

CIRCUIT NEWS

May 2026



Coventry & Nuneaton
METHODIST CIRCUIT

Save the Dates!

Saturday 9th May Presidents' Visit

to the district taking place 09:30–15:30 at Trinity Methodist Church, 3 Churchfields, Kidderminster, DY10 2JL Rev Becki Stennett will be leading one of the workshop.

Sunday 10th May Circuit Easter Offering Service

Taking place at Earlsdon Methodist Church, 4:15pm followed by bring and share cakes and snacks. Please come along .

Circuit Ascension Day Services 14th May

Arley Methodist Church at 7pm
Woodside Avenue Methodist Church 7pm

Saturday 4th July Bloom

Bloom is our brand new District festival taking place 10am-4pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Codsall, WV8 2ER.

The day will consist of a range of activities, workshops, worship, community and conversation, and is open to all ages.

<https://www.wmmethodists.org.uk/bloomfestival.html>

Saturday 18th July Outdoor Church Arrive 10:45

meeting in the cafe area (nearest the car park) for 11am. Please contact Rev Jill Marsh if you would like more details 07869 701309

Saturday 25th July Circuit Service

joined by the whole of the district as we say farewell to Rev Novette Headley, 3pm followed by food, at Coventry Central Hall

Sunday 6th September Circuit Service

We will be holding a Methodist New Year Service, 3:30pm at Woodside Avenue Methodist Church

Message of thanks from

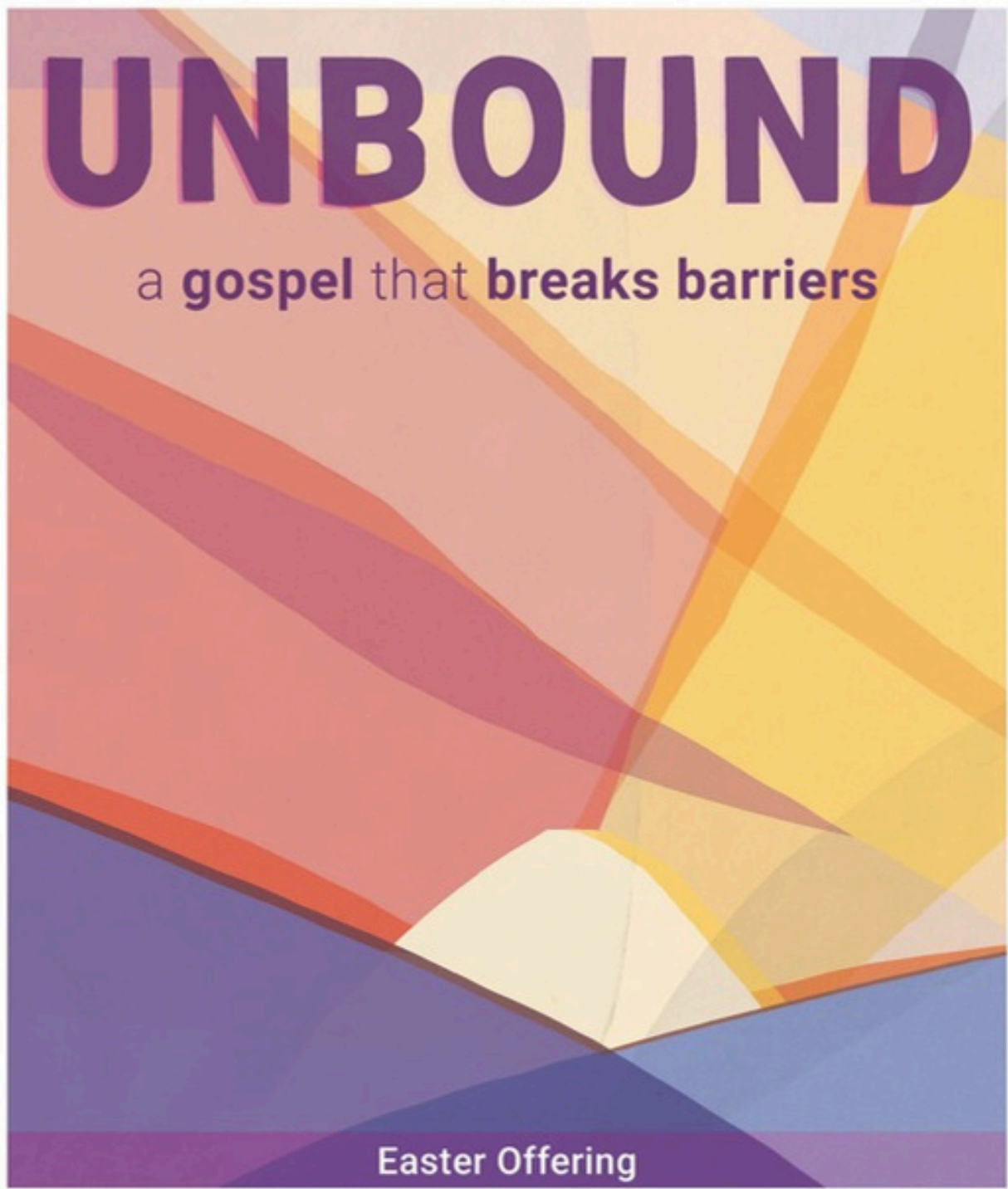
Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams

