



# Cole Street Methodist Church

## November 2023 Newsletter

Darby End, Netherton, Dudley, DY2 9PA  
part of the Dudley & Netherton Methodist Church Circuit



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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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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 19<sup>th</sup> November | 10:30am | All-age, Café-style Service  
 Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November | 10:00am | Working Party – Christmas Decoration  
 Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December | 12noon | Christmas Fayre  
 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December | 12noon | Sunday School Party  
 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December | from 5:30pm (6:00pm start) | Carols in the Cool  
 Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December | 4:00pm | Carol Service & Nativity Drama  
 Christmas Eve | 4:00pm | Christingle Service  
 Christmas Day | various services around the Circuit – see notices  
 Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December | 10:00am | Quick Church Clean  
 New Year's Eve | 10:30am | Family Worship Service  
 Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January | 10:00am | Working Party – Whole Church Clean & Tidy  
 Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January | 11:00am | Ways & Means (Fundraising) Meeting



**Christmas Celebration details inside this edition!**



### Please remember in your prayers...

Ellie-Piper, Lillian Pallett, Marion Cooper, June Smith, Alice Parker, Mark Kelly, Graham Brain, Piper Richards & Marion Davies.

Please also pray for the friends & family of the late Gordon Davies, the late Carole Davies and the late Rachel Ferguson.

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 November (date in brackets):

Brian Drew (1<sup>st</sup>), Logan D-W (18<sup>th</sup>), Horatio (19<sup>th</sup>), Rita F (22<sup>nd</sup>), Stephanie M (23<sup>rd</sup>), Pete S (24<sup>th</sup>), Diane Y (26<sup>th</sup>) & Poppy W (28<sup>th</sup>).

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

## Breakfast Morning

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent Breakfast Morning in any way! Together, we raised a total of £267.50 towards church funds – a super amount.

## Foil & Cling Film

We are again running our 'foil & cling film' initiative in which you can purchase catering-grade foil and cling film at £14 and £8 respectively. These items will last you long beyond Christmas and are better than anything you can buy from your local supermarket! They are available to purchase now by seeing Jean Dunning. Our thanks to Jean & Steve who are organising this for us. Each unit purchased gives a small donation towards church funds – every single one helps!

## View our Sunday Order of Service(s) 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](http://www.colestreetchurch.org.uk/order-of-service)

## Preaching Plan

### November 2023

#### 05.11.23 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Family Worship led by Mr. Phill Bridgewater & Sunday school

6:00pm - Evening Circuit at Woodside led by Dr. David Gallimore (Shoe Box Appeal)

#### 12.11.23 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Remembrance Sunday

10:30am - Family Worship led by Rev. David Alford & Sunday school

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

#### 19.11.23 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - All-age, Cafe-style Family Worship led by Deacon Janet Heys (Toy Service: details to follow online)

4:00pm - Circuit Worship at Central led by Rev. David Alford

#### 26.11.23 - Sunday before Advent - Christ the King

10:30am - Family Worship led by Rev. Sharon Elson & Sunday school

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

## Flower Rota – November 2023

November 5 | by Jean Dunning

November 12 | by Val Priest & Heather Trevis in memory of Alfred Newman

November 19 | by Liz Ralph in memory of Don Ralph

November 26 | AVAILABLE

## 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.



## Cole Street Safeguarding Officer

Following the latest Church Council Meeting, we are pleased to announce that Chelsie Priest has been formally appointed as Cole Street's Safeguarding Officer. Chelsie will complete her training shortly and conduct the role with the support of Deacon Janet Heys and from our Circuit Safeguarding Officer Wendy Goodwin.

Our thanks must go to Wendy who has performed this role diligently for numerous years and who has continued in this role during the interim of Chelsie's appointment. Our prayers and support remain with all involved with ensuring safeguarding at Cole Street and in the wider Methodist Church: a crucial part of ensuring safety for all in the Church.

## 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](http://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. Thank you to everyone who supports our collections.

During September this year, we donated **31.6kgs** of food and **2.2kgs** of non-food to support families and individuals in crisis – **enough for 63 meals and 2 toiletry packs.**

**Items in need are:** 1ltr cartons of long-life milk & long-life fruit juice, multi-pack breakfast cereal, packet mash potato, pasta/cooking sauces, tinned soup, tinned fish, meat-free tinned ravioli, chilli, macaroni cheese, tinned fruit in juice.

