife around Cole Street will enjoy that chance to visit with Eileen watching on.

David has also started work on creosoting various bits of woodwork around the site and on the building fabric which will hopefully help weatherproof our external woodwork.



Harvest wordsearch



Find the following words in the puzzle

Autumn	Harvest	Festival	Scarecrow
Tractor	Farm	Fruit	Vegetables
Pumpkin	Wheat	Bread	Field



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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Mrs. G. Waters

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Chelsie Priest - In process of fulfilment

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Please send any items for consideration for the November 2023 Newsletter by email to David Moss by Wednesday 25th October 2023. email: notices@colestreetchurch.org.uk