

## Sheffield Circuit Newsletter

24 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 1 July. Information for the newsletter should arrive before 12noon on the day.

### A Hidden Gem Revealed

This month, we highlight Victoria Hall, where, during insurance works, remnants of the original terrazzo floor were uncovered. Rather than replacing it, the decision was made to carefully repair and restore this historic feature.

The results are truly impressive, creating a striking and welcoming entrance to the building. This is a brilliant example of preserving character while enhancing the overall visitor experience. [Click here for a short video of the restored floor.](#)

Property Matters newsletter

### The Big Butterfly Count

17 July - 9 August

Where are all the butterflies? *This is a UK wide survey, that helps to assess the health of our environment simply by counting butterflies.*

This is an ideal opportunity to involve families, children, your local youth group etc.

1. Download the butterfly / moth ID chart
2. Choose a space to watch butterflies, for 15 minutes
3. Add your numbers to the map
4. Or count, on the move with the big butterfly count app

For full details on how to arrange your own Count please go to the [Butterfly Count website.](#)

### Growing in Faith, Circuit Prayer

**Every Wednesday 8pm**

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

Jesus, you served with great humility. Yet, you never retreated in the face of abuse and oppression. You confronted it with boldness and authority. Help us to be humble, but not afraid to speak out against all that diminish others. Great Rock, be our shelter and strength. Amen.

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## 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](#)

## 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 June Circuit Meeting took place on 22 June 2026 at St Paul's Dronfield. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17 September 2026.

## Church Events and Information

### Killamarsh Methodist Church 150th birthday video

Killamarsh has created [this great video](#) as part of their 150th birthday celebrations. It's about the local community, it's history and the congregation answer questions about why they go to the church, why they are Methodists, and what makes Killamarsh their home.

### Large print hymn books

We have had another request for large-print hymnbooks, either Hymns and Psalms, or Singing the Faith. This is to help with worship in a care home. If your church has any that can be donated, please contact Erica Dunmow [edunelm@gmail.com](mailto:edunelm@gmail.com).

### Statistics for Mission

Thank you for all who helped to enter in their numbers or the 2025 Statistics for Mission. We are pleased to report a 92% return rate. You can view the statistics for your church, circuit and district [here](#).

We are pleased to announce that office holders can now be updated again via the Online Suite. Log into your account to check and update records for your church, circuit and district.

Managing Trustees are now able to check contact details and this should be done as soon as possible in order to comply with Check 4 of the [Data Protection Checklist](#).

## **MWiB District day July 17th 10am for 10.30am at Hoyland and Birdwell Methodist Church**

The guest speaker is Co Chair of MWiB Olive Ruzidzo do come along and make this a special day. Drinks will be provided please bring your own lunch. Everyone is welcome.

## **Good News**

### **Funding for new churches - Metal Methodist**

Metal Methodist is an online, and a developing onsite, New Place for New People. It is open to everyone but primarily shaped for to people from alternative music subcultures (metal, hard rock, punk, grunge) and/or those who may feel on the margins of mainstream culture and uncomfortable in more traditional forms of church. From its beginnings in Sheffield, its online reach expands around the UK and internationally. Metal Methodists have previously received short term Digital NPNP seed funding, but this longer term grant gives opportunity for the Metal Methodists to broaden the places where they are present and people they can connect with.

### **Second Art of Welcome grant award**

Parson Cross Methodists will be working in partnership with a local artist, Art for All group, PXI charity and other local community organisations to create a multilingual welcome sign. This will be incorporated into a new Garden of Welcome at Mount Tabor chapel, which is already known locally as a space where people feel welcomed “as they are”. For more details on how Art of Welcome could bring people together in your neighbourhood go to <https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/theartofwelcome.html>

## **Justice and Peace**

### **Dialogue in polarised times**

A Biblical Reflection on Romans 14-15

What would it take to have good conversations in communities marked by real disagreement?

In Romans 14-15, Paul addresses exactly this question. In this section of his letter to the Romans Paul aims to cultivate dialogue that sustains a Christian community experiencing deep disagreements. Paul is actively developing conversations across difference within Roman house churches. His tips for good conversations across disagreement ring true amidst the polarisation that we experience today. To read the rest of the article [please click here](#).

