

Sheffield Circuit Newsletter

16 September 2026

Please note the next newsletter will be published on 23 September. Information for the newsletter should arrive before 12noon on the day.

A prayer for strength

As the rising of the sun announces a new day, may your mercy and peace give us the strength we need for this day and all that lies ahead.

Like a beam of light through a cracked door, brightening a darkened room, may your joy come to illumine our sorrow and suffering.

Life-giving God, shine the light of your love this day. Amen.

James Pritchard, chaplain, The Queen's Foundation

[Methodist Church Prayer Hub](#)

Growing in Faith, Circuit Prayer

Every Wednesday 8pm

Zoom circuit prayer 94411865948 999757

10 years of Eco Church

A Rocha UK has commissioned this 10th anniversary report - *Eco Church has been helping churches across England and Wales put care for God's earth into action.*

Launched by A Rocha UK in 2016, Eco Church supports churches to care for creation across every part of church life — from worship and teaching to buildings, land, community engagement and everyday lifestyle choices. The report celebrates:

- *what has been achieved so far*
- *learnings along the way,*
- *and looks ahead to identify improvements we can make to increase its impact in the years ahead.*

For [further information on becoming an Eco Church](#) and to read the full report please click here.

Circuit Photography Competition

We are running a photography competition, which gives you an opportunity for your photo to be added [to the Circuit website](#).

These photos will be part of the updating and freshening up of the site. Photos must fall into one or more of these categories:

- that represent your church - part of the local area, part of the community
- that represent the Sheffield Circuit

- represent the way you worship
- the groups, clubs you support, in your church

We will select the best 5 photos and add them to the Sheffield Circuit website, with your permission. Please ensure you have gained permission from any people in the photograph(s).

Please submit your photo(s) to admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk by **5 October**.

District Magazine

The next edition of the district magazine has been delivered to the Circuit and you can also pick up a copy at the September Circuit Meeting. If you'd prefer to read it online, you can find it here. Enjoy the read, then pass it onto someone else.

<https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/about-us/synod/district-magazine-autumn-2026.html>

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

The Moor - Space Available

There is an exciting opportunity for charities based in the Sheffield area to occupy a retail or office space within The Moor Shopping Centre.

The usual charity occupation terms apply: the space is offered rent-free on a flexible arrangement, with the charity covering the business rates following any applicable charitable relief, its own utilities and any specifically agreed property costs. The standard arrangement is generally on a 30-day rolling basis.

We currently have different types of space available at 37-41 The Moor and a fully fitted restaurant opportunity. We can arrange viewings immediately.

If interested please contact james@community-spaces.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](#).

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

Repair Caf at St Andrew's Psalter Lane - Saturday 19 September, 10.00am - 2.00pm

Bring your wonky things and get them fixed! - We will be offering repairs of wooden, metal and electrical items, including PAT testing, and sewing repairs. Other repairs may be available depending on volunteers!

We'll be serving hot and cold drinks, light lunches, and lots of cake; plus there will be a stall selling lots of FairTrade items and children's activities will be available. For more information, to volunteer as a repair person or to ask what repairs are available: please contact Caroline Cripps:

cripps@uwclub.net

Shoebox Appeal for Romania - [Children in Distress](#)

Can you support this Appeal? Can you donate items for the shoeboxes?

Firstly, shoeboxes will be packed on Monday 19, Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 October at Green Moor church (S35 7DX). Please attend the church if you are able to help on these dates

Or if you are able to donate or provide empty shoeboxes please drop them off at Green Moor, on Sunday morning's. The shoeboxes are packed for babies - teenagers and older people. Here are some ideas for donation items:

- Babies through to teenagers - stationery, pencils, toiletries, sanitary products, confectionary (long use by date). No hats or soft toys are required.
- Older people - hankies, coffee/tea bags, sweets, biscuits and chocolate (long use by date)

If you have any enquiries please contact Jennifer, 0114 2885591.

Greenhill Sensory Space

Great to see this Facebook post recently from Greenhill - *We have a designated [Sensory Space within our Prayer Room](#) for anyone who may find it helpful. Come along and visit us and we'll show you around.*

Justice and Peace

New season: Politics in the Pulpit

JPIT are delighted to welcome Joanne Cox-Darling as our new host of our weekly preaching podcast for September-October 2026. Jo is a minister in Manchester, proud mum in a "neurospicy" family, and is currently chair of the Methodist Church's Mission Committee.

You can catch the latest episode with current host Eddie Boon here, and listen to [Jo's first episode](#)

Funding

The Bloomberg Youth Climate Action Fund is a new programme supporting young people aged 15 to 24 to lead climate and environment-focused projects.

The programme is designed to help young people take action on the issues that matter most to them.

What's available? The new fund provides grants of between £700 and £4,500.

What can I spend the money on? Projects focusing on:

- Nature and Green Spaces
- Green Skills and Careers
- Water and Climate Resilience

Who can apply? Projects must be designed and led by young people aged 15 to 24, with the supporting organisation helping to develop ideas and deliver activities. **Applications close at 5pm, Friday 23rd October 2026.**

<https://www.sycf.org.uk/apply/search-our-grants/sy-ycaf>

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has announced the second round of the Common Ground Award

The Common Ground Award aims to:

- Identify and reward good practice in building social connections across and between different communities and people from different backgrounds.
- Invest in the shared physical facilities, spaces and equipment that builds cohesion and resilience through enabling people from different backgrounds to come together.
- Build a community of practice, for knowledge sharing across the voluntary and community sector and with government

Applicants must be directly working on at least one of the following core themes:

- Encouraging and enabling social mixing, promoting understanding and reducing divisions between different communities and people from different backgrounds.
- Reducing prejudice, discrimination and hatred directed toward individuals and communities because of their background.
- Resolving conflict and addressing tensions across and between communities.

For example, applicants can work to build cohesion and resilience across and between communities from different faiths and beliefs, ethnicities, ages, geographies, cultures, and nationalities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-ground-award-2026-to-2027-prospectus/common-ground-award-2026-to-2027-prospectus>. **Deadline 12 October at 2pm.**

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](#).

Training Opportunities

Every Day Justice: Foundations for Social Action (online)

Tuesday 22 September 6:30pm - 8:00pm

God loves justice. This means that justice is also an important part of our discipleship, as we learn how to live like Christ and share the good news of His offer of forgiveness and reconciliation. Building relationships in our local community is a vital part of responding and sharing in God's mission. Over the course of the webinar, we'll explore how justice can be a natural part of our everyday discipleship.

This workshop is designed for anyone who wants to engage more deeply with God's heart for justice and social transformation. To [book click here](#).

Other Information and News

Single Friendly Church Week 27 September - 4 October

Single Friendly Church Network announces its first ever Single Friendly Church Week, from 27 September to 4 October 2026.

To read the [full article please click here](#).

Single Friendly Church Week is our moment to change this. For one week, churches, leaders, and individuals across the UK are coming together to say clearly: single people at every stage of life are welcomed, valued, and included here. Whether you've never married, dating, divorced, widowed, a single parent, or single in church, you belong at the heart of Christian communities, and not on their edges. <https://www.singlefriendlychurch.com/single-friendly-church-week>