**Non-food donations:** Shampoo, toilet rolls, roll on deodorant, 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](http://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.



## 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 biscuit or three! As we approach Christmas, we have a few dates for organised activities:

- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November – dressing of the church spaces for Christmas
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Prep of church for Christingle Service
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December – A quick clean of the church
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Whole church clean and tidy (packing away of Christmas decorations)

Any help at any of the working parties will be very much appreciated. For more info, speak to our Property Secretary David Moss.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our annual Christmas Fayre fundraiser is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December between 12noon and 3pm. Again, we are after support either on the day before (speak to Sylv) to help prep the event, on the day (behind stalls, in the kitchen etc.) and to help with donations of good-quality items to sell or provide money in lieu.

A list of what we would like to be donated as well as a volunteer sheet will be on the hymn book unit shortly. We are after items for stalls including: Christmas Stall, Raffle prizes, Tombola, Jewellery, Bric-a-Brac, Chocolates, Santa's Grotto, small gifts. There will be light refreshments available from our Kitchen on the day too!

*Cole Street  
Methodist Church*

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**12NOON - 3PM**  
**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER**

*Festive snacks  
and refreshments*

*Christmas  
bargains!*

*Come and meet Santa!*

*Free  
entry!*



## Property Update

We are pleased to say that our Property Return has been completed for 2023 and accepted at the recent Church Council meeting.

Gas servicing has also taken place at Cole Street and again we are pleased to say that all of our gas equipment is in good working order and therefore safe.

Please be mindful of energy consumption around our premises as this is becoming more and more expensive year on year. If you see a light on that doesn't need to be, please turn it off – or if you can boil a kettle on demand instead of using a water heater, please do so. Every small saving of energy helps costs and the environment!

Many thanks to Steve Dunning for fixing the vestry door lock at no cost to us. It is now in full working order. As always, thanks to everyone who attends the working parties to clean the church and ensure it is safe for people to use – without them, we wouldn't have a building which is so well looked after.

## Sunday Morning Services in December

Please be reminded that services on the first three mornings during December will take place in the Guild Room so that the Sunday School can practise their Nativity on the stage in the hall in preparation for their retelling of the Christmas Story at the Carol Service on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. You can continue to enter church through the usual door (accessible) or via the stepped entrance further along Cole Street.

## CAROLS IN THE COOL 2023

We are again hosting Carols in the Cool on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 5:30pm (6:00pm start to the service).

This is a Circuit Service held at Cole Street and we welcome everyone to this event – especially if you haven't been to church before or perhaps not in a while.

Weather permitting, we will hold this service outside – in the COOL – so please attend dressed for the conditions. If it is too wet, we will hold the event inside but with the heating off. It will go ahead whatever the weather.

We will have a range of festive snacks and warm drinks as well as an open fire (if outside) to help keep you warm.

This is a service which really gets you into the Christmas spirit as we share carols together as well as videos and short messages throughout.

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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 10th December 2023  
from 5:30pm, Carols 6:00pm**

Refreshments and snacks available

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@  
COLE STREET**



## COLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

'A warm welcome awaits you at Cole Street'

**02.12.23 | Christmas Fair | 12noon - 3pm**  
Free entry - grab some early Christmas bargains!

**10.12.23 | Carols in the Cool | from 5:30pm**  
Outdoor Family Carol Service on the lower car park  
(Carols from 6pm). Warm drinks, singing and snacks to  
enjoy in a Christmas atmosphere.

**17.12.23 | Carol Service & Nativity | 4:00pm**  
Join us for our annual dramatisation of the best story  
ever told. Led by our children & young people.

**24.12.23 | Christingle | 4:00pm**  
Build your Christingle this Christmas Eve as we  
celebrate the coming of the Light of the World.

**31.12.23 | New Year's Eve Worship | 10:30am**  
Celebration Family Worship as we get ready to  
welcome the New Year!

JOIN US THIS  
CHRISTMAS

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## Circuit Youth Group

The Circuit Youth Group continues to meet at Cole Street on Fridays between 6pm and 8pm. Here are the dates which they are meeting during November and December:

- 10 November | Theme: Remembrance
- 24 November | Theme: Lanterns
- 8 December | Theme: Modern Day Nativity / Christmas

If you would like to be involved, or want to know more information, please speak to Deacon Janet Heys or Wendy Goodwin.

## Churches Together in Netherton

All are welcome to attend Churches Together in Netherton events on behalf of Cole Street. Here are some of the forthcoming events:

- Prayer Meeting | Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at St. Andrew's Church led by Luke from Ebenezer
- Carols at the Tree in Netherton | Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 6:30pm until 7pm with fellowship continuing at MaPardoe's.
- Christmas Day Service | Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 10:45pm at St. Andrew's
- Prayer Meeting | Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm at Cole Street led by PHCC (tbc)

## Advent & Christmas around the Circuit

### Carol Services

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December | 6pm | Advent Carol Service at Central led by Mr. Andrew Biggs
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December | 6pm | Carols in the Cool – an outdoor Carol Service led by Mr. David Moss
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December | 10:45am | Carol Service at Dixon's Green led by Mr. Andrew Biggs
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December | 3pm | Carol Service at the Knowle
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December | 4pm | Carol Service and Nativity 'The Journey' led by the Sunday School featuring a dramatized retelling of the Christmas story.
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December | 6pm | Carol Service at Central led by Mr. Andrew Biggs
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December | 10:45am | Carol Service at St. James' led by Rev. David Alford
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December | 10:45am | Carol Service at Woodside

### Christingle Services

- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December | 4pm | Cole Street

### Christmas Day Services

- 9:30am | Woodside led by Mr. Bill Jones
- 10:00am | St. James' led by Rev. Sharon Elson
- 10:30am | Central led by Rev. David Alford

### Christmas Fayres & other events

- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November | 11:00am to 1:00pm – Christmas Fayre at the Knowle
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December | 12noon to 3:00pm – Christmas Fayre at Cole Street



## Circuit News

Here follows a round-up of news from the Dudley & Netherton Circuit

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The Circuit Service on 19<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm will include a circuit strategy conversation as an element of the service. If you would like to have a say in the direction of the circuit in the short to mid-term, you are encouraged to attend this service.

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Bill & Pat Jones have been looking after Mission in Britain & World Church donations for many years, and whilst they are happy to continue, they feel that younger people would be welcomed to now continue this important charitable work. Please make contact with a member of the CLT or circuit staff member or minister if you know of someone who is interested.

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As part of the next Methodist Church Conference in Leeds between 27<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024, Reverend Rachel Moss & Reverend Tiras Dainty-Share will both be ordained on the middle Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> June). The venue is still to be confirmed but if you are interested in going and supporting them on this special day, please let your interest be known to one of the church stewards. This service is ticket only and if numbers permit, travel could be arranged for the circuit.

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Holiday@Home is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at St. James' running between 10:30am and 3:30pm.

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There is a service being led by Dr David Gallimore on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm at Woodside marking the work of those who have helped with this year's 'Shoe Box Appeal'.

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There is an opportunity to attend a development day led by Rev Ken Howard at Central on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December between 10:30am to 1pm based on 'Exploring Mark's Gospel'. This is open to members of the Circuit and the District. For more information, please make contact with Rev. David Alford.



## 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.

## Church Contacts

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### Church Stewards & \*Associate Church Stewards

Mr. G. Moss, Mrs. G. Waters, Mrs. W. Goodwin, Mrs. H. Kiteley, \*Mr. D. Moss

### Church Council Minutes Secretary

Mrs. G. Waters

### Church Treasurers

Mrs. E. Ralph, Mrs. S. Holyoake

### Property Steward & Secretary

Mr. D. Moss

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### Pastoral Secretary

Mrs. J. Dunning

### Cole Street Safeguarding Officer

Chelsie Priest - In process of fulfilment

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### Communion Stewards

Mrs. H. Kiteley, Mrs. J. Sheppard

Please send any items for consideration for the December 2023 Newsletter by email to David Moss  
by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023. email: [notices@colestreetchurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@colestreetchurch.org.uk)