

Sheffield Circuit Newsletter

23 September 2026

Please note the next newsletter will be published on 30 September. **Share our [newsletter sign-up](#).**

A prayer that God be our centre

In sorrow and in joy you meet us.

In despair and in hope,

feeling ignored or fully known.

Help each of us to do the same:

to weep with those who mourn,

to be alongside the wounded,

to reach out to all,

to listen and not be quick to move away.

In this moment – whoever, wherever, however we are –

be our centre, grounding us,

opening our hearts to your grace and bidding. Amen.

Kate Ellis, Anna Chaplain and local preacher, Epworth, Scunthorpe and Gainsborough Circuit

[Methodist Church Prayer Hub](#)

Growing in Faith, Circuit Prayer

Every Wednesday 8pm

Zoom circuit prayer 94411865948 999757

Tomato soup recipe (made and eaten at the last Staff Meeting)

This Indian inspired tomato soup is a brilliant recipe for a tasty nourishing soup with a chilly kick (or less kick if you prefer it milder!). This recipe serves four, but by increasing the ingredients in equal parts, you can easily make a big pot to feed the whole staff team of about twenty people or more.

- 1 onion
- 2-3 cloves of garlic
- 500g tomatoes (any type)
- 1 lemon (zest and juice)
- 100g lentils (any type)
- 1 tsp sugar
- 500ml of water
- 500ml tomato passata (or tomato sauce from a jar)
- Fresh coriander or herbs

Spices:

- 2 tsp of cumin, ground or whole
- 1 tsp of curry powder
- 1 tsp of turmeric
- 2 tsp of paprika powder
- 2 tsp of ground fenugreek
- 1 tsp of chilli powder
- ½ tsp of chilli flakes
- a pinch of salt

In a large saucepan, fry the chopped onion and garlic in 2 tsp of oil until translucent.

Add the roughly chopped tomatoes (fresh or tinned work well), the lentils, sugar, water, lemon zest and juice and all the spices.

Let it simmer for 30 minutes on a low heat, stirring occasionally until the lentils are cooked through.

Add the tomato passata/ sauce and heat it through for another 5-10 minutes.

Blend it or leave it coarse, depending on preference.

Sprinkle with coriander leaves or any herbs you have to hand and serve with crusty bread and some yoghurt.

Enjoy!

Sheffield Circuit is seeking a Property Development Group Chair and Members

Please find attached role packs for:

- [Property Development Group Chair](#)
- [Property Development Group Member](#)

The pack includes roles and responsibilities for each opportunity and an Expression of Interest form.

If you are interested, please complete the Expression of Interest form and return it to

admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk by **Monday 5 October 2026**.

Pause for Thought – Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal

“Greatness lies in welcoming those who are most excluded or vulnerable.”

In ‘Watchful and Protective Care’ the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal considers this week’s theme ‘All Are Welcome’ and reflects on how, as a child, the warm welcome he received from the Church changed his life. [Listen here \(BBC Sounds\)](#).

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 Gathering - Save the Date

Our next Gathering will be on Saturday 10 April at Wesley Hall so do save this date!

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 September Circuit Meeting took place on 17 September 2026 at Wesley Hall. Please see the [notes](#) to find out what's happening in your Circuit. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 24 November 2026.

Church Events

Sheffield District MWiB - Annual Service of Dedication

Thursday 16th October 2026 at 11.00am at Victoria Stafford Road Methodist Church S2 2SE

Preacher: Rev Liz Wills

Please bring your own lunch – tea/coffee will be provided. Following lunch Roger Thirlwell will give a presentation on Anna Chaplaincy

KAIROS II: A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide

As part of the Mission Committee's presentation, the Methodist Conference this year was addressed by Father Fadi Diab, Rector of the Anglican Parish in Ramallah in the West Bank. He presented the Kairos II document, A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide, calling for greater costly solidarity with the Palestinian people. To read the full article [please go to the Circuit website.](#)

One of our ministers, Rev Sean Adair, who has pastoral charge of Greenhill, Killamarsh and Mosborough, prepared a short introduction to the Kairos II document on video for the August Breakfast Church service at our Killamarsh Church, along with one of our Circuit Stewards, Maryke Turvey.

- You can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dlZOsTaaZs>
- You can listen to and watch Father Fadi Diab's address to the Conference here from about 28mins and 10secs [into the video linked here.](#)

Justice and Peace

Responding to anti-migrant protests

"As Christians from different theological and political backgrounds we stand together against the misuse of Christianity. The cross is the ultimate sign of sacrifice for the other. Jesus calls us to love both our neighbours and our enemies and to welcome the stranger. Any co-opting or corrupting of the Christian faith to exclude others is unacceptable."

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

Funding

The Linnean Society is offering grants for community organisations linked with young people to deliver projects and activities that engage young people with local nature and natural spaces

- Running a school festival about nature.
- Painting community murals showcasing biodiversity in the area.
- Building or restoring a community garden.
- Creating a nature walk.
- Hiring a speaker to come and talk about local foraging.

The maximum award amount is £1,000. However, groups are encouraged to apply for significantly lower amounts. Grants can be used for materials, room hire, publicity, speakers, trainers, freelancers, project-specific staff costs, audio-visual equipment hire, reasonable volunteer expenses, transportation etc.

The deadline for applications is 25 October 2026 (midnight). More info [HERE](#)

SYFAB Funding Surgery on Thursday 22nd October 2026

Time: 10.00am to 4.00pm

Venue: Brightholmlee Methodist Church, Main Road, Wharncliffe Side, Sheffield S35 0DQ

- Finding funding for your project or group
- Starting Up & Running a New Group or Project

- Volunteering / Volunteer Management
- Training

Booking essential - Email: Karen Walke – karen@syfab.org.uk or call: 07529 323 342

Book a FREE 45 minute appointment. More information: Email: enquiries@syfab.org.uk

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

Beginning a New Place for New People introductory weekend

Cliff College 6-8 November

This is a fully funded course for those who are beginning NPNPs, designed for those who are actively shaping a vision, about to launch or developing an existing project. It mixes teaching and reflection, prayer and deepening our calls. **For further details and to book please click here.**

Other Information and News

Sheffield Homeless Shoebox Appeal

- The good news is - we are definitely running the appeal this year!
- The bad news - we're going to need a lot of help!

Because we haven't posted for ages, Facebook will take a while to wake up to the fact that we're back - it would help if you could like, share or comment on our posts as much as possible.

The Amazon Wishlist will go live shortly, and we hope to stick to our normal timetable - open drop offs early in October, close them at the end of November.

<https://www.facebook.com/sheffieldhomelessshoeboxappeal>