

## Sheffield Circuit Newsletter

10 June 2026

**Please note we will be circulating the newsletter weekly, on a trial basis for 3 months. Let us know your thoughts.**

Please note the next newsletter will be published on 17 June. Information for the newsletter should arrive before 12noon on the day.

### **Coffee, cake and companionship**

A community initiative launched at High Green Methodist Church in Sheffield has exceeded all expectations in its first year, attracting growing numbers of residents seeking connection, conversation and a welcoming space.

3C's — Coffee, Cake and Companionship — was created to offer a welcoming space for people who didn't quite fit into the village's existing clubs and groups. There were lunch clubs, sports and hobby sessions, but nowhere to simply drop in, sit down and enjoy the company of others without commitment or cost. It was hoped a handful of visitors might attend the first session, instead, 34 people walked through the doors. This number has continued to rise, with 51 people joining the May gathering and a record 58 attending on Yorkshire Day. [Read the full story here.](#)

### **Methodist Church Eco-network**

#### **Wednesday July 8th at 7pm, online**

A network for people passionate about faith and the environment; for those exploring climate justice, and those already taking action.

Learn more: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1113977198789?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Screening of The People's Emergency Briefing 16 July, 7pm**

Sheffield Hallam University Adsetts Lecture Theatre, Sheffield S1 1WB

The National Emergency Briefing campaign aims to get scientists' briefings on the climate and nature emergency shown to the public.

A Sheffield-wide screening of 45-min film, The People's Emergency Briefing, followed by a guided discussion with residents, community groups, local businesses, councillors and MPs — sharing clear evidence and creating space for constructive conversation together.

For further details and [to book click here.](#)

#### **There are several other Sheffield screenings:**

- Friday 19 June, Union Street Co-Working, Union Street. To [book click here](#)
- Thursday 25 June, Dore Parish Church
- Monday 6 July, Showroom Cinema

The full map of screenings is at [nebriefing.org/screening-map](http://nebriefing.org/screening-map)

## **Spare tables suitable for a playgroup or toddler group**

Brightholmlee Church have some tables that are surplus to requirement. These are four "Community Playthings" "MultiTables", including two half-moon MultiTables and two rectangular MultiTables which can be configured in various versatile combinations.

MultiTables are sturdy and can be spiral stacked – or, the legs quickly unscrew and clip into the leg holder underneath for compact storage or transportation. The adjustable legs allow you to alter the table height in increments from 40 to 59 cm. Each table is 56cm wide by 112cm long. If interested please contact Ann Croft – [annecoft11@gmail.com](mailto:annecoft11@gmail.com)

## **Office workers' gathering Tuesday 14 July**

**The next Gathering for all those involved in church administration will be held at Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Napier Road, Sheffield.**

This is a great time to meet up with others in similar roles, to share experiences and good practice and to offer support and encouragement. It is organised by the UCAN (UK Church Administrators Network), but is open to all.

To help with the catering, we do ask you book in so we know how many to expect: [Book here](#)

## **Palindrome Challenge**

From one of our readers and something to get your brain cells working! A palindrome is the same whether you read it forwards or backwards. **How many five-letter palindromes can you find?**

To start you off - level.

## **Contact Details**

*Have you recently updated your telephone number or email address and not informed Circuit yet?  
Do we have the correct contact details for you?*

Please [do let us know](#) your correct contact details, to ensure we can stay in contact with you.

## **The Methodist Church in Sheffield: Circuit Meeting News**

Our March Circuit Meeting took place on 26 March 2026 at Mount Tabor. Please see the [notes](#) to find out what's happening in your Circuit. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 22 June 2026.

## Growing in Faith, Circuit Prayer

Every Wednesday 8pm

Please see the details of the [Prayer for May - June](#).

### A prayer of thanks for song in our lives and hearts

What song shall I sing today?

What prayer shall I pray today?

Abide with me, O Love Divine.

Thank you, God, for music and song in our hearts and lives.

I pray to you every new morning,  
anticipating what might lie ahead.

I pray to you in the afternoon,  
thinking of family and friends.

I pray to you in the evening,  
repeating "Thank you, God" for life in all its richness,  
remembering all who cannot sing or pray  
because of pain and sorrow in their lives.

What song shall I sing tomorrow?

What prayer shall I pray tomorrow?

**Pamela Stenson, President, Methodist Women in Britain, Darlington District**

[Methodist Church Prayer Hub](#)

## Church Events and Information

### Metal Methodist Worship

St Paul's Methodist Church, Dronfield in June and July.

