



# Cole Street Methodist Church

## October 2025 Newsletter

Darby End, Netherton, Dudley, DY2 9PA

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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

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**'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
	7:30pm	AA Group*
	7:30pm	CHAOS*
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 5<sup>th</sup> October | 10:30am | Church Anniversary  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October | 7:00pm | Church Council Meeting  
 Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October | 10:00am | Breakfast Morning  
 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October | 10:30am | Sunday School Anniversary Repetition  
 'The Giant Slayer'  
 Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October | 10:00am | End of month Working Party  
 Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November | 10:30am | All-age Worship, Café-style

### Please remember in your prayers...

*June Smith, Alice Parker, Graham Brain, Marion Davies, Anne Farrell, Steven Bridgewater, Hilda Bick, Mark Wood, Emma Bailey, Brian & Glenda Drew, Graham Howell & Mabel Spence.*

*Please also hold in your heart the families of the late Peter Bick & the late Ian Garbett.*

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 October (date in brackets):

*Ivan B (16<sup>th</sup>), Amelia O (17<sup>th</sup>), Chelsie P (23<sup>rd</sup>), Whitney (27<sup>th</sup>), Janet S (27<sup>th</sup>) & Terry J (30<sup>th</sup>).*

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

Be cheerful no matter what;  
 pray all the time; thank God  
 no matter what happens.  
 This is the way God wants you  
 who belong to Christ Jesus to live.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (MSG)



## 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](http://www.colestreetchurch.org.uk/order-of-service)

## Preaching Plan

### October 2025

#### 05.10.25 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Homeless Sunday

10:30am - Church Anniversary Worship led by Kevin Gripton (inc. Sunday School)

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

#### 12.10.25 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Prisons Sunday

10:30am - Morning Worship led by Martin Rider (inc. Sunday School)

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

#### 19.10.25 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Freedom Sunday

10:30am - Sunday School Anniversary Repetition - 'The Giant Slayer'

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at St. James' led by Revd. David Alford

#### 26.10.25 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Bible Sunday

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

6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Cole Street led by Dr. Andrew Bagnall



## Flower Rota – October 2025

October 5 | Liz Ralph in memory of Dora, Jack & Keith Chapman

October 12 | Glenda & Brian Drew in memory of Alice Drew

October 19 | available for dedication

October 26 | Emma Bailey in memory of absent family & friends

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.

## Circuit News

There is a meeting of the Circuit representatives on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at St. James', Pensnett.

Some dates for your diary:

Dixon's Green Christmas Fayre – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 11am-2pm

Shoebos Service – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm, Woodside, led by Revd. Tiras Dainty-Share

The next Circuit News Bulletin is due the week after the printing of this newsletter. Any news items from this bulletin will be announced by the Stewards at the start of services and on display on the screens and available via the Circuit website.



## 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 & Gary for transporting our donations to the office in Brierley Hill. Thank you to everyone who supports our collections.

In the month of August, together we donated 13.4kgs of food and 0.5kgs of non-food which created 27 emergency meals 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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<input type="checkbox"/>	TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES
<input type="checkbox"/>	TINNED VEG
<input type="checkbox"/>	PACKETS OF MASH POTATO/TINNED POTATOES
<input type="checkbox"/>	TINNED SPAGHETTI
<input type="checkbox"/>	LONG LIFE MILK
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<input type="checkbox"/>	INSTANT NOODLES
<input type="checkbox"/>	TINNED READY MEALS - VEGETARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/>	TINNED FRUIT IN JUICE
<input type="checkbox"/>	BARS OF SOAP
<input type="checkbox"/>	ROLL ON DEODORANT
<input type="checkbox"/>	SHOWER GEL
<input type="checkbox"/>	TOILET ROLL

**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.



## Harvest 2025

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest of 2025 both in physical donation and in monetary. It made for a fantastic display of kindness and generosity in our chancel as part of our Harvest celebrations.

Thanks to Gary who has transported these to the Black Country Foodbank who again were very appreciative and thankful for your donations. Keep a look-out for the statistics in our notices in the coming months to see how your donations have helped the work of the Foodbank.





## 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 26<sup>th</sup> October. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Our thanks to Gary and David who have been making full use of the green bin subscription and taming various trees, bushes and hedges around the site. The borders of the site are again beginning to look a lot neater and better off following the work. Also, a huge thanks to Hazel who has swiftly repaired the blue cover for the piano. The cover had begun to wear significantly at the corners risking it falling apart, however Hazel has managed to save it! The lower car park gate (Double Row) has been freed from its hinges and continues to await welding and fabrication work. As soon as this is back in action, we will communicate with you.

## Baptism of Dottie Eva Goule

The Baptism of Dottie takes place at Cole Street on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at our 10:30am service led by Revd. David Alford. We are thankful and filled with joy that Dottie, at the request of her family, formally begins her journey of faith with us all at Cole Street; albeit Dottie and her family have been worshipping with us at Cole Street for some months now! We wish Dottie and all of her family the very best – God Bless you all.

## Mini Fayre thanks!

Thanks to everyone who supported our Mini Fayre at the start of September, right through from those who helped set out and prep the tables on the Thursday and Friday and to everyone who came along on the Saturday! As well as great fellowship and a time to catch-up with all of our supporters, the event raised £791.90 towards church funds. A huge thank you to you all.

## Church Anniversary

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, we celebrate the anniversary of 'Cole Street' as a church and building, a location where people have worshipped for the past 204 years with 66 years of those being in the current building. As part of our celebrations and thanksgiving, we encourage you to consider how you can continue to support our work and worship here on this site in Darby End. There is a letter alongside this newsletter giving more information about what you can do to support us. Please continue to pray for the work of Cole Street, its volunteers, people, community and how Cole Street can continue to be a light in this world.

## 3Generate 2025

Please hold in your prayers the children, young people, leaders and volunteers of Cole Street and the Circuit who will be attending 3Generate, the Methodist Youth Conference, at the NEC in Birmingham over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October. We hope you all have a great time of fellowship, fun and furthering your connection with your faith. There will be a service led by the children and young people at Dixon's Green on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 4pm where they will celebrate all things 3Gen! Thank you to everyone who has supported them financially to attend this year's event.







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# BREAKFAST MORNING

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

**Saturday 18th October**  
**10:00am – 11:30am**

\*please advise us of any dietary requirements when ordering.  
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## Sunday School Anniversary

You are warmly invited to join us for our Sunday School Anniversary at Cole Street on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am.

The event will be café-style with our children and young people sharing with us again the story of 'The Giant Slayer'.

This is a repetition of the Sunday School Anniversary from earlier in the year which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were able to attend.

This would make for a great service to bring someone to church who maybe hasn't been to church before or who hasn't been in a while.

A huge thanks in advance to Jean & the Sunday School team for arranging the repetition of this service as part of our wider Church Anniversary celebrations marking 66 years of worship in our current building.

## Breakfast Morning

Join us for Breakfast on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October between 10am and 11:30am.

Over the coming weeks, a donation sheet will be placed on the hymnbook case for if you are able to supply donations of food for the event. If you would rather, we also seek donations of money in lieu so we can buy items ready for the event.

Please share this event and bring friends along – it's always a lovely time of fellowship with a great atmosphere.

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# COLE STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

**SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2025**  
**10:30AM**

## THE GIANT SLAYER



A young shepherd named David defeats the giant Goliath with a sling and a stone, showing that faith in God can overcome any obstacle.

You are warmly invited to join us for our celebrations led by our children and young people.



## 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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### Church Council Secretary

Mrs. G. Waters

### Church Treasurers & Signatories

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### Property Secretary & Deputy Secretary

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