Thank you for attending my leaving service, for your various contributions to the service, gifts, flowers, food and drinks and support. Thank you for your prayers and kind words which are affirming to me, my ministry and my family. I will keep them in my heart to reflect on from time to time when the road to Emmaus gets bumpy as it's often smooth but can get bumpy at times.

I will miss you all and I will definitely miss my clergy colleagues! Jill, Christine and Becki, I thank God for our fellowship, love and respect for each other. You are truly amazing!!

Once again, on behalf of Samuel, Seth, Shiloh and myself, thank you all and God Bless.





The service will be held on

Sunday 10th May 2026

at Earlsdon Methodist Church

227 Albany Road, Coventry, CV5 6NF

Service to start at 4.15pm followed by tea and bring and share cake

 **Methodist Women
in Britain**
for women, for justice, for Christ

 **The Methodist Church**

Easter Activities around the Circuit

Ryton Methodist Church

Ryton's 'Easter Brunch and service' saw a really good number of people (family, friends and neighbours from around Bulkington) coming together to share our Easter good news ... and we were treated to wonderful music from one of our new attenders, Carl who turns out to be a very talented singer-songwriter. The photo shows some of the brunch team ready for action.



Meriden Methodist Church



Bedworth Methodist Church

Placing flowers on the Easter cross at Bedworth. 'Alleluia He is risen'



From around the Circuit

Help wanted!

Do you like teaching or passing on your knowledge?

We need more people to help us deliver Foundation Safeguarding Training throughout the circuit.

At the moment, there are just two people, Keith Drinkwater and Elaine Davenport who deliver this training and it would be really good to be able to build a bigger team to present the training.

There is some training you would have to complete but you could also 'shadow' Keith and Elaine when they deliver a course to see what it entails.

Please contact either Keith on keithdrinkwater@talktalk.net or Elaine Davenport on elainedavenport@hotmail.com if you think you could be interested.

WOODSIDE FELLOWSHIP

We meet again on Tuesday, 12th May, at 2pm, when we will welcome Rev Clive Fowle, who will speak about mediation work in Croatia. He will explain about a mini workshop that is being planned regarding the work in Croatia to introduce "TOUCH OF HOPE". He will also be bringing copies of his book "IN SPITE OF OUR DIFFERENCES, HEALING THE HURTS OF WAR". Come along and find out more about this valuable work being done to promote peace.

Our meeting on Tuesday, 26th May (Bank Holiday Tuesday) at 2pm will be an Open Meeting and will include music and a talk about hedgehogs, and the work being done to save them from extinction, by our own Christine Short, a dedicated supporter.

We are mixed group which meets fortnightly at Woodside Avenue Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome - directions for finding us are on our church website. A cup of tea afterwards (with biscuits) is, of course, guaranteed.

Bedworth Methodist Church

Student Deacon Mel Wheeler led her last service at Bedworth on 26th April.