**Come along at 3pm on Saturday 20 June and Saturday 18 July** for chat, heavy music and worship with an alternative vibe. All welcome!

Please get in touch with Kate, Metal Methodist Development Worker, for more info on

[katemetalmethodist@outlook.com](mailto:katemetalmethodist@outlook.com)

## Justice and Peace

### Open Doors

The Arise Africa petition has hit a milestone with over 600,000 signatures.

Millions of Christians face violent persecution in sub-Saharan Africa. They have been driven out of their homes and villages. Their churches have been burned, their homes and villages attacked. Lives have been lost.

The Arise Africa petition calls upon the global community to ensure that vulnerable Christians in sub-Saharan Africa get protection, justice and restoration. It's due to be presented to the UK government and to the EU and UN in November this year. [Sign the Petition.](#)

## Children & Youth

### 3Generate 2 - 4 October, NEC

Join us on the way, for a spectacular celebration of the ever-unfolding journey of faith  
Tickets are now on sale for 3Generate 2026! Be part of the journey from the 2-4 October to as we invite every child and young person, whatever their starting point, to take a meaningful next step with God. Find out more and book your place at [3Generate.org.uk](https://3generate.org.uk)

## Training

### Guide to the Inclusive Language Guide Thursday 9th July at 7pm, online

Come along and learn more about the Inclusive Language Guide and how you can use it in your context. Learn more: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1512695425739?aff=oddtcreator>

## Safeguarding

### Circuit Safeguarding Update

We are in the process of simplifying the Pastoral Visitors Guidance for ministers and anyone who has a leadership role within the Methodist Church, along with the pastoral visitor's guidance leaflets. These should be ready to send out soon.

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) is a public body in England, Wales, and other UK jurisdictions that helps employers make safer recruitment decisions. I have recently sent out clarification regarding the different level of checks available and how to ensure the correct level of check is applied for. If you didn't receive the email or have any questions, please get in touch. For your information, the next safeguarding foundation training dates are,

- Tuesday 23 June at 2 pm Millhouses MC
- Monday 29 June at 2 pm, Christ Church Stocksbridge.

Please let [me know if you would like to book a place.](#)

## Funding

### Sheffield City Council Ward Pots are now open!

#### North East LAC

Ward Pots aim to support stronger, successful communities by making grants available to local voluntary and community **groups in the wards of Burngreave, Firth Park, Shiregreen & Brightside and Southey**. If your organisation can contribute to your local area, you may be eligible for funding.

More information on what can be applied for and the full application pack can be found on the following page: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/your-city-council/ward-pots>

Please return completed forms to us at [NorthEastLAC@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:NorthEastLAC@sheffield.gov.uk)

### **South West LAC**

Applications are being invited for activities and projects in the following wards: **Crookes & Crosspool; Fulwood; Ecclesall and Dore & Totley.**

The application pack can be found by visiting our [ward pot page](#). You will also be able to see further eligibility criteria around what can and what cannot be funded. Please return completed forms to [SouthwestLAC@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:SouthwestLAC@sheffield.gov.uk)

## **Other Information and News**

### **Kindom Evangelism Seminar, Urban Theology Unit**

**23 June 10 for 10.30am by Zoom**

Faith sharing from a kindom-building perspective has been promulgated by UTU since it's inception, using Mark's gospel as the core text. It is a methodology that is rooted in radical and liberation theology but can be theologically open, does not have a proscribed set of actions or responses, but does hope that people will want to become followers of Jesus and kindom-builders in their own pace and way.

This month we will be looking particularly at speaking into communities that are divided and the work of Better Story a group set up to encourage Christians in dialogues of understanding with right wing protestors. Facilitator: Erica Dunmow

Join the group on Zoom for introductory chat from 10.00am and we will focus our discussion from 10.30 to finish by 11.30. Click [here to join the](#) Zoom link.

### **Pause for Thought – The Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal**

“Martha is no martyr, she does not neglect herself within what may appear to be a selfless life lived for others.”

In ‘Going the extra mile’ the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal on this week's theme ‘An Act of Selflessness’, [on BBC Sounds](#).

### **Tearfund Ebola Crisis Appeal: how you can help**

On Friday 15 May, Ebola was declared in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The outbreak occurred in Ituri, an area of the DRC where Tearfund has been working for ten years.

This is a densely populated area where hunger, conflict, and extreme poverty are rampant. News of the outbreak has devastated the area and sparked fear and uncertainty in neighbouring countries like Uganda, where cases have already been detected.

Will you show God's compassion [and donate here?](#)