

Sheffield Circuit Newsletter

17 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 24 June. Information for the newsletter should arrive before 12noon on the day.

Sheffield Circuit Farewell Service - Sunday 19 July at 3pm, Handsworth

Woodhouse (S13 9BN)

Join us to say farewell to Revd Michelle Deans, Revd Jonathan Haigh, Revd Claude Kimpinde, Revd Ian Lucraft, Revd Tracey Morris, Revd Romeo Pedro and Deacon Annabel Terry.

Sheffield Circuit Welcome Service - Wednesday 2 September at 7.30pm

The service will be led by Revd Vicky Atkins and held at Totley Rise Methodist Church (Grove Road, S17 4DJ).

Join us as we welcome new Ministers Revd Andrew Atkins, Revd Gift Chanakira and Revd Naomi Kaiga to the Sheffield Circuit.

Growing in Faith, Circuit Prayer

Every Wednesday 8pm

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

A prayer in times of uncertainty and change

God of the earth, the sea and the sky, As we look around us we see change and uncertainty:

The effects of the changing seasons on the work of our farmers, and the security of homes and businesses. The power of the sea on our coastline and the catch of fishing boats. The flightpaths of military aircraft pointing towards global political uncertainty. In our churches and communities too, there is change and uncertainty.

May we know your steadfast love, and that in all times and all places you are there. In the name of Christ, Amen.

Angy Long, District Chair, Lincolnshire District

[Methodist Church Prayer Hub](#)

Refugee Week, Our Story, Our Song of Welcome

The Revd Richard Andrew, President of the Methodist Conference, and Matthew Forsyth, Vice-President, offer this reflection for Refugee Week

The theme for our presidential year, “*Our Story, Our Song*,” feels very timely in relation to Refugee Week. (Monday, 15 June to Sunday, 21 June, with World Refugee Day on Saturday, 20 June.) One strand of our theme focuses on those whose stories are missing from our narratives. But, when you do talk to a refugee, you hear stories of the pain and the sorrow of displacement. Behind the headlines are very human stories: a parent seeking safety for their child, a young person escaping violence, a family torn apart by war or persecution. Please [click here to read the full article](#).

National Clean Air Day, 18 June

Air pollution is associated with around 30,000 deaths a year in the UK. The World Health Organization and the UK Government recognise that air pollution is the largest environmental threat to our health. For ideas on supporting this cause - including writing to your councillor, spread the word on social media etc please go to the [Clean Air Day website](#).

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

Prayer Cards

Do you find prayer difficult, boring or frustrating?

How can it be creative, life-giving and transformational?

The new Methodist prayer cards offer 52 different prompts for creative prayer; different ways that we can fulfil the Methodist Way of Life commitment to “pray daily” as far as we are able, with God’s help. The cards can be used by individuals or groups, at church events onsite & online, in homes, schools & care homes. You are able to purchase 52 A6 prayer cards at £4.99. For full [details please click here](#).

Methodist Conference and service for presbyters who have passed away

During the Presbyteral Session of the Methodist Conference on Friday 26th June there will be a Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for those presbyters who have passed away during the last year. This can be watched by going to the Conference webpage linked below and the livestream link will be available there once it starts. You can also watch other sessions of Conference on the livestream. Here is the link to the [Conference website](#).

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](#)

Manor Church and Community Project awarded a grant!

The District's first Art of Welcome grant has been awarded to [Manor Church and Community Project](#) (read the full story here). This ecumenical charity and expression of church on the Manor estate in Sheffield will be working with the diverse groups of people who attend their regular groups, to create a mosaic for the outside of their Temple Park Centre and an art exhibition. Art making workshops will be tailored to cater for a range of needs such as structured & unstructured, multi-generational and age specific

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.

Church Events and Information

St Andrew's Psalter Lane - Junior Church invites you to a Summer Family Fun Afternoon!

There will be fun, games, bouncy castle and slide, crafts, and lots more. Bring your trikes, bikes and scooters, as we'll clear the carpark of cars!

This event is suitable for children of all ages and their families, so please come along and invite anyone you know. Please bring your own picnic, but drinks, and ice-cream will be provided. Children, please bring an adult with you. There is no charge for this event.

For more information, please contact Sophie 07443 630571.

Justice and Peace

Open Doors - Pray as they Play, World Cup football cards

With the men's World Cup started, we want to let you know about our new Pray as they Play resource to help people support the persecuted church.

Just [download and print off our brand new, free](#), World Cup Pray as they Play footie cards to help you pray for Christians facing persecution during the 2026 World Cup. It's a wonderful opportunity to pray for change, fairness and victories for Christians from countries where faith costs the most.

Children & Youth

Navigating influencer culture (online) - Thursday 9 July, 6.30-8pm

A joint online workshop from The Well and the Girls' Brigade

Working together, Girls' Brigade England and Wales and the Methodist Church, are offering a webinar to explore, discuss and understand how to talk to our young people about the joys and challenges they face in our rapidly evolving digital age.

Led by the Girls' Brigade Youth President, Eloise Dale and assisted by the Girls' Brigade Youth Ambassadors, Mollie Maliqi and Olivia Hurley, this webinar will explore how to stay safe online, the possibility of a social media ban (and young people's opinions on the subject) and the effects social media has on young people's mental health. [To book click here.](#)

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

National Churches Trust

The Medium Grants programme can help your church, chapel, meeting house or cathedral with urgent repair and maintenance issues, as well as project development work. They can fund projects and investigative works that are centred around an existing church building, and which helps to develop a more informed, better quality proposal to a point where you can approach major grant funders. This could be researching repair issues through an in-depth structural report or identifying different approaches to a solution through feasibility or options appraisals.

Deadline Tuesday 18 August. For full application details [please click here.](#)

To help with writing grant applications to the National Churches Trust, [an example of an application form](#) for the Medium Grant programme has been created by the Connexional Property Support Team.

Other Information and News

Kindom Evangelism Seminar - Tues 23 June 10 for 10.30am

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.

Email office@utusheffield.org.uk for a Zoom link.

Summer School at Holy Rood House Thirsk 6-9 July

[Summer School](#) on the theme of 'Bearing Witness' with Wahida Shaffi, Paul Morrison, Revd Canon Timothy Goode and Revd Drs Romola Parish. Residential and day guests welcome.

[Full details and booking form available here.](#)

Education is a harvest that lasts!

All children should be able to learn and have opportunities to flourish. At harvest time, as we thank God for creation and the environments that cause vegetation to grow, we will think about the factors that hinder children in Sierra Leone. The Kingdom Jesus envisions is one of justice and joy, where all can flourish under his care and live free of hinderances. Inspire your church with this vision at Harvest! Sign up to be alerted by email to find out when the resources are live:

allwecan.org.uk/harvest

Sheffield City Council - Have Your Say

Consultations and surveys now open on the topics below. Residents invited to share views to help shape local services.

- Review of the blude badge scheme
- Street Tree replacement
- BT Payphones

To have you say please click here for the [full list of consultations](#).

SOAR is hosting UNITY in the Community events across the North East

- Firth Park's UNITY in the Community event is on **Tuesday 25th August 13:00-15:00**, by Henry's Cafe & First Start. [Stall holder booking form](#)
- Shiregreen & Brightside's UNITY in the Community event is on **Tuesday 11th August, 13:00-15:00** at Upper Wincobank Chapel & Green. [Stall holder booking form](#)

We are inviting local community groups and organisations operating in the area to take part by hosting a stall or delivering a demonstration to showcase their work. Demonstrations could include a performance, activity, or class. If you are interested in participating, please complete the attached Stall Holder Form.