



The Methodist Church in Sheffield

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7 May 2026

Dear friends and colleagues,

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say: rejoice!

Philippians 4.4-9 reminds us that as disciples of Jesus, our lives should be rooted in God's peace and filled with prayer and service.

We rejoice in your ministry of preaching and worship leading and are thankful for all you offer to the Circuit Preaching Plan in appointments, as well as in encouragement given to our congregations. May you fulfil this calling of yours with joy and dedication and may the love of Christ shine through every aspect of your lives; in conversations around tables, in question sharing, in sermon illustrations and heartfelt prayers.

It's a big privilege to share the hope in our hearts and encourage renewed enthusiasm for our faith and church life and the tender new shoots of God's kingdom around us.

We hope that you are feeling supported and equipped for this service, and we will always offer a listening ear. Please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are also keen to hear how you have done church differently over the summer as we struggled to fill the plan in the traditional way.

Hopefully many of you will join us at the **Circuit Farewell Service** at Handsworth Methodist Church on **Sunday 19 July**. Full details will be made available shortly.

We are sending off several ministerial colleagues with our blessing this year.

May you find encouragement and strength in your calling, and may you always know that you are valued and supported.

With every blessing and our heartfelt gratitude,

Debora & Romeo
Superintendent Ministers



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Key Diary Dates

- The local preachers' rededication service on **Thursday 10 September 2026**

For your information, please find enclosed;

- your Preaching Plan (if requested),
- your print out of appointments,
- your Preaching Card

Please take time to read this letter carefully and to transfer dates into your diary for the coming year. I remind all preachers that if you are unable to take any appointments in a particular quarter it is your responsibility to find an accredited substitute and inform the superintendent minister. **Please use the office as a last resort to find a replacement.**

The cut-off date for submitting Plan availability for the September - November Plan is Monday 6th July

For your information please see below the Plan making timetable;

Monday 6 th July	Deadline for submitting Plan availability
Tues 7 th – Wed 8 th July	Office to add pre-arranged appointments
Thurs 9 th – Mon 20 th July	Ministers to put in their own dates and agreed pre-arranged services
Tues 21 st July	Plan making team to fill in the gaps
Fri 24 th – Tues 28 th July	Proof reading by ministers and lay pastors
Wed 29 th July	Plan to be published and distributed

The upcoming dates for the LWPM gatherings will be Thursday 4 June, 7.30 pm, Greenhill Methodist Church and Tuesday 8 September, Venue tbc.

There are several appointments which were unable to be filled, please see below. If you are able to help please let the Circuit office (admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk) know as soon as possible;



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We have several gaps to fill and we would encourage you to rethink how you do church in August. Below are a few suggestions, that might appeal to you. You are invited to join the Sheffield Circuit's Summer Preaching Plan Adventure 2026:

- Have a local arrangement and use the ready-to-use material from *The Vine* provided by the circuit. – please contact admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk for more details.
- Check the plan where services are taking place and join another Methodist church
- Only have one or two services in August.
- Change the service time to the afternoon, this may free up some preachers.
- Take a walk together around your community, chat to people you meet, talk and pray about what you notice (and/ or do a litter pick!).
- Meet together over a cuppa, share your favourite Bible stories (and your favourite hymns on another Sunday) and tell each other why this is your favourite. Spend time to pray together.
- Attend a church you've never been to (it may even be a different denomination!).
- Meet in a nearby green space and give thanks for God's creation all around you.

June - September 2026

Appointments still to be filled

Date	Time	Church
14/06/2026	11:00	Hatfield House Lane
28/06/2026	10:30	Crane Moor
28/06/2026	10:45	High Green
05/07/2026	10:00	Nether Green
12/07/2026	10:30	Firth Park
26/07/2026	10:30	Brightholmlee
26/07/2026	10:30	Crane Moor
02/08/2026	10:30	Brightholmlee
02/08/2026	10:30	Coal Aston
02/08/2026	11:00	Hatfield House Lane
09/08/2026	10:45	Banner Cross
09/08/2026	10:30	Gleadless
09/08/2026	11:00	Green Moor
09/08/2026	11:00	Hatfield House Lane
09/08/2026	10:30	Hollinsend
16/08/2026	10:15	Church of Christ Darnall
16/08/2026	10:30	Crane Moor
16/08/2026	10:45	High Green

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16/08/2026	10:30	Stanwood
23/08/2026	10:45	Christ Church Stocksbridge
23/08/2026	10:30	Highfield Trinity
30/08/2026	10:45	Carterknowle
30/08/2026	10:30	Chapelton
30/08/2026	10:30	Christian Centre LEP Stocksbridge
30/08/2026	10:30	Gleadless
30/08/2026	11:00	Hatfield House Lane
30/08/2026	10:00	Nether Green
30/08/2026	10:30	Wisewood

Circuit Admin Team