

Sheffield Circuit Newsletter

28 October 2026

Please note the next newsletter will be published on 4 November. **Share our [newsletter sign-up](#).**

[A prayer for the broken-hearted](#)

Lord, in our seasons of sorrow you are the source of joy. Thank you for your promise to be near to the broken-hearted and to bind their wounds.

Lord, for those who are longing for a freshness from you, we pray you would rest on them. We pray your presence would illuminate sparks of joy, allowing them to spread your goodness.

Lord, do what only you can – bring strength from fear, joy from grief, and bless your children around the world. Amen.

Rareș Călugăr, District Superintendent, UMC Romania

[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.

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!

Faith. Politics. Planet: An Evening with Ruth Valerio and Andy Flannagan

On 10 November at 7pm, marking the opening of COP31, Operation Noah and Greenbelt are hosting [Faith. Politics. Planet- Hope in a Divided Age](#). In an age of political division, the rise of the far-right, and a growing backlash to net zero policies, how can faith inspire meaningful climate action? You can find out more and [book your tickets 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, at Bents Green Methodist church.

Circuit News, Information and Events

Autumn Fayre at High Green Methodist church

They are holding a 🍁 Autumn Fayre 🍂 on Saturday 31st October starting at 11am. Various stalls including cakes, bric-a-brac, gifts, books, tombola etc.

Refreshments available. 🍰🥤🍰☕

All welcome

🚶 Fully accessible building.

Church Events

Christmas services around the Circuit

Please let us know about your carol concerts, nativities, Christingles etc by emailing admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk and we will compile a list of these and share them!

"Signing the Faith" at Greenhill Methodist Church

At Greenhill Methodist Church in Sheffield, worship has an inspiring addition with the use of Makaton – a communication programme that combines signs, symbols and speech. Introduced to make services more accessible, it is helping people of all ages and abilities engage more deeply with worship

“We want the Gospel to be accessible for everyone,” explains James Pettinger, who is involved with the children’s work at the church. “Makaton is supportive communication. It gives people another way to understand and connect with the message.”

By signing together, the congregation is demonstrating that faith, inclusion and community can be expressed in many meaningful ways.

[Read the full story here](#)

UK Church Administrators Network (UCAN) - Could your church host our next conference?

We are excitedly planning the 2027 National Conference days for UCAN Administrator and Manager Members. We are looking for possible northern venues and if your church would be willing to gift or hire it's space to UCAN, please let us know. We are particularly looking for venues with:

 Strong transport links (easy to get to by car and train)

 Capacity for 110+ people

 Additional spaces available for seminars

 Availability in May or June 2027

If you think you can help, please email us at info@churchadministrators.net

Good News

Woodhouse Cook and Eat Together – One Pot Community Meal

There is nothing more comforting than coming together to share food and companionship. On the 10th October Trinity Woodhouse Methodist Church and Woodhouse & District Community Forum brought community members together to cook and eat a simple meal and enjoy each other's company at the community hall at the church.

With the help of some amazing volunteers who supported the event (and did the washing up!!!), every person who attended contributed to peeling and chopping while they chatted. They were creating a lovely fresh vegetable soup which was then served with crusty bread and drinks, then choc ices for dessert.

This was a trial meal and we were interested to see if there was an appetite for this to be a regular event. The feedback was incredibly positive with every attendee saying they would love to join in on a regular basis. One person said, "it was such a lovely way to spend a Saturday evening. I would normally be sat by myself at home eating a meal, so coming and sitting around a table with new friends where we could do something as simple as talking about our day was brilliant. I hope that we can do it again soon"

Without the generosity of the church grant* which supported the cost of the event, and the kindness and time given by the volunteer team, this would not have been possible. Keep your eyes peeled for information about our next attempt to win Masterchef.

*we received generous grant funding from the Sheffield Methodist District for our Eclipse Community Event in August and used some of the remaining funds to buy equipment and food for this One Pot Community Meal.

Article written by Jan Browse (Community Development Worker Woodhouse) with additions from Rev Debora Marschner, first published in The Woodpecker.

Children & Youth Events

Step by Step: Nurturing Growth

Want to grow ministry with children, youth or families?

Are you exploring new ways to support children, young people, young adults or families in your church or community?

Whether you're:

- starting from no current engagement
- running a Toddler Group or Messy Church and want to grow deeper connections
- looking to develop new ministry ideas...

we're here to help you take the next step. [Further details and dates click here.](#)

Justice and Peace

Pause for Thought by the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal

The Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal reflects on the theme 'Stronger Together' and shares his experience that there is always "healing and strength in community".

Click here to [listen on BBC Sounds](#).

Job Vacancies

The Sheffield Methodist District seeks to appoint into the newly visioned post of Property Development Manager. Working District-wide the successful applicant will have the skills and

knowledge to work collaboratively with the District Leadership Team to creatively repurpose the District's property portfolio to generate new sources of recurring income. Email

mission@sheffieldmethodist.org for general enquiries and informal conversations.

<https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/recruitment/vacancies/property-development-manager.html>

Funding

Free Meet the Funder event: Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park

Thursday 12 November, 10am-12pm

At the event you can chat to representatives from:

- Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park's Sheffield Legacy Fund
- South Yorkshire's Community Foundation (SYCF)
- South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB)
- Yorkshire Sport Foundation
- The Co-op Foundation
- The Key Fund
- Violence Reduction Unit

Please note, parking is available at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park, Worksop Road car park (£1 for up to 2 hours). The nearest tram stop is Arena/Olympic Legacy Park.

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

Church is no longer experienced only in buildings.

People encounter faith through websites, livestreams, social media, podcasts, online communities and everyday digital conversations.

In this clip from Rev Wayne Grewcock, part of Shoreline Methodist Community, we hear a helpful way of thinking about digital evangelism. Not simply broadcasting more content.

Not pressuring people to respond, but being present in public spaces, offering a gentle invitation, and helping people ask what it might mean to live the Jesus way where they are.

That gives digital ministry a much bigger purpose than simply putting Sunday worship online.

It asks us to think about presence, invitation, relationship and discipleship in the spaces where people already spend so much of their lives. Perhaps the question for churches is not: "Should we be doing digital ministry?" but: "How are we offering good news well in the digital spaces we already inhabit?"

What does good digital evangelism look like to you?

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1064962593015557>

Other Information and News

Tearfund - Church Christmas Resource 2026

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas, we're invited to let his story shape how we worship and how we live. Born into uncertainty, Jesus showed us what it means to turn love into practical action by feeding the hungry, comforting the suffering and welcoming our global neighbours.

The pack includes:

- a short film of Athok's story
- service slides with speaker notes
- guided prayers

We trust this will equip your congregation to put faith into action and show Jesus' love to our global neighbours in urgent need. [Please click here for the pack.](#)

Eagle Cards - Bright New Cards!

Whatever you feel about changes in the weather or the world, it's good to have reminders of God's presence and permanence. Cards can do that - by combining a beautiful picture with an encouraging Bible verse.

This Autumn, we are pleased to share six [new designs](#) with you. You can see them all by clicking on the link below, where you'll also find our whole growing range of Eagle Cards.

[The Methodist Church newsletter](#)

[The District Newsletter](#)