



Cole Street Methodist Church

October 2024 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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'A warm welcome awaits you at our Church.'

Regular Activities

Mondays	9:00am & 10:30am	Slimming World*
	5:30pm & 7:00pm	Slimming World*
Tuesdays	7:00pm	Body Combat*
Wednesdays	1:00pm	Toddler Group (reopens 9 th October)
	7:30pm	CHAOS*
Thursdays	10:30am	Zumba*
	7:00pm	Legs, Bums & Tums*
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 6 th October	10:30am	Church Anniversary
Wednesday 9 th October	1:00pm	Toddler Group Reopens
Tuesday 15 th October	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday 18 th October	6:00pm	Circuit Youth Group
Saturday 19 th October	10:00am	Breakfast Morning
Sunday 20 th October	10:30am	Sunday School Anniversary Repetition
Saturday 26 th October	10:00am	End of month Working Party
Tuesday 29 th October	1:00pm	Holiday Club (tbc)
Friday 1 st November	6:00pm	Circuit Youth Group
Sunday 17 th November	10:30am	All-age Worship Service
Saturday 30 th November	12noon	Christmas Fayre

Please remember in your prayers...

Ellie-Piper, Lillian Pallett, Marion Cooper, June Smith, Alice Parker, Mark Kelly, Graham Brain, Marion Davies, Anne Farrell, Margaret Willetts, Peter and Valarie Bratt, Steven (Bridgewater), Peter & Hilda Bick, Sylvia Holyoake, Steve Waters and the friends and family of the late Piper Richards.

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 October (date in brackets):

Amelia O (17th), Chelsie P (23rd), Janet S (27th), Whitney (27th) and Terry J (30th).

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

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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

October 2024

06.10.24 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Church Anniversary Worship including Sunday School led by Richard French
6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Central led by Martin Rider

13.10.24 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Morning Worship led by Rev. Steve Singleton in the Guild Room
10:30am - Sunday School Anniversary Rehearsal in the Main Hall
6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Cole Street led by Andrew Biggs

20.10.24 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - **SPECIAL SERVICE - Sunday School Anniversary Repetition 'The Wemmicks'**
6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Woodside led by Dr. Andrew Bagnall

27.10.24 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Morning Worship including Sunday School led by Phill Bridgewater
6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at Central led by Rev. David Alford

Flower Rota – October 2024

October 6 | by Liz Ralph in memory of Dora, Jack & Keith Chapman
October 13 | by Glenda & Brian Drew in memory of Alice Drew
October 20 | available for presentation and dedication
October 27 | by Emma Bailey in memory of absent family & friends

The flower rota for the forthcoming year (to August 2025) is now 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 Youth Group

The Circuit Youth Group who meet at Cole Street on selected Fridays at 6pm is holding its next batch of meeting dates starting on Friday 18th October. Please hold the leaders and those helping organise the event in your prayers as they seek to continue the work started alongside Deacon Janet.

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.

We are yet to get an update from BCFB for the month of August and for our Harvest appeal. In the month of July, we donated 44.1kgs of food and 4.3kgs of non-food. That enabled **88 emergency food parcels and 4 toiletry parcels** to be provided. Thank you!

Items in need are: Tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned fish, breakfast cereal, long life milk, 1ltr cartons of long-life fruit juice, small jars of coffee, Tea bag 40s & tinned fruit in juice.

Non-food donations: Toilet roll, bars of soap, shower gel and roll-on deodorant.



**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.



Toddler Group – Reopening on 9th October!

We are pleased to announce that our weekly stay-and-play Toddler Group is reopening on Wednesday 9th October. A huge thanks to Gill who will have completed additional Safeguarding training to ensure we comply with Methodist Church regulation allowing us to reopen this popular group. The Toddler Group meet on Wednesdays between 1pm and 2:30pm sharing in a range of activities together with adults invited to enjoy a cup of tea together. If you would like to know more, visit our website or pop along on a Wednesday at 1pm.

Circuit Dates

Future Circuit Dates:

- 06.10.24 – 6:00pm – Moody & Sanky Songs of Praise service at Central led by Martin Rider
- 16.10.24 – 7:00pm – Circuit Prayer Meeting – Knowle
- 30&31.10.24 – 1:30pm – Shoebox Appeal Packing at Woodside
- 17.11.24 – 6:00pm – Circuit Service at Woodside to dedicate shoebox appeal led by Andrew Biggs

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!).

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

Property Update

As well as keeping church tidy week to week and keeping on-top of regular maintenance, lots of other jobs have been undertaken. Our thanks to David who has sourced some additional cupboards for improved storage and for weedkilling the site. Also thanks to David & Gary who have continued to make improvements around by the veg-patch area with more ground now levelled and slabs laid. Thanks to everyone who helps support keeping the building and site at Cole Street in a safe and clean condition.



