

Sheffield Circuit Newsletter

9 September 2026

Please note the next newsletter will be published on 16 September. Information for the newsletter should arrive before 12noon on the day.

A prayer for those following ordination

Jesus, thank you for living as one of us, entering into and blessing all our sorrow and our joy. We pray for all the people you have called, and continue to call, into ordained ministry, and those training as presbyters or deacons.

May they make known more fully your love and liberation for everyone, without exception, in the depths of sorrow and the heights of joy. By the help of your grace, may they comfort those who mourn and celebrate with those who rejoice so all may know they are truly welcome, safe, and included in God's kingdom. Amen

Kieran Bohan, student minister, The Queen's Foundation

[Methodist Church Prayer Hub](#)

Growing in Faith, Circuit Prayer

Every Wednesday 8pm

Zoom circuit prayer 94411865948 999757

Ideas for a more eco garden...small step improvements

At Killamarsh we recently reviewed our silver eco status and found the criteria for the land section to have tightened and so we reflected what else we could do.

- [Eco Church - A Rocha UK](#)
- [Resources - Eco Church](#)
- [Overview-Land-and-Nature.pdf](#)

We already have various fruit bushes and share the crop with attendees at our coffee morning and free breakfast. Including plums, apples and pears.

But realising we needed to do more... we have created a log pile and bug hotels.

A larger hotel for the church garden, and an example of a smaller house for people to take home for their gardens.

We encourage the community to make use of our garden, and over the summer have displayed a JOYful sign to welcome folk in. Given the state of this summer, our next improvement will be a water butt!

Circuit Welcome Service

To watch the Welcome Service again or for the first time, please see the video below. And a big thank you to Totley Rise to hosting and filming the service.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TGO1BxzoCo>

Service for Maureen Owen

Following Maureen Owen's death last November (2025), Stephen Hill will be holding a service for her on 24 September 2026. The service will be held at Stephen Hill at 2pm.

Maureen was a retired Circuit preacher and long time member of Stephen Hill Methodist Church.

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

Circuit News, Information and Events

Circuit YouTube channel - Playlist updated

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

[Catch up here](#).

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 at Wesley Hall**.

Church Events

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Craft Fair - Saturday 12th September, 10am - 4pm

A selection of stalls selling a wide range of hand-made items plus hot and cold drinks, light lunches, and lots of cake! Free entry and free children's activities.

You are also welcome to look around our beautiful building, as we are open for Heritage Open Days.

For more information contact Jan Owen: janowen@doctors.org.uk

BBC Radio Sheffield – A Week in Faith

Kinder Kalsi from Church of Christ in Darnall in Sheffield chatted with Kat Cowen all about Greenbelt Festival and community allotments. You can listen again here, fast forward to 1 hour 14 minutes.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0030w8b>

Justice and Peace

Join the conversation on reparative justice

How could the Methodist Church respond to its historical links to the transatlantic trade in enslaved African people? Join in with a consultation launching this autumn and contribute your views as the Church journeys towards repentance and repair.

Feedback will help inform recommendations and actions put to the Methodist Conference in 2027.

Have your say this autumn. You could:

- [Run your own local discussion, using the guided session materials](#)
- [Take part in an online or in-person event](#)
- [Share your views through our online survey](#)

Funding

South West LAC Environment Grant Fund

To apply for a grant to support the valuable work they do in carrying out local environment related activities in the South West - promoting, improving and maintaining the local environment. The total amount of funding allocated to this pot is £10,000. Please be mindful of this when considering your funding bid.

The initial closing date for applications is Midnight on Thursday 1 October 2026. For more information, and to obtain an application form, please email us at SouthwestLAC@sheffield.gov.uk

Who can apply? - We are inviting grant applications from groups who are based in or deliver services within the wards of Crookes & Crosspool, Dore & Totley, Ecclesall and Fulwood.

- Your group is not for profit.
- You have a bank account in your group's name and at least two people must sign any cheque or withdrawal from the account.
- Your group can run the activity and complete the form, even if you get some help with this.
- Your activities begin and costs are incurred after receipt of a grant. You must also spend the grant and complete the activities we have funded by 31 March 2027

Groundwork is working with Postcode Lottery to deliver Grassroots Grants

This year, the programme will provide unrestricted funding of up to £2,000 to 700 small, local organisations in England that are making a positive difference in their communities.

Deadline 30 September. For full details on the [funding please click here.](#)

South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB)

SYFAB supports voluntary and community groups find the funding they need!

Sign up to their very useful [newsletter here.](#)

Safeguarding

A New Connexional Year: Building a Culture of Safeguarding Together

September brings new opportunities, fresh beginnings and a chance to reflect on how we can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. It is also an ideal time to renew our commitment to creating churches that are safe, welcoming and places where everyone can flourish.

Safeguarding is often associated with policies, training and procedures, but at its heart it is about people. It is about creating church communities where children, young people and adults are valued, listened to and treated with dignity and respect.

Throughout the coming year, this newsletter will explore topics including children, young people and families, digital and online safety, safeguarding adults at risk, neurodiversity, pioneering ministries, community outreach, justice and inclusion etc.

These articles are intended not simply to raise awareness, but to encourage conversation, reflection and confidence. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and together we can help build communities that reflect Christ's love through care, compassion and accountability.

We are fortunate across the District to have dedicated Circuit Safeguarding Officers who work tirelessly to support churches, volunteers and church officers. They are a valuable source of advice and encouragement - **Alison Hill, Regional Officer for Safeguarding**

Training Opportunities

Mental Health Aware - Friday 16th October, 9:30 - 14:30 (online)

This introductory course raises awareness of mental health. During the course you will learn:

- What mental health is and how to challenge stigma
- An introduction to some common mental health issues
- Confidence to support someone who may be experiencing mental ill health
- Ways to look after your own mental health and support wellbeing

Please click here [for further details and to book!](#)

Other Information and News

Pray and Fast for the Climate - Join in prayer and fasting on the first of each month

They are a movement of Christians praying and fasting on the 1st of each month for climate justice. We started off in the UK, but now include people from Australia, Canada, Europe and the US. And we hope to grow more – the Anglican Communion Bishops' statement on the environment 'The World Is Our Host' suggested that all Anglicans worldwide should pray and fast on the 1st of the month!

Pray and Fast for the Climate is supported by members of the 'Faith for the Climate' network, including: A Rocha UK, The Baptist Union, Christian Aid, Christian Concern for One World, The Methodist Church, The United Reformed Church, and USPG.

www.prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk