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1 November 2026

Dear friends and colleagues,

A new preaching plan is being published – the December to February quarter is ready to be sent out!

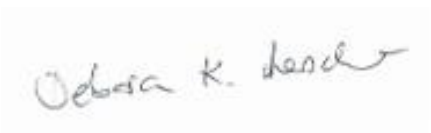
Thank you to each of you for offering your time and gifts to sustain our Sunday services. Thank you for stewarding, getting rooms and chapels ready, preparing scripture readings and prayers, writing sermons or sketches and poems, holding people before God, answering questions or asking new ones, sharing insights and meditations, making music and singing… may we all do it to fill each other's hearts and minds with joy and comfort, with hope and glimpses of God's love and forgiveness in our relationships, communities and further afield.

The clocks have gone back, the nights are getting longer, and Christmas will be here before we know it.
For many of us, this is a joyfully busy time, one of heightened activities and outreach, school visits, nativity plays and community Christingle services…
For many of us, this is a challenging time, fuelled by expectations and overspending, by worries and anxieties of family clashes, of the first Christmas without someone we love…
For many of us there is the question how we can convey the message of God's love for this messy world amongst wars and wildfires, sorrow and loneliness…
The Advent and Christmas materials of the Methodist Church invite us to really hear the angel's message to not be afraid, to trust, to be curious, to discover that our God has decided to become human, one of us, in the tiny baby whose birth we celebrate each year. God Immanuel, which means God-with-us.

Have a look at the materials here: https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/christmasresources/
They invite us to ponder and verbalise our own anxieties and those of the people around us. They also encourage us to rediscover the words of scripture, spoken by God's messengers throughout the Bible: "Do not be afraid. I am your God, and I am with you."

May you find that comfort for yourself and those you minister to, and may you always know that you are valued and loved.

With every blessing and heartfelt gratitude for all you are and do,



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Key Diary Dates

- The Leaders of Worship & Local Preachers meeting on **Thursday 11 March 2027**, 7.30pm, venue TBC
- Circuit Meeting **Thursday 18 March**, 7.30pm, at Mount Tabor

For your information, please find enclosed;

- your Preaching Plan (if requested),
- your print out of appointments,
- your Preaching Card

Please take time to read this letter carefully and to transfer dates into your diary for the coming year. I remind all preachers that if you are unable to take any appointments in a particular quarter it is your responsibility to find an accredited substitute and inform the superintendent minister. **Please use the office as a last resort to find a replacement.**

The cut-off date for submitting Plan availability for the March – May 2027 Plan is Tuesday 5 January 2027.

For your information please see below the Plan making timetable;

Tues 5 January 2027	Deadline for submitting Plan availability
Wed 6 – Thurs 7 Jan	Office to add pre-arranged appointments
Fri 8 – Mon 18 Jan	Ministers to put in their own dates and agreed pre-arranged services
Tues 19 Jan	Plan making team to fill in the gaps
Fri 22 – 26 Jan	Proof reading by ministers and lay pastors
Wed 27 Jan	Plan to be published and distributed

The upcoming dates for the LWPM gatherings will be 10 June 7.30 pm, venue tbc.

There are several appointments which were unable to be filled, please see overleaf. If you are able to help please let the Circuit office (admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk) know as soon as possible;

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December 2026 – February 2027
Appointments still to be filled

Date	Time	Church
03/01/2027	10:30	Brightholmlee
03/01/2027	11:00	Hatfield House Lane
03/01/2027	10:45	High Green
17/01/2027	11:00	Green Moor
24/01/2027	10:30	Coal Aston
24/01/2027	10:45	High Green
24/01/2027	10:30	Highfield Trinity
24/01/2027	10:30	Wesley Hall
31/01/2027	10:15	Church of Christ Darnall
31/01/2027	10:30	Firth Park
31/01/2027	11:00	Green Moor
31/01/2027	10:45	Mount View
07/02/2027	10:45	High Green
07/02/2027	10:30	Hollinsend
14/02/2027	10:30	Nether Green
21/02/2027	10:30	Brightholmlee
21/02/2027	10:30	Crane Moor
21/02/2027	10:15	Church of Christ Darnall
21/02/2027	10:45	Hillsborough Trinity
21/02/2027	10:45	Victoria Stafford Road
28/02/2027	10:45	Christian Centre Stocksbridge
28/02/2027	11:00	Green Moor
28/02/2027	10:45	Hillsborough Trinity
28/02/2027	10:30	Millhouses

Circuit Admin Team