

Sheffield Circuit Newsletter

21 October 2026

Please note the next newsletter will be published on 28 October. **Share our [newsletter sign-up](#).**

A prayer for the ache of the world

God of sorrow and joy,
we bring before you the ache of our world and the wounds of our own communities.
Hold in your tender mercy all who live with the memory of violence and loss,
and all places where fear and harm overshadow daily life.
In Christ, who promises that pain will turn into joy,
stand with those who serve your Church in challenging and fragile times.
By your Spirit, guide us in the work of healing, reconciliation and peace making.
Renew our courage, deepen our compassion,
and weave our lives into your great tapestry of hope,
that your risen joy may yet be known among us. Amen.

Charissa Suli, President, Uniting Church in Australia

[Methodist Church Prayer Hub](#)

Growing in Faith, Circuit Prayer

Every Wednesday 8pm

Zoom circuit prayer 94411865948 999757

Updated Sheffield Circuit Website

We have been working on improving and [updating the Circuit website](#). Please take a look.

- Under Mission there is a new and dedicated page to the Circuit [New Places New People projects](#) (incl Metal Methodist, We Who Worship etc)
- A page about the [Circuit team](#) who support you (under About)
- Information on the [Circuit groups](#), including the Mission Action Group (under About)
- A page dedicated to [Casting the Net](#) (under Mission)

There will be more changes unveiled over the next few weeks.

Together for Good: Together for All

The 2027/2028 Methodist Prayer Handbook

As the Methodist people, we are called to pray together today. With the world experiencing wars and the threat of war; as negative and anti-immigration voices abound, so we are challenged not to

retreat. Instead, we stand together wherever we are in the full reality of our world's situation and our local circumstances, refusing to be elsewhere.

Therefore, we pray for all: To be and see God's goodness tangibly in our world. In this way, we engage in national, district, circuit and neighbourhood issues – positively for all.

You are invited to contribute a prayer for the Church to welcome all, be justice-seeking and share in solidarity with communities seeking to build new life. For details on how to submit a prayer by 11 January please [click here](#).

Circuit Weekly Devotions 2026

<https://www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk/.../circuit-weekly...>

Please take a look at our weekly Devotions (released on Wednesday every week) including a weekly prayer resource on video.

Each week you will be introduced to a member of the Circuit Staff Team, led in prayer.

Please share!

District Gathering - Save the Date

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

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, at Bents Green Methodist church.

Circuit News, Information and Events

Church Events

Joyful News – Cliff College Podcast – Pilgrimage

The new episode of Joyful News, the podcast from Cliff College is available to listen to and watch. The theme in this episode is Pilgrimage. Tom Donoghue, Peak Circuit Steward and Local Preacher in training was a guest talking about the Peak Wesley Way . The episode also talks about the tradition of The Cliff Trek. Grab a cuppa and have a listen.

<https://www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/jnb>

Safeguarding

Domestic Abuse webinar

On 25 November 2026 at 11.00am to 12.00 noon, Sally Hope will present a webinar on the issue of domestic abuse which is common in our churches and church communities.

Writer, trainer and recovery practitioner, Sally Hope is the author of Always Hopeful, an eleven-week recovery programme for Christian women who have experienced Domestic Abuse.

A survivor herself, Sally spent several years working in a women's refuge facilitating recovery programmes and coaching women to rebuild their lives free from abuse. She recognised the lack of support for those women who had experienced spiritual abuse as part of the domestic abuse and so developed a peer support programme that, with training, can be delivered by any church or ministry to support Christian women to make sense of their faith in light of their experience of abuse.

Advance Registration is essential

[Register on Zoom for Domestic abuse webinar with Sally Hope](#)

Children & Youth Events

Messy Church registration fee

Changes are coming to Messy Church registration.

We'll be in touch this autumn with everything you need to know about the new 25 annual registration fee.

Registering will keep your Messy Church listed in the directory, connect you with new regional gatherings and support teams, and give you permission to use the trademarked Messy Church logo. Your contribution will also help us continue growing and supporting Messy Church across the UK. We want every Messy Church to be included, so if the cost may be difficult, support or a reduced rate will be available on request. [Find our more and FAQ's.](#)

Justice and Peace

Drowning out the better instincts of a nation

JPIT's Steve Tinning argues that Reform UK's latest asylum proposals threaten the lives of people seeking sanctuary, while risking a dangerous shift in what is considered politically acceptable.

I have had the extraordinary privilege of walking alongside people who have sought sanctuary in Britain. People who have fled unimaginable danger, lost almost everything and slowly begun rebuilding their lives. I have seen the hope that comes when someone who has lived in fear finally believes they might have a future.

And now Nigel Farage and Reform UK are proposing that Britain should simply stop hearing asylum claims. They are not making a case for faster decisions. Not more effective immigration controls. Not a better system for distinguishing those who genuinely need protection from those who do not.

[Read full article.](#)

Funding

Windrush Day Grant Scheme 2027

Grants between £5,000 and £25,000 now available for projects that bring communities together, across different ages and ethnic backgrounds, to raise awareness, build pride, and encourage and inspire young people about the contribution of the Windrush generation and their descendants.

<https://cuf.org.uk/take-action/explore-near-neighbours/windrush-grant-scheme/windrush-day-grant-scheme-2027>

Deadline 29 October

Barchester's Charitable Foundation

Grants of between £100 and £2,600 are available to help small community groups and local charities with the following:

- Activities.
- Equipment and materials for use by members.
- Transport costs to enable members to attend
- Day trips, outings, and group holidays in the UK.

Deadline 31 October 2026. For further [details 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](#).

Training Opportunities

Share your thoughts on the Missional Use of Property

The 2026 Methodist Conference received a report on the [Missional Use of Property](#), posing questions about how we can best use our property in missional ways. The report highlighted three strategic areas which needed to be developed further to support The Missional Use of Property: There will be three online consultations held on the following dates:

- **16th November, 2pm to 4pm**
- **17th November, 7pm to 9pm**
- **26th November, 2pm to 4pm**

[Click here to book onto a session.](#)

Other Information and News

Liberating the Left, Resisting the Right - POSTPONED

The UTU conference 'Liberating the Left, Resisting the Right' originally to be held this Saturday 24th October at Chapeltown Methodist Church has been postponed and its new date is February 27th 2027. This is because it coincided with a similar Christian Aid Conference in London. More details and publicity will be available later.

Old Stones Way - Peak District 1 Day Pilgrimage on 14 November

Wander through autumn mists to stone circles, in an evocative landscape at a contemplative time of year. With Hope Walking's Faye Smith.

9 miles

We gather to begin our pilgrimage at All Saints Church Bakewell, a treasure trove of Anglo Saxon art, where we will have chance to admire the Saxon Bakewell Cross dating to the 9th century and early medieval grave carvings discovered in the hidden crypt during the 1840s.

For further [details please click here.](#)

Sheffield Plan - Further Main Modifications

Please note: The consultation period on proposed Further Main Modifications to the Sheffield Plan has been extended to 28th October 2026.

Sheffield is growing and changing. To make sure the city develops in a way that works for everyone, we are creating a new Local Plan – the Sheffield Plan.

This is a long-term blueprint for the future of our city. It guides where new homes, jobs, transport links, and community facilities should go between now and 2039.

We submitted a Draft Plan to Central Government in October 2023. This is currently being examined by Government-appointed Planning Inspectors. [Please click here.](#)