



Cole Street Methodist Church

August 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*
Tuesdays	1:30pm	Holiday Club (check calendar)
Wednesdays	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

Tuesday 28th July | 1:30pm | Holiday Club
 Tuesday 4th August | 1:30pm | Holiday Club
 Tuesday 11th August | 1:30pm | Holiday Club
 Sunday 16th August | 10:30am | All-age Café-style Church
 Tuesday 18th August | 1:30pm | Holiday Club
 Sunday 23rd August | 10:30am | Baptism Service
 Saturday 29th August | 10:00am | End of month Working Party

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 Brian Handy and the family and friends of the late Kate Meldon.

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 August (date in brackets):

Michael (4th), Graham F (7th), Abigail T (11th), Ray D (13th), Joan R (14th), Isabella P (17th), Rebecca M (24th), Sandra C (24th), Ola R (27th), Kiki O (29th) & Val P (30th).

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

02.08.26 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Morning Worship led by Brian Roberts (inc. Sunday School)

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Cole Street led by Martin Rider

09.08.26 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Morning Worship led by Bill Jones (inc. Sunday School)

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Central led by Revd. David Alford

16.08.26 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - All-age, Cafe Church led by Peter Roberts (inc. Communion)

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

23.08.26 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Morning Worship with Baptism led by Revd. David Alford (inc. Sunday School)

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at St. James' led by Kirsty Barrett

30.08.26 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Morning Worship led by Astley Blake (inc. Sunday School)

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Woodside led by Martin Rider

Flower Rota – August 2026

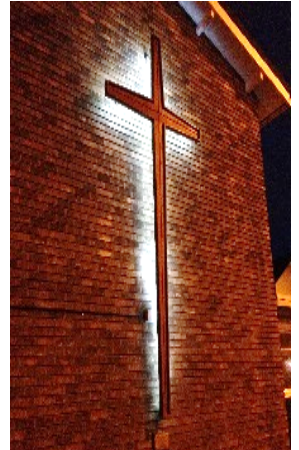
August 2 | by Hazel Kiteley & Trevor Smith in memory of Gwen & Arthur Smith

August 9 | by Ruth Holyoake-Turner in memory of Brenda, Ethel, Tom & Vernon

August 16 | by Emma Bailey in memory of absent family & friends

August 23 | by Sandra & Terry Jewkes in memory of Tom & Nellie Jewkes

August 30 | available for dedication



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

Notes of thanks

We have received three notes of thanks and gratitude which can all be found on the noticeboard at church.

- Startime Variety have thanked us for our hospitality and support from all at Cole Street as they used our venue to host their summer show, 'Starovision'. The show was a huge success, and we loved working with Startime Variety again this year.
- Revd. Helen Croft has thanked us for allowing her to share worship with us over the past few months. She praises our 'generous and open hearts in being willing to go with the flow'. We wish Revd. Helen all the very best and we hold her in our prayers as she takes up her new appointment up north from September (nothing to do with the new PM!)
- White House Cancer Support in Dudley have sent a letter of thanks upon our donation of £250.00 following our coffee morning in May.



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 months of June and July 2026, we donated 45kgs of food and 2.3kgs of non-food which created 90 meals and 2 toiletry packs.

So far, this year, we have given 175.8kgs of food, 10.2 of non-food And given £75 creating 401 meals and 10 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	
☐	JARS OF PASTA SAUCE/COOKING SAUCE
☐	LONG LIFE MILK
☐	TINNED VEGETABLES
☐	CUP A SOUPS
☐	TINNED TOMATOES
☐	TINNED FISH
☐	SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
☐	PACKETS OF MASH POTATO
☐	1LTR CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
☐	ROLL ON DEODORANT
☐	TOOTHPASTE & TOOTHBRUSH
☐	BARS OF SOAP
☐	SHOWER GEL

**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 – final reminder

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.

Circuit Notices

The funeral of the late Kate Meldon will take place at Central on Monday 3rd August at 1pm followed by a service of committal at Gornal Wood Crematorium at 2:10pm.

The next Prayer Meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 12th August at 11am at Woodside.

The next Circuit Bible Discussion Group is due to take place on Wednesday 19th August at 7pm at St. James'. All are welcome to attend.

Congratulations Olivia & Layla

Congratulations to Olivia & Layla on their Confirmation at Cole Street held on Sunday 26th July at Cole Street presided by Revd. David Alford. As a church, we celebrate and rejoice in their continued journey of faith with us and pray that we support them as best we can. God bless you both!



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 29th August at 10am. Any help would be warmly appreciated.

Our thanks to Graham who has continued with decoration of the walls in various parts of the church including the passageway, choir vestry and tradesman's entrance. Our thanks to David & Gary who have begun the work of replacing the batteries in all 13 emergency lights around the site to ensure this back-up system is fully functioning in cases of emergency and for checking our foul and storm water drainage systems.

Additional thanks to David for arranging with ND Walters and OHEAP Fire & Security for the replacement of the kitchen floor and servicing of fire equipment respectively.



Before...

After...



Holiday Club



We're excited to say that Holiday Club will be up and running for four weeks from Tuesday 28th July!



1:30pm-3:30pm



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No need to book - just turn up!



Just £2 per person per week



Games, crafts, snack, play



Children and young people must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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>



Our annual Mini Fayre Fundraiser is on Saturday 12th 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 (£8 FOR THE DAY) ~~

Email: colestreetchurch@outlook.com 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 let one of the Stewards know.

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



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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