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Sheffield Circuit Newsletter

11 November 2026

Please note the next newsletter will be published on 18 November. **Share our newsletter sign-up.**

A Prayer for Inter Faith Week

God of us all,
Christian and Buddhist, Jewish and Muslim,
Hindu, Jain, Sikh, and Zoroastrian, Bahá'í and Agnostic and Pagan:
You made us all, unique in our ways of understanding
yet one in our humanity.
At this time of celebrating Inter Faith Week,
we sometimes address you with different names,
but we share an understanding of our rootedness in you.
As Creator of all,
you made day and night and all the hours in between;
you created storms and calm and fire and breeze.
You made diversity,
and you made it to be good.
As the God who understands my words and my thoughts
and those of my neighbour that I do not:
Remind me again that you hear us all,
and you made us all to love.
Finally, God who makes us each unique yet one:
remind us again that by working through difference
we can catch a glimpse of your infinite love
that our own definitions alone couldn't fathom.
Amen.

The Revd Bonni-Belle Pickard
Methodist Church Prayer Hub

Growing in Faith, Circuit Prayer

Every Wednesday 8pm
Zoom circuit prayer 94411865948 999757

Circuit charity for 2026 All We Can & Middle East Justice Appeal

At the September Circuit meeting it was agreed on the Circuit's

to nominate ALL WE CAN's Middle East Justice Appeal as our charity for Advent and Christmas 2026. The choice of this charity appeal is timely and at the front of all our minds as we watch the news, read newspapers etc. **If you are able to support and collect donations:**

1. Please contact the Circuit for the bank details (admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk / 0114 2997130) by Monday 11 January or
2. Send a cheque payable to 'Sheffield Methodist Circuit', by Monday 11 January (make it clear your cheque is for All We Can)

Circuit Weekly Devotions 2026

https://www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk/.../circuit-weekly...
Please take a look at this week's Devotion, with Revd Debora Marschner and Revd Sean Adair. **Please share!**

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

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!

Would you like to improve your church posters, leaflets etc?

Please let us know if you would like a Canva account - enabling you to create posters, leaflets, social media posts and much more! Please email admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk

Pause for Thought – the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal

"Finding rest and fulfilment."
The Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal contemplates this week's theme 'How I Hibernate' and draws on the example of Jesus, believing "rest is the deep inner experience" which strives for "the survival of all", not just the fittest. **Listen here on BBC Sounds.**

Easy Fundraising

Please sign up and join today and you can raise free donations for Sheffield Methodist Circuit every time you shop online. All the big names are ready to make a free donation at no extra cost to you. Please click here to Sign Up.

Good News Story

High Green - the 3C's

The church had held a regular weekly coffee morning for many years, but covid put a stop to it and sadly it never restarted. We felt that there must be something in the community that we could provide so decided to check it out. There were the usual lunch clubs, various activity groups etc but nothing for companionship. **A few of us got together and decided to give some form of coffee morning another go on a monthly basis. 3C's was born, coffee, cake and companionship.** We applied for, and received, a grant from the district to help with start up costs. We advertised it on social media, local newspaper and posters and started on 5th May 2025. It was decided that we would set up like an English Tea Room with table cloths and cups and saucers with teapots and cake stands. The charity shops came in very useful.

We had no idea how many would attend. We were pleasantly surprised when 34 turned up, from our church, neighbouring churches and a few from the local community. We had decided to not set prices for the refreshments but to suggest a donation. **Over the next few months the numbers attending have varied but average about 50 with a maximum of 76. The good news is that more are attending from the community.** We also get out "travelling minstrel" joining us when he can. It is wonderful to