

## Sheffield Circuit Newsletter

**25 February 2026**

Please note the next newsletter will be published on 11 March. Information for the newsletter should arrive before 12noon on the day.

### Presidential Visit - 28 - 29 March

- Christian Centre Stocksbridge, Brightholmlee and Metal Methodist's (St Paul's) on Saturday 28 March
- Visit to Killamarsh Methodist Church (150th Anniversary, please see the details below) on Sunday 29 March.

### Killamarsh 150th Anniversary

Revd. Richard Andrews, President of Conference preaching with us on Sunday 29 March.

- Service at 9.45 am (car parking in Aldi car park next to the church.) The Service will also be available via Google MEET please contact us for details.
- We will be celebrating with hymns
- Coffee and cakes after the service 'til approx. noon.

Please join us if you can. Our theme for the year is "Rooted, Relevant and Reimagined".

### District Gathering - Saturday 18 April

At Greenhill Methodist Church as we take a look at and discuss Courageous Conversations: Listening to and working with your community. Everyone is welcome to attend to learn, share and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Tickets are free just book your place here.

(<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sheffieldmethodistdistrict/2033448>)

### Action for Hope

Introducing a new regular feature in our newsletter.

At the last Circuit meeting we agreed to register the Circuit with the A Rocha eco-church scheme\* and to support all churches in doing what they can to reduce their impact on God's planet. No one size fits all – we all have different starting points. The current Circuit working group (meeting

quarterly) is Maryke Turvey, Debora Marschner, Thomas Rattigan, Judith Lennox Scott, Jenny Carpenter and Siggy Parratt-Halbert.

Would you like to join us? Our next meeting is on 13 April

We also intend to offer monthly tips/ideas—what would you like to see? Please let us know

- Meat-free recipes?
- Wild gardening tips?
- Sustainable consumables?
- Energy saving ideas?

For more information please see:

- Action for Hope - The Methodist Church (<https://www.methodist.org.uk/action/climate/action-for-hope/>)
- Eco Church - An A Rocha UK Project (<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>)

## **Manna and Mercy training course**

**7, 14, 21 and 28 April and 5 May 2026 (five sessions)**

**Woodseats Methodist Church, Holmhirst Road, S8 0GU**

During the Manna and Mercy course, we will take a fresh look at scripture through the interpretive lens of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and God's overall call for each one of us to partner with God in mending this fractured world.

The Bible is meant to be an instrument of God to enable abundant life for God's creation. Sadly, through the ages it has been read and interpreted in such a way that it has been used as an instrument of human domination, and death. It has been used to cheer on the Crusades, advocate Apartheid, sanction sexism and worship prosperity in the face of the poor, to name just a few horrors of our human history.

The hope is that after completing the course, our interpretations and use of the scriptures will be truly liberating and life-enabling for all of creation.

To book email [admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk](mailto:admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk) or phone 0114 2726561.

## **Church Events & Information**

A Gothic Evening Service

**Sunday 8 March at 4pm**

Expect choral sounds, hymns, metal music, laying burdens down and an alternative vibe. The service takes place at Highfield Trinity Methodist Church on Highfield Place (London Road). A retiring collection will be taken for Highfield Trinity funds. All welcome! Please contact Kate on [katemetalmethodist@outlook.com](mailto:katemetalmethodist@outlook.com)

## **Taiz Prayer for Lent at St Andrew's Psalter Lane**

This year our Thursday services in Lent will take a slightly different pattern. Please see below:

- Thursday 26 February - Sacred Space at 7.30 pm  
A time to be restored by music, poetry, quotes, readings and shared spaces of silence, amidst candlelight.
- Thursday 5th March - Taiz at 7.00 pm - Time of quiet singing and reflective prayer.
- Thursday 12th March Taiz at 7.00 pm
- Thursday 19th March Taiz at 7.00 pm
- Thursday 26th March - Sacred Space at 7.30 pm
- Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday. Mission Partnership joint service at St Augustine's Brocco Bank. Time to be announced.

## **Community's Story – We Are Sheffield**

[https://www.wearesheffield.org.uk/?mc\\_cid=aaaede95c2&mc\\_eid=ad2dc8e266](https://www.wearesheffield.org.uk/?mc_cid=aaaede95c2&mc_eid=ad2dc8e266)

We Are Sheffield is our centenary project celebrating 100 stories of community action across the city. We want this to be shaped by the people who live it, and that means hearing from local people, neighbourhoods, and community groups in your own words.

We are inviting you to share a memory, a moment, or a piece of history that shows how Sheffield looks after each other. Please submit your story by Monday 18th May. Please share this invitation widely. Your contribution could be part of: an exhibition of 100 stories; a Lord Mayor reception; a city gala hosted by Voluntary Action Sheffield. Share your stories here.