## Children and Young People

### Calling all District Youth groups

Sheffield Methodist District is becoming an eco-district - and circuits are following. We want to hear and publicise your great ideas.

As Youth Groups and Brigades, you are probably well ahead of us and could inspire us with your ideas. Can you send us photos and/or short reports when you:

- Undertake a litter pick
- Have a craft/ maker session using recycled materials
- Do a bird count in the neighbourhood - or make a bird feeder or insect hotel for the church grounds.
- Host a clothing exchange
- Hold a sustainable /vegetarian cooking session (anyone know a good beetroot brownie recipe?).

Potential activities are, we are sure, limitless, but if you are wanting more ideas please try [Youth - Eco Church](#).

We could send you a certificate to recognise and thank you for your great ideas, and your local host churches and others will learn more about what you are already doing. You may discover adults in your local churches who share your passion and undertake joint activities.

Please send any contributions to Jude for Sheffield Circuit - [admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk](mailto:admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk)

### RECOGNISE 6-12 July 2026

A national week of recognition for everyone involved in ministry with children, young people, and their families. Sunday 12 July is a day for churches nationwide to celebrate and thank those involved in this vital ministry. To get involved and [for further details please click here](#).

## Funding

### The Joseph Rank Trust

The Trust funds grants for capital expenditure or three-year grants for running (core) costs. What The Joseph Rank Trust supports:

1. Family workers at Church, Circuit or District level.
2. Youth workers at Church, Circuit or District level.
3. Other areas of local Home Mission work. This will follow the JRT's interpretation of what Home Mission is, which can be expressed as supporting the Church's role within the community.

4. Property schemes which improve the facilities for Church and Community use (we do not consider completed projects or delayed church maintenance).

The trustees are next meeting in October 2026. Please read through [the criteria carefully](#).

## **Zoom briefing on Places of Worship Renewal Fund**

The new time and date for Deborah's talk is 2pm on Tuesday 7 July.

For login details for the new meeting date please contact HRBA directly via [email](#).

The meeting on 7 July will be recorded and the slides made available afterwards - you can also contact HRBA directly for these as well.

## **Other Information and News**

### **Sheffield Christian Aid Night Hike**

For an ideal mid-summer evening walk, try this year's Sheffield Night Hike on Saturday 4 July! It's a 9-mile countryside walk, chosen by local volunteers to make an interesting dusk till midnight adventure. Starting at Hathersage Methodist Church (check in at 7.30pm), all you need are some good boots, a torch and bring a friend if you can!

Come and join us to raise vital funds for Christian Aid's work to tackle global poverty and injustice.

Find out more and register <https://sheffieldnighthike.org.uk/>

### **Urban Theology Seminar - Girard, Refugees, Victimhood & Theology**

Tuesday, 7th July, 11am–1pm, featuring guest speaker Paul Fitzpatrick (online)

Paul will present a thought-provoking session exploring how the ideas of René Girard intersect with contemporary questions surrounding refugees, victimhood, and Christian theology. Drawing on both doctoral research and practical experience, the seminar will offer valuable insight for anyone interested in urban mission, theology, social justice, and the lived realities of communities on the margins. To sign up and receive the joining details, please contact the UTU

office: [office@utusheffield.org.uk](mailto:office@utusheffield.org.uk)

### **“What Brings Me Closer To God?”**

We're hoping to offer a regular session on third Sunday evenings at the Centre entitled “What Brings Me Closer To God?”. To do this, Alison is hoping to find people willing to share something (music, art, literature, nature, etc) that engages them in this way. If you would like to offer something and talk about it with a facilitator on one of these evenings (or possibly pre-recorded to play at one of the sessions) please contact Alison [chaplain@whirlowspiritualitycentre.org](mailto:chaplain@whirlowspiritualitycentre.org)

### **An Evening of Praise & Worship 27 June at 7pm**

We're so grateful to [St Paul's Church and Centre, Norton Lees](#) for hosting an Evening of Praise & Worship and including a cake sale for SYCLS. An uplifting evening of worship led by Outcry, a Sheffield-based Ecumenical Christian worship band. There'll be cake and good company too!

**St Paul's Church, Angerford Avenue, Sheffield, free entry**