



Cole Street Methodist Church

April 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.



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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*
Wednesdays	1:00pm	Toddler 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

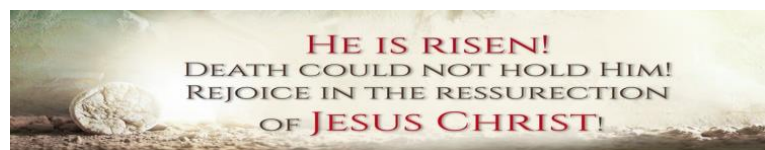
- Sunday 30th March | 10:30am | All-age, Café-Style Mothering Sunday Service
- Friday 4th April | 6:30pm | Beetle Drive Fundraiser
- Friday 18th April | 10:00am | Good Friday Activities
- Saturday 19th April | 10:00am | Easter Working Party
- Sunday 20th April | 10:30am | All-age, Café-Style, Easter Sunday Worship
- Friday 25th April | Online Auction Opens (see our Facebook page)
- Saturday 26th April | 10:00am | Working Party
- Tuesday 6th May | 7:00pm | Annual Church Meeting (ACM)
- Thursday 15th May | Online Auction Closes
- Saturday 17th May | 10:30am | Charity Coffee Morning
- Sunday 18th May | 10:30am | All-age, Café-style Sunday Service

Please remember in your prayers...

Lillian Pallett, Marion Cooper, June Smith, Alice Parker, Graham Brain, Marion Davies, Anne Farrell, Steven Bridgewater, Peter & Hilda Bick, Mark Wood, Emma Bailey, Brian & Glenda Drew & Graham Howell.

We hold the family and friends of our late, dear sister, Sylvia Holyoake, in our thoughts and prayers throughout this Eastertide.

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 April (date in brackets):

Maggie B (23rd), Jean E (25th) & Leanne A (26th).

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

In this edition...

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- Finance Update
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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

April 2025

06.04.25 - Passion Sunday & 5th Sunday in Lent

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

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

13.04.25 - Palm Sunday & 6th Sunday in Lent

10:30am - Palm Sunday Worship led by Richard French including Sunday School

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at St. James' led by Rev. David Alford including Holy Communion

20.04.25 - Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday)

10:30am - All-age, Cafe-style Easter Sunday Worship led by Peter Roberts including Communion

6:00pm - Sunday@6 at Central led by Andrew Biggs

27.04.25 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

10:30am - Morning Worship led by Phill Bridgewater including Sunday School

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

Flower Rota – April 2025

April 6 | by Jean Dunning in memory of Jean Horton

April 13 | by Emma Bailey

April 20 | by Sandra & Terry Jewkes in memory of Vera & Syd Hill

April 27 | by Molly Roper in memory of Dot Grainger & Hazel Parkes

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

Circuit Dates

Future Circuit Dates:

- 02.04.25 – 7:30pm – Lent Bible series at St. James'

- 09.04.25 – 7:30pm – Lent Bible series at St. James'

- 16.04.25 – 7:30pm - Lent Bible series at St. James'

A service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the life of Sylvia Holyoake

The funeral service of our dearly loved sister in Christ, Sylvia, will be held at Cole Street on Thursday 3rd April at 11:00am. This will be followed by a service of committal at Gornal Wood Crematorium at 12:20pm. Both services will be led by Revd. David Alford. Please keep the family and friends of Sylvia, as well as her Cole Street family, in your thoughts and prayers. A request from the family is to wear bright colours and avoid the 'funeral black'.



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 February, we donated 24.7kgs of food and 1.8kgs of non-food which created 49 emergency food parcels and 2 toiletry packs.

See the shopping list to the right for the latest shortages →

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK LOVE · CONNECT · INVEST	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	SMALL JAR OF COFFEE
<input type="checkbox"/>	LONG LIFE MILK
<input type="checkbox"/>	1LTR CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
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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.



Transferring Monies Online

We recognise and are grateful for all donations, collections and offerings we receive without which we wouldn't be able to continue our witness, worship and building of community in a safe environment in the building at Cole Street. We kindly ask that when donating online, via BACS or Online Transfer, that you use an up-to-date reference for the reason of transfer (eg. offering, collection) or alternatively, if it is for a specific purpose, (eg. prayer books, tickets, rent etc.). This is so the treasurers can keep track of monies within the church bank account and ensure that when 'books' are audited, everything cross-references correctly. If you have transferred into the church bank account before, it is usually the case that the previously used reference is saved and used again if not changed. If you require any further info, please speak to a member of the treasuring team or visit the 'giving' page on our website. Thank you for your support.

Gift Aid 2024/2025

The treasurers are seeking to submit our Gift Aid claim in May 2025 so please return any of your completed gift aid sheets to Liz Ralph as soon as possible after April 6th 2025. Gift Aid allows us to claim back 25p for every £1 you donate to Cole Street and it doesn't cost you a penny provided you have reached the tax threshold for the financial year. For more info, please speak to Liz or visit the 'giving' page on our website.

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!). 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 will focus on tidying of the memorial garden (if dry) or sorting of fundraising items (if wet) which will be held on Saturday 26th April 2025 at 10:00am. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Property Update – Rain, rain, go away!

Our thanks to Gary, David & Theodore who have cleared out an old rainwater drain and re-established this to take some of the rainwater dispelled from the kitchen roof. A new guttering drop and storm drain cover have been installed and this is helping to remove water more efficiently from the building.

Property Update – Bottoms up!

Thanks to Gill who has sourced some mugs for us to use rather than the smaller cups. These will go down a treat – especially at our fayres and breakfast mornings!

A poster for Easter 2025 at Cole Street. The background is dark purple with a faint image of a person and confetti. The text is white and bold.

Easter 2025 at Cole Street

Friday 18th April | 10:00am - 11:30am
Family craft activities, Easter gardens, Easter snacks and a quiet, reflection space showing a media presentation every 10 minutes.

Sunday 20th April | 10:30am
Cafe-style, All-age Easter Sunday Worship & Holy Communion led by Peter Roberts.

During Holy Week (13.04 - 20.04),
follow us on our social channels (@CSMChurch)
for daily reflections and Bible verses
marking Jesus' final days in his journey to the cross

Movie Night – Thanks to everyone who supported us!

Thanks to everyone who supported our Movie Night as we joined together to enjoy food before watching 'Paddington'! It was another really successful event with lots of fellowship, conversation and laughter. As well as the lovely food and the socialising, we raised £200 towards church funds. God bless you all for your continued support as we continue to worship, witness and build community in Darby End.

Beetle Drive – Friday 4th April 2025 – 6:00pm - Circuit Youth Group

Plans are being put together by the Circuit Youth Group to host a Beetle Drive raising funds for their 3Gen visit. Please speak to one of the Circuit Youth Group team for more info. Please note the change in time start to previous advertisements.

COLE STREET CHURCH 2025 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

WWW.COLESTREETCHURCH.ORG.UK

08 FEBRUARY
BREAKFAST MORNING | 10:00AM

07 MARCH
MOVIE NIGHT & CHIP SUPPER | 6:30PM

APRIL/MAY
ONLINE AUCTION - SEE PROMO DURING MAR/APR

17 MAY
CHARITY COFFEE MORNING | 10:30AM

14 JUNE
SUMMER FAYRE & TABLE TOP SALE | 10:30AM

04 JULY
QUIZ NIGHT! | 7:00PM

13 SEPTEMBER
MINI FAYRE | 10:30AM

18 OCTOBER
BREAKFAST MORNING | 10:00AM

29 NOVEMBER
CHRISTMAS FAYRE | 12NOON





Online Auction

We're holding an online auction at the end of April into May. This will be hosted via our Facebook page where you can view items for sale and place bids by commenting on the items.

Collection and payment for the items will be on Saturday 17th May from church. Payments can be made by bank transfer – please get in touch.

We will also be able to deliver locally for a small fee.

Spread the word and keep a check online!

Thank you

Our thanks to Cally and the ladies who have hired at Cole Street over the past 18 months holding fitness classes.

Cally had now secured a studio-space and is continuing to grow her business; albeit we are sad to see her and the groups go.

We are really thankful for their time at Cole Street and the way they have always looked after the building. We are also really thankful for their kind donation of £66 towards our garden project. God bless you all.

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ONLINE AUCTION

BIDDING STARTS 25TH APRIL 2025

Raising money for church funds!

See our Facebook Page for details
and to place your bids.

www.colestreetchurch.org.uk

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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Mrs. G. Waters

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Mrs. H. Kiteley, Mrs. J. Sheppard

Please send any items for consideration for the May 2025 Newsletter by email to David Moss
By Friday 25th April 2025. email: notices@colestreetchurch.org.uk