Property Update – Sewage System

As you may be aware, the toilets around the site are not flushing away as well as they could. This is because the main sewage system which runs under the road of Cole Street and maintained by Severn Trent Ltd. is blocked as a result of tarmac in the main pipe. This means our main sewer pipe is rather backed up. Severn Trent have informed us recently that the main sewage pipe under the main road will need to be replaced and therefore plans are being formulated with Dudley MBC for a road closure and for the works to take place (hence the blue markings all over the road). Until then, please be mindful that, although our toilets can still be used, they are not functioning correctly. We hope that Severn Trent will have this issue resolved soon! Thanks to David who has been in frequent communicate with Severn Trent and for raising the problem with the company.

Mini Fayre – £965.50 raised for church funds!

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our Mini Fayre on Saturday 14th September. It filled us with joy to see so many people and to get to chat and connect with folk and build community. With everyone's generous support, we have together raised £965.50 for church funds – a truly incredible amount. This will really help us towards continuing our presence and work in our community. Thank you to anyone who helped us in any way across a busy few days!





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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 19th 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 20th October at 10:30am.

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

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.

Breakfast Morning

Join us for Breakfast on Saturday 19th 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.





COLE STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY REPETITION



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

SUNDAY
20TH
OCTOBER
2024
10:30AM

Based on the best-selling book by Max Lucado

Songs by Mark, Helen and Naomi Johnson
 Script by Sue Langwade

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Foil & Cling Film

As part of our fundraising efforts, we are once again taking interest for foil and cling film orders for this year. Both the foil and cling film are of catering grade standard meaning they are top quality and last you a very long time! Purchasing these items means that a small amount of what you pay goes directly into church funds and helps support our fundraising.

Prices are yet to be confirmed as it will depend on demand – the more demand; the cheaper it becomes for each item. If you are looking to place an order this year, please speak to Jean D in the first instance. Our thanks to Jean & Steve who will be overseeing this again this year.

October Anniversary Giving

October is a month we dedicate to giving as we celebrate the anniversary of our current Church building (dating back to 1959) and celebrate our ongoing successes with our Sunday School and children and young people's programmes. Although we recognise that 'church' is not just the building and the facilities, we rejoice that we have such a place in which church can gather, in which our children and young people can meet, make friends and develop their faith journey as well as provide a safe place for our local community to use so frequently as they do. Without monetary support, we wouldn't be able to provide such a space and maintain this to the standard we do (as well as pay our energy bills and service rates!). Please do consider what extra you may be able to give in the month of October as we seek to continue God's work in Darby End. You will find a letter from our Treasurers available with this newsletter from church.

You are asked to bring donations with you on the morning of our Church Anniversary on Sunday 6th October at 10:30am where donations placed into the offertory will be blessed. If you can't attend the service but would like to give a financial donation, then we will also be accepting donations at our Sunday School Anniversary on Sunday 20th October at 10:30am or alternatively you can give online.

Visit: www.colestreetchurch.org.uk/giving for alternative ways in which you can give.

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Church Council

There is a meeting of the Church Council on Tuesday 15th October at 7pm. The minutes of the previous meeting are available for perusal on the church noticeboard in the main hall. Please send any items for the agenda to Gill W.

Circuit Notices

Woodside Community Foodbank are looking for someone to join their group of volunteers on Mondays from 10am to 1pm once or twice a month. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact Brian Handy at Woodside or pop in on a Monday for a look and a chat.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world by sending shoeboxes filled with toys, personal care items, school supplies and fun gifts. Pat and Bill Jones send over 100 shoeboxes each year and they would like to invite you to two special events at Woodside Methodist Church to help prepare the boxes and bless them before they are despatched. These packing events are on Wednesday 30th October and Thursday 31st October between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Everything you need will be provided. All welcome (under 12s must be accompanied by an adult). For any further info, please contact Pat or Bill.

CHRISTMAS @ COLE STREET



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'A warm welcome awaits you at Cole Street'

30.11.24 | Christmas Fayre | 12noon - 3pm

Free entry - grab some early Christmas bargains and soak up the atmosphere!

08.12.24 | 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.

22.12.24 | Carol Service & Nativity | 4:00pm

Join us for our annual dramatisation of the best story ever told. Led by our children & young people.

24.12.24 | Christingle | 4:00pm

Build your Christingle this Christmas Eve as we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World.

29.12.24 | Christmastime Worship | 10:30am

Celebration Worship as we get ready to welcome the New Year!

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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.

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