

Sheffield Circuit Newsletter

29 July 2026

Please note the next newsletter will be published on 5 August. Information for the newsletter should arrive before 12noon on the day.

A prayer for the world and the Church

God, who changes not, we trust in you for our todays and tomorrows. We pray for those with responsibility for making key decisions that might change the direction of world or local events. We pray for those affected by the decisions of others, but who feel powerless in the face of forces of change. We commend to you the decisions that have to be made in your Church, and those charged with making them. Take our gifts and talents, voices and musical worship, Lord, and use them we pray in the service of your kingdom. Amen.

John Morton, supernumerary presbyter, Kendal Circuit

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 \(8-29 July\)](#)

Sheffield Places of Worship Energy Resource

(Sheffield POWER) event - Saturday September 26, 10am-2pm

The event will bring together faith groups from across the city to discuss how they can better use their buildings to preserve and generate energy. Several faith buildings in our region which have already used a range of pathways to successfully install solar panels will be showcased, and there will be representatives from funding, planning and energy distribution organisations to help advise on appropriate ways forward. **To book and for [more information click here](#).**

Are your church details correct on the Circuit website?

On the Circuit website we list the details of all Circuit churches. To check your [page please click here](#). Let us know if your church details need to be updated by emailing admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk

District Office

The Office will be closed several times over the summer including the 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

Victoria Stafford Road Methodist Church is creating a patchwork frieze to be displayed in an illuminated case outside the church as part of The Art of Welcome project.

Through conversations with local people, the church has identified a growing need to nurture connections between different groups within the community so have teamed up with a local graphic designer to create the artwork serving as a visible and lasting invitation to the wider community that all are welcome. For [further details on the project please click here.](#)

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.

Justice and Peace

Protect Palestinian Prisoners: petition to Sheffield MPs

Kairos Sheffield (an ecumenical group including Methodists) is part of the Sheffield Coalition against Israeli Apartheid. The bigger group in the Coalition, Palestine Solidarity Campaign, has specifically asked Kairos Sheffield to seek support from the Christian churches with this petition addressed to all Sheffield MPs. The Kairos Sheffield weekly prayer group has been asked recently by Sabeel Jerusalem to pray for named Christian students who are held on administrative detention in Israeli gaols, and

many more will have heard about Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya. These prisoners are real people who have done nothing wrong. Please share!

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/protect-palestinian-prisoners/> (closing date 10 September)

Jobs

Marketing, Events and Social Media Assistant at The Foundry

- 23 hours per week
- £13.45 per hour
- **7th August, 2026, Middy.**

For full details [please go to the Circuit website.](#)

Informal enquiries to Richard Chisem richard@victoriahallsheffield.org

Youth and Families Minister – St Columba, Crosspool

This is an opportunity to join our growing team at St Columba, working as a Youth and Families Minister. Please [click here for full details on this role.](#)

We are looking for a committed Christian to join our team who has experience in working with young people and their families who will develop and co-ordinate the work in the life of the church and the wider community.

The church community is a covenant relationship between St Columba's Anglican Church in the Diocese of Sheffield and Stephen Hill Methodist Church in the Sheffield Methodist Circuit.

- 25 hours per week
- Salary £18,214 (£25,500 FTE)
- 5 years fixed-term contract
- Enrolment into a pension scheme
- Generous holiday entitlement

Volunteering Opportunities

National Church Volunteer Awards

Churches, chapels, meeting houses and cathedrals across the UK are being urged to nominate their volunteers as part of the National Church Awards.

Volunteers are an invaluable part of the day-to-day running of most churches. Their responsibilities are many and varied, ranging from welcoming visitors, caring for historic buildings and helping to support local communities. Their dedication helps churches to thrive; nominating them for a National Church Award not only celebrates their input but showcases the real difference volunteers make on a daily basis. Nominations close on 11 August. Click [here for full details.](#)

Safeguarding

Policy and Guidance for working with victims and survivors of abuse

I wanted to alert you to a 2026 update to the November 2023 'Policy and guidance for working with victims and survivors of abuse within the Methodist Church in Britain' and the 'Short Guide for Victims and Survivors'. They can be viewed here:

- [Policy and Guidance for working with victims and survivors of abuse within the Methodist Church in Britain](#)
- [A Short Guide for Victims and Survivors](#)

The changes incorporate the restructure of the Safeguarding Team and some positive changes to the provision we can offer survivors. The policy offers helpful tips on taking disclosures of abuse and on working in a trauma-informed way with victims and survivors of abuse. The policy also explains what support we can offer survivors such as pastoral support, counselling, peer support from other survivors and the Discrimination and Abuse Response Service.

The updated policies have been uploaded to the [Support for Survivors](#) – The Methodist Church page. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about working with survivors. I (or the Methodist Survivors Advisory Group) will be very willing to help and advise you – [Kate Little](#)

Funding

Help shape the future of National Lottery Good Cause funding

At the beginning of July the Government launched a 12-week public consultation to gather evidence on where the National Lottery Good Cause money should go and how it should be spent. This spearheads a comprehensive review of funding and is the first opportunity in more than 20 years for members of the public to have their say, both as individuals and organisations. If you want to contribute evidence to the review, you have until 23rd September. To complete [the survey click here](#).

Training Opportunities

What is a visit? - An online session for pastoral carers - 10 September, 10am

Pastoral visiting is one of the simplest and most meaningful ways we can care for one another—but it also comes with real questions. How do I know when it's appropriate to visit? Should I go alone? [Click here to book](#).

Other Information and News

The Power of STORYTELLING, Sunday 2 August, 2.45–5.00pm

Highfield Trinity Methodist Church (S2 4UR)

Highfield Trinity is delighted to host Noa Baum, an internationally acclaimed storyteller, for whom stories serve to build bridges of peace and understanding and to nurture the empathy which makes possible a sense of shared humanity. This event is suitable for adults and secondary-school students. Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

Disability Awareness Sunday

Theme for 2026: 'One Body, Many Parts'

Methodist churches around the UK are invited to mark Disability Awareness Sunday 2026. The official date is 27 September 2026, but churches can celebrate on a date that works for them. The 2026 theme, 'One Body, Many Parts', celebrates the truth that the Church is not complete without people with disabilities. A free, creative service resource is available to download from charity Through the Roof, packed with ideas for the theme. For full details and [access to a resource pack click](#) here.

Big Quiz Night - Tearfund

This year, Saturday 14 November, people up and down the country will be gathering, once again, for a brilliant cause: to raise money to help end extreme poverty for good. All money raised will support Tearfund's Transforming Communities programmes around the world, helping local churches lead their communities out of extreme poverty and into a sustainable future. This is where love leads us. [Sign up to host here.](#)