



Cole Street Methodist Church

November 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*
Wednesdays	1:00pm	Toddler Group
	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 October | 1:30pm | Holiday Club (tbc)

Sunday 16th November | 10:30am | All-age Worship, Café-style

Saturday 22nd November | 10:00am | Christmas Decorating

Friday 28th November | 10:00am | Christmas Fayre Setup & Sort

Friday 28th November | 6:00pm | Circuit Youth Group

Saturday 29th November | 12noon | Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6th December | 11:00am | Charity Coffee Morning

Sunday 7th December | from 5:30pm | Carols in the Cool

Sunday 21st December | 4:00pm | Carol Service & Nativity

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, Angie Hill & Ian Cadman.

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 November (date in brackets):

Brian D (1st), Lindsey (5th), Noah (12th), Horatio R (19th), Rita F (22nd), Stephanie M (23rd), Pete S (24th) & Romelyn (28th).

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

See what great love the Father has **Lavished** on us, that we should be called children of God!
1 John 3:1





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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

November 2025

02.11.25 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Morning Worship led by Brian Roberts (inc. Sunday School)
6:00pm - Sunday@6 at Central led by Andrew Biggs

09.11.25 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Remembrance Sunday

10:30am - Remembrance Sunday Worship led by Revd. Helen Croft (inc. Sunday School)
6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship at St. James' led by Martin Rider

16.11.25 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am - All-age, Cafe-Style Worship led by Martin Rider
6:00pm - Evening Circuit Worship (Shoebox Appeal) at Woodside led by Revd. Tiras Dainty-Share

23.11.25 - 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday before Advent

10:30am - Morning Worship including Holy Communion led by Peter Roberts (inc. Sunday School)
4:00pm - Service led by the Circuit Youth Group at Dixon's Green

30.11.25 - 1st Sunday of Advent

10:30am - Morning Worship led by Kirsty Barrett (inc. Sunday School)
6:00pm - Circuit Advent Carol Service at Central led by Andrew Biggs

Flower Rota – November 2025

November 2 | Jean Dunning
November 9 | Val Priest & Heather Trevis in memory of Alfred Newman
November 16 | Liz Ralph in memory of Don Ralph
November 23 | available for dedication
November 30 | Molly Roper in memory of Jim Roper

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

Some dates for your diary:

Dixon's Green Christmas Fayre – Saturday 15th November, 11am-2pm
Shoebox Service – Sunday 16th 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 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 September, including our Harvest, we donated 90.9kgs of food and 3.9kgs of non-food as well as £40, which created 182 emergency meal packs and 4 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!

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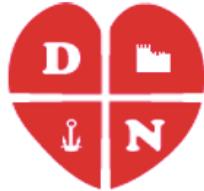
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Remember to keep in touch with what is happening round the Circuit by visiting the website:
www.dudleymethodist.org.uk

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.



Breakfast Morning thanks!

Thanks to everyone who helped to support or recent Breakfast Morning. As well as great fellowship and laughter together, we raised £332 towards church funds. Thank you all for your continued, generous support.

Thanks to the Finance Team

Thank you to Liz, Jean and David for preparing the accounts for 2024/2025. The finance records are now in for auditing. We are glad to report that we now have full access to all of our bank accounts following the changes to the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and all is looking well.

Charity Coffee Morning

Emma Raybould is holding a Charity Coffee Morning at Cole Street on Saturday 6th December between 11am and 1pm. Keep a look out for posters and updates via our website and social media channels for more info.





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 22nd November at 10am where we will be dressing the church for Christmas. 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 boarders of the site are again beginning to look a lot neater and better off following the work. Also, a continued huge thanks to Steve for painting the external woodwork of the building which is now complete. Simon has again generously donated more paint for the garden woodwork which will take place over the coming months. The lower car park gate (Double Row) has now been fixed and is back in use.



Our thanks to Graham who has worked with volunteer friends to restore the plaque which sits beneath our iconic 'crossroads' cross which lights at night in memory of Hilda Maslin.



COLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Mornings at 10:30am throughout Advent plus:

- 29.11.25 | Christmas Fayre | 12noon - 3pm**
- 06.12.25 | Charity Coffee Morning | 11am - 1pm**
- 07.12.25 | Carols in the Cool | from 5:30pm (Carols 6pm)**
- 21.12.25 | Carol Service & Nativity | 4:00pm**
- 24.12.25 | Christingle | 4:00pm**
- 28.12.25 | Christmastime Worship | 10:30am**







JOIN US THIS
CHRISTMAS



We have on sale again catering quality heavy-duty foil and cling film priced at £14.50 and £8.50 each.

With Christmas fast approaching, it is the ideal time to ensure you have foil and cling ready to get you through all of the festivities.

The heavy-duty foil is 450mm x 75m long.

The catering cling film is 300mm x 300m long.

Each purchase raises funds for church.

Last year, we raised nearly £500 towards church funds through this fundraiser.

Speak to Liz or Jean to place your order today!

(Free delivery to church where you can come and collect your order)

We are looking forward to holding our Christmas Fayre again on **Saturday 29th November** between **12noon and 3pm**.

We are seeking good-quality donations to be able to sell. If you have any new items, craft items, Christmas gifts or items we can have in a grand raffle, we'd be very grateful of any donations. Please place any donations on the stage. (Please no bric-a-brac – we have so much of it already!)

Donations of money in lieu will also be gratefully accepted to help us buy items ready for the event.

Please spread the word of this event which is sure to get you into the Christmassy mood as you view our decorated church and Christmas scenes.

Setup for the event is on Friday 28th November starting at 10:00am. If you are able to help, please add your name to the form when this is available.

Thank you.

Cole Street Church Foil & Film Fundraiser!

Prices held from last year!

Heavy-Duty Foil
450mm x 75m
£14.50



Catering Cling Film
300mm x 300m
£8.50



Each purchase raises funds for Cole Street!

Order today:
or speak to Liz R. or Jean D
or email: info@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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