



Cole Street Methodist Church

December 2025 Newsletter

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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.



Scan the QR code with your mobile device to visit our website

'A warm welcome awaits you at our Church.'

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

Saturday 6th December | 11:00am | Charity Coffee Morning
 Sunday 7th December | from 5:30pm | Carols in the Cool
 Sunday 14th December | 12noon | Sunday School Party
 Sunday 21st December | 4:00pm | Carol Service & Nativity
 Wednesday 24th December | 4:00pm | Christingle Service
 Saturday 3rd January | 10:00am | Working Party – Decoration Pack-away
 Saturday 17th January | 11:00am | Ways & Means Meeting
 Sunday 18th January | 10:30am | All-age Café Church Service

Join us online



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Please remember in your prayers...

June Smith, Alice Parker, Graham Brain, Marion Davies, Anne Farrell, Steven Bridgewater, Hilda Bick, Mark Wood, Emma Bailey, Graham Howell, Mabel Spence, Angie Hill & Ian Cadman.

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

Cameron H (6th), Jill P (14th), Olivia R (18th), Sue S (21st) & Sandra M-J (29th).

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



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





In this edition...

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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

December 2025

07.12.25 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 10:30am - Morning Worship led by Richard French (in Guild Room)
- 10:30am - Sunday School in Main Hall
- 6:00pm - Carols in the Cool at Cole Street led by David Moss

14.12.25 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 10:30am - Morning Worship led by Kirsty Barrett (in Guild Room)
- 10:30am - Sunday School in Main Hall
- 6:00pm - Circuit Evening Worship at Woodside led by Brian Roberts

21.12.25 - 4th Sunday of Advent

- 10:30am - Holy Communion Worship led by Revd. David Alford (in Guild Room)
- 4:00pm - Carol Service and Nativity led by the Sunday School – 'Angel Express'
- 6:00pm - Nine Lessons and Carols at Central led by Andrew Biggs

24.12.25 - Christmas Eve

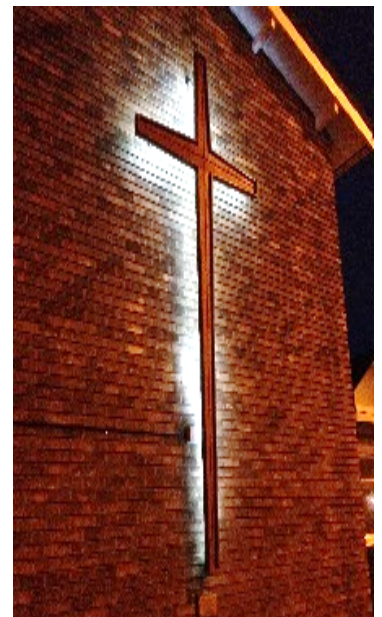
- 4:00pm - Cole Street Christingle 2025

25.12.25 - Christmas Day

- 10:00am - Christmas Day Family Service at Central led by Revd. David Alford
- 10:30am - Christmas Day Family Service at St. James' led by Dr. Andrew Bagnall

28.12.25 - 1st Sunday of Christmas

- 10:30am - Morning Worship led by Wendy Sheldon (inc. Sunday School)
- 6:00pm - Circuit Songs of Praise including Holy Communion at St. James' led by Revd. David Alford



Flower Rota – December 2025

- December 7 | by Emma Bailey in memory of absent family & friends
- December 14 | by Jean Ellis & Jill Parrish in memory of the birthday of Ann Parrish
- December 21 | available for dedication
- December 28 | by Wendy & David Goodwin in memory of Dorothy Goodwin

The flower rota for the forthcoming year (to August 2026) is available to view on our website. Please look at the slots assigned for the year. If you would like to change dates, would like to fill any available slots, or would like to provide flowers for church and don't currently, please speak to or email 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.

In the month of October, including our Harvest, we donated 69.6kgs of food and 1.1kgs of non-food which created 139 emergency meal packs and 1 toiletry pack.

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!

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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.



COLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Mornings at 10:30am throughout Advent plus:

29.11.25 | Christmas Fayre | 12noon - 3pm

06.12.25 | Charity Coffee Morning | 11am - 1pm

07.12.25 | Carols in the Cool | from 5:30pm (Carols 6pm)

21.12.25 | Carol Service & Nativity | 4:00pm

24.12.25 | Christingle | 4:00pm

28.12.25 | Christmastime Worship | 10:30am



JOIN US THIS
CHRISTMAS





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 3rd January 2026 at 10am where we will tidying away the Christmas decorations and prepping the building for the New Year. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Shoebox Appeal shipping. A total of £106.00 was given from Cole Street helping with over 300 shoeboxes being sent from the Circuit this year. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Circuit Dates / Notices

Circuit Prayer Meeting – Wednesday 17th December at 11am at Woodside

Knowle's Christmas Fayre – Saturday 6th December at 11.00am to 12.30pm.

Cole Street Circuit Service - Carols in the Cool - Sunday 7th December at 6.00pm.

Churches Together in Dudley - Carols in the Precinct - Saturday 13th December at 11.00am to 12.00noon.

Cole Street Carols & Nativity - Sunday 21st December at 4.00pm.

Cole Street Christingle - Wednesday 24th December at 4.00pm.