We wish her well in her new calling in London and pray she settles in easily and we know that God will help her through all the new challenges she has ahead.



Coventry Central Hall

We hosted Universe Neoclassics at Coventry Central Hall, and it was a fantastic evening. The event brought together music, movement, and atmosphere in a way that felt genuinely different—it was brilliant to see the space come alive like that.

Bedworth Methodist Church
opposite 'Iceland' CV12 8JZ

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AND

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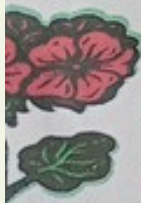
Saturday, May 9th
10.00 - 1.00 p.m.

Refreshments available

Sausage/Bacon batches on sale

Bargains for everyone

Proceeds for church funds



A few photos from Spring Outdoor
Worship at Coombe Abbey Park in
April.

Our next outdoor worship at
Coombe Abbey is on
Saturday July 18th



As the weather warms up we may be looking for some interesting salads. Here is another meat-free recipe for you to try:

WARM BEETROOT SALAD WITH FETA (serves 4)

6 beetroot – the paler ones are better to work with
100g feta
a few thyme leaves, or dried.
2 handfuls chard (or any preferred salad leaf) for the vinaigrette
3tbsp apple cider vinegar
1 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp runny honey

Roast beetroot by preferred method – whole in foil, or cut into chunks

When cool enough peel (they peel much easier when cooked) and slice or cut into small chunks.

Make the vinaigrette by mixing thoroughly together

Toss the beetroot in the vinaigrette

Arrange the leaves on a plate, cover with the beetroot, crumble over the feta and sprinkle with the thyme.

Eat and enjoy

LOAF

As a circuit aiming to care for our world and our environment, we are asked to consider the food we use, particularly at church and circuit events.

Where possible, can we try to include one or more ingredients which fit one or more of the criteria: Local, Organic, Animal friendly, Fairly traded. Let's use our LOAF!

Lois Talbot (loismtalbt@gmail.com)

Circuit Eco-Rep

Join us for **OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

One Saturday each quarter at Coombe Abbey.

Arrival 10.45am, meeting in the cafe area (nearest the car park) for 11am.
For worship in prayer and wonder, fun and some gentle walking. Suitable
for all ages.

Save the Dates!

17th January
2026

18th April
2026

18th July
2026

17th October
2026

Worship will last for around an hour and then perhaps coffee or
lunch together if you choose to stay on!

EVERYBODY WELCOME!



Faith Food & Fun



1st Sunday
Each Month



1.30 - 3.30pm
Located in The ArCH
(At the back of the building)



For 8 - 12
Year Olds!



Come have fun with friends, enjoy food and games, and learn about God in creative ways!



Scan here
to sign up



Sundays @ Susanna's

A relaxed space to talk about life,
faith and everything in between.

Mocktails · Conversation · Scripture · Prayer

Come as you are, for ages 16+

· 2nd Sunday Monthly · 1.30 - 3.30 pm ·

· *Located in the Arch @ Coventry Central Hall ·*
(Art & Community Hub located at the back of the building)



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BLOOM

West Midlands District Festival

Saturday 4 July 2026

PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS **LIVE MUSIC** **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Bloom is our brand new District festival!

**Trinity Methodist Church,
Codsall, WV8 2ER
Sat 4 Jul, 10am-4pm**

All ages welcome!

Scan the QR code to find out more and book tickets
or visit wmmethodists.org.uk/bloomfestival.html



Walking the walk

“This pilgrimage is an invitation to let Equiano tell you his story as you walk and learn and reflect, and to connect with other remarkable stories held in the route.”

Keen walkers are being sought to test parts of a new pilgrimage route designed by a Past President of the Methodist Conference and launched in honour of a pioneering abolitionist. The 80-mile Equiano Way is due to open next March and runs from Sheffield to Hull via the Epworth Old Rectory

[Further details click here](#)

Microsoft Publisher is being retired

Microsoft is retiring Publisher in October 2026.

If your church or circuit uses it to produce orders of service, newsletters, posters or flyers, you will need something else in place before then.

Below you can find some of the best alternatives, free for registered charities.

[click here](#)