

Sheffield Circuit Newsletter

22 July 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 29 July. Information for the newsletter should arrive before 12noon on the day.

A prayer that we might reflect God's love

All loving and all-embracing God, our hearts overflow with gratitude when we think and feel your love, manifested in Jesus Christ and poured into our hearts by your Holy Spirit. Let our response be spontaneous praise, praying fervently, reading your words passionately and welcoming the strangers genuinely. Give us charismatic smiles, courteous words and sacrificial hearts when we approach others with your love. Help us to overcome the temptation of being engaged in pious acts to win your favour and instead teach us to live in solidarity with you and with the needy and suffering. Let us and our churches reflect your love in a love-hungry world, now and always. Amen.

Israel Selvanayagam, supernumerary presbyter, Birmingham

[Methodist Church Prayer Hub](#)

Growing in Faith, Circuit Prayer

Every Wednesday 8pm

Zoom circuit prayer 94411865948 999757

Join us for Circuit Prayer - please see the [Circuit Prayer Plan](#) (8-29 July)

The latest episode of the District podcast Faith, Hope and The Journey is available to stream now. In this episode District chat to Circuit's Revd. Debora Marschner, about her Ministry supporting those who are experiencing bereavement. It's not an easy thing for some people to talk about, and people grieve in different ways, but Debora is passionate about making sure no one feels unseen in their grief -<https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/podcast.html>

Soundcloud: <https://soundcloud.com/.../faith-hope-and-the-journey-3...>

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/0tnO8g3cSmepFjWwpHGaeH...>

District Office

The Office will be closed several times over the summer including 20-24 July and 24- 31 August. There are also likely to be the occasional day when Katrin will be working from home (or other places). If you do need to get in touch, an email is the best means of communicating as she does tend to read these when away from the office.

Circuit News, Information and Events

Books available at Stanwood church

- 13 copies of Complete Mission Praise (words edition, hardback)
- 12 copies of Methodist Worship Book (hardback)
- 19 copies of Singing the Faith (words edition, hardback)

Please contact Jane if you are interested in any of these books jane_wall@hotmail.co.uk

Circuit YouTube channel - Playlist updated

The Circuit YouTube channel has been updated with the latest streamed services across the Circuit.

[Catch up 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. Please see the [notes](#) to find out what's happening in your Circuit. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17 September 2026.

Church Events and Information

Eclipse Party Grants available

Sheffield Methodist District are supporting churches to run their own Eclipse party and community celebrations. To apply for a [grant please click here.](#)

Jobs

Marketing, Events and Social Media Assistant at The Foundry

🕒 23 hours per week

💰 £13.45 per hour

📅 **7th August, 2026, Midday.** For an informal conversation about the role, or an application form, contact joseph@victoriahallsheffield.org

Safeguarding

'Love Protects': Save the Date for Safeguarding - On Sunday 15 November 2026 and over the following weeks, thousands of churches from diverse backgrounds and traditions will join together to shout about safeguarding and help protect vulnerable people.

This initiative, spearheaded by Thirtyone:eight, invites communities to come together to reflect on their safeguarding journey, and highlight all the good work that is being done to create safer places. This year's theme is centred on the phrase 'Love Protects' in 1 Corinthians 13, and we are reminded that 'Safeguarding isn't a distraction from ministry; it IS ministry. It's not separate from discipleship; it IS discipleship, because it is a form of love.'

[Love Protects: The meaning of this year's Safeguarding Sunday](#)

You will be able to register for the new 'Guide to Safeguarding Sunday' and resource library in July 2026. [Safeguarding Sunday](#)

Funding

Large Grants for Urgent and Essential Church Repairs

National Churches Trust is accepting applications to its Large Grants programme.

The Trust offers grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 for urgent and essential structural repair projects (costed at more than £80,000) to buildings that were originally built as churches, or the installation of kitchen and toilets. Match funding of at least 50% is required.

Applications will be considered from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, in the UK that are open for at least six services of public worship a year. Priority is given to:

- Work to architecturally and historically significant buildings.
- Urgent/essential structural repair projects (as identified in a recent QIR or building survey as required within two years), with a focus on buildings that are at risk.
- Installation of kitchens and toilets where a strong need can be demonstrated.
- Places of worship that can demonstrate strong community engagement and sound plans for economic viability.

The next deadline for stage 1 applications is 3 November 2026 (midnight). For [information click here](#).

King Charles III Charitable Fund

UK registered not-for-profit organisations with an annual income of between £25,000 and £500,000 can apply for small grants of up to £3,000 per year, for up to three years.

- Heritage and conservation – the preservation of historic and culturally important buildings and traditional craftsmanship, together with the sustainable regeneration of communities and the built environment across the globe.

Priority will be given to projects serving the most disadvantaged communities. Applications open on 5 August (9am) and close 19 August (noon). For further [information click here](#).

Other Information and News

The Sheffield Gatumba Memorial Service is taking place from 1.00pm on 15 August 2026 at the Hope Centre, Bernard Road, Sheffield, S2 5BQ where the Banyamulenge community in Sheffield is gathering to honour the memory of the 166 men, women, and children who were murdered on 13 August 2004 in the Gatumba refugee camp in Burundi.

Twenty-two years now, this memorial service is a moment not only to grieve and remember, but to reaffirm a collective commitment to bring to justice perpetrators of the Gatumba massacre and voice to end impunity across the globe. Please click [here for the agenda details](#).

All further information and RSVP from: ukbanyamulengec@gmail.com

Join our WhatsApp Channel

We now have a [Circuit WhatsApp channel](#), providing another way for the Circuit to keep you informed of events, notices, training, jobs etc.