## **Rising Leaders - Residential**

Also, this year we'll be hosting a residential called 'Rising Leaders' for anyone who is aged 14 up showing leadership potential and want to explore leadership skills, fellowship with other young people and faith. This will lead on from our Youth Day until Sunday afternoon. We would like the young people to join us for the whole day on Saturday with the rest of the District Youth. We want young people willing to participate in the weekend activities. Let me know by 20<sup>th</sup> March - Contact [cy@sheffieldmethodist.org](mailto:cy@sheffieldmethodist.org)

## **Volunteering Opportunities**

### **Stocksbridge Food Bank**

Urgent appeal for volunteers at the new Cedar Tree Coffee Shop Food Matters, which runs the Food Bank and the Community Outlet is planning to open a new volunteer-run community coffee

shop on March 17th. They already have two volunteers for each day when they start (Tuesday and Thursday mornings). They would really like another volunteer for each of those mornings, and if possible, a few more to enable them to open up on more mornings. One volunteer who would like to bake a tray-bake etc., on their volunteer morning in the dedicated coffee shop kitchen, would be wonderful.

Please ring Ian Lucraft on 07428 744 014, or email at [ianlucraft@btinternet.com](mailto:ianlucraft@btinternet.com), or call in on a Tuesday or Thursday morning, from 10-12.

## **Job Vacancies**

### **Missional Property Enabler – Sheffield District**

<https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/recruitment/vacancies/missional-property-enabler.html>

This role will support Circuits and their new and existing churches, to be bold in exploring creative possibilities for how premises can support growing and become even more inclusive, evangelistic and justice seeking.

Deadline: Midday 28 February.

Working hours: 37 hours per week.

Rate of pay: £34,632 - £38,480 per annum

### **Pioneer Chaplain, Broomhill Methodist Centre**

We are seeking a pioneer chaplain to be present as a non-judgemental listening ear for people of all faiths and none throughout the centre.

The Pioneer Chaplain will facilitate inclusive occasions where community is gathered. From this they will establish contextual fresh expressions of church where new people can explore faith and grow as disciples. Details here.

<https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/recruitment/vacancies/community-pioneer-broomhill-methodist-centre.html>

### **ONE Opportunity Programme (internship)**

<https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/what-we-do/children-and-youth/one-opportunity-programme.html>

We also still have spaces for anyone who is aged 16-23 interested in doing an internship. The ONE opportunity programme is a paid internship based on a minimum 3 hours per week working towards a year long project. If you know anyone who might be interested and would like a further conversation please get in touch.

## Safeguarding

### Advanced Safeguarding Training

We have now updated the training page on the District website with details about the face-to-face training sessions which will be taking place in 2026. There is a risk of events being cancelled if the minimum number of places is not met, so please do book in early. Full details are here (<https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/what-we-do/safeguarding/safeguarding-training.html>)

## Funding

### Building Improvement Grants

Benefact Trust's Building Improvement Grant programme provides essential support to protect and enhance churches, ensuring their continued use and the safeguarding of their heritage. This is a rolling programme, please click here for details. <https://www.benefacttrust.co.uk/grants/building-improvement-grants/>

## Other Information and News

### Lent 2026

<https://methodist.org.uk/Lent2026>

Lent is a spiritual reboot – A journey of pausing, breathing and making space for God. Sometimes life can be a tad overwhelming. What could you put down to give your life space to pick up something new?

Sign up for Lent Reset emails at <https://methodist.org.uk/Lent2026>

Follow the District on Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp for weekly readings and prayers.

## Sheffield District MWiB Programme

- 28 March Afternoon tea and stalls

Venue: Bents Green Methodist Church at 2pm

- 10 - 12 April Swanwick weekend

Keynote speaker: Caroline Godfrey. For full details please click here. <https://mwib.org.uk/index.php/news-events/>

## GDPR Annual Checklist

<https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/what-we-do/data-protection.html>

TMPC (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes) have announced that the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) checklist for 2026 is now live. It is very similar to previous years – the biggest change is that they have moved from using Google to Microsoft.

You can find out more here: Annual Checklist <https://www.tmcpc.org.uk/about/data-protection/resources/standard-documents-and-forms/data-protection-annual-checklist>

Below are the dates and times for the online support sessions (on Zoom). Book here (<https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/what-we-do/data-protection/data-protection-support-session.html>)

- Tuesday 10 March at 12:00 noon or 7:30pm
- Thursday 19 March at 10:30 or 1:00pm

## Christian Aid Changemakers Conference

**14 March 2026, 10am - 1pm** at St Gabriel's Church (Dobbin Hill, S11 7JB)

The Sheffield CA Committee warmly invite you to the Watch Party of the annual Changemakers conference to help you and your church get ready for Christian Aid Week. Refreshments, including a light lunch, will be provided.

RSVP: Alison Trezise [jandatrezise@virginmedia.com](mailto:jandatrezise@virginmedia.com)

The conference will feature:

- Stories from our partner Beacon of Hope working to transform lives in Kenya.
- A sneak peek at new fundraising resources to help you prepare for Christian Aid Week
- Connect with fellow supporters to spark creative fundraising ideas