Sunday@6 - Circuit Carol Service - 21st December at 6.00pm, led by Mr Andrew Biggs.



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CAROLS IN THE COOL

Outdoor Christmas family event
 on the rear car park if dry, inside if wet
 free event | everyone welcome

Sunday 7th December 2025
from 5:30pm, Carols 6:00pm

Refreshments and snacks available

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Carols in the Cool

Wrap up warm, come as you are, and begin your Christmas celebrations at our outdoor Carol Service on Sunday 7th December as we join together as the Dudley & Netherton Circuit.

This family-friendly event is held on our lower car park from 5:30pm with Carols beginning at 6:00pm.

Experience an inclusive atmosphere with singing around an open fire under atmospheric lighting whilst listening to readings and watching media all based around the Christmas story.

Light refreshments will be available from the tent including tea, coffee, hot chocolate as well as mince pies and biscuits.

If the weather is unfavourable, the event will be held indoors (without the fire of course!) Still wrap up warm as the heating will be off and enjoy an outdoor service indoors! Keep a check on our social channels for the latest info.

Carol Service & Nativity

Our dramatized Nativity and Carol Service is on Sunday 21st December at 4:00pm led by our children & young people.

As well as the singing of Carols of celebration and glad-tidings, we will be told of the famous, wonderful story from the perspective of the Angels as they descend to celebrate the birth of Jesus in that lowly stable on that starry night.

An atmospheric service of Christmas wonder – ideal for getting family and friends feeling the Christmas magic from the reason for the season.

Enjoy continued fellowship with us after the service as we serve refreshments.

Everyone is welcome, come as you are – do join us!
 (No tickets required, free car parking, dress as Christmassy as you can!)



ANGEL EXPRESS
 by Niki Davies






COLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH
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SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER | 4PM
DRAMATISED NATIVITY WITH CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS
 Story & Music by Out of the Ark Music



Christingle

Welcome the wonder of Christ's Light this Christmas Eve.

You are welcome to join us on Wednesday 24th December at 4pm for our family Christingle service.

Lasting around 45 minutes, we will listen too the Lord reminding us of the coming of Christ's Light as well as sing songs and Carols celebrating the festive season, all before building our Christingles and sharing time together surrounded by the warm glow of the Christ Light.

With atmospheric lighting and an array of multimedia, this is a beautiful service which really brings home the true meaning of Christmas.

We would love to welcome you to our Christmas Eve celebrations.

Free event – no tickets required.

Car parking available. Street parking also available – please park considerately.



Foil & Cling Film Orders

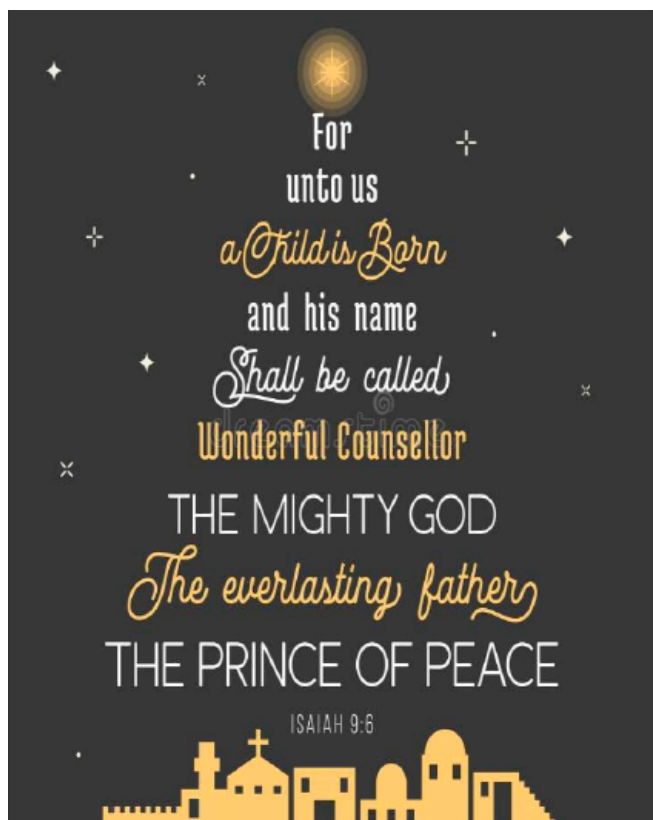
Thank you to everyone who has supported our foil and cling film fundraiser.

Orders are now being sent out.

A huge thanks to Jean, Steve and Liz who have been busy processing orders, collecting the products and distributing these out.

The fundraiser has made over £400 so far for church funds and still very much counting!

If you forgot to place your order, we have a small selection of stock at church available for you to buy. Please speak to Liz or Jean.





How much did
Santa pay for his
sleigh?

Nothing. It was on
the house.



Why do birds fly
south for
Christmas?

Because it's too far
to walk.



Did you hear
about the ski trip?

It started off fine,
but went downhill
fast.



Why does The
Grinch enjoy
gardening?

He's got a green
thumb.



Do snow globes
ever get scared?

No, but
occasionally they
get shaken.



A very Happy Christmas to you all from everyone at Cole Street.



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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email: notices@colestreetchurch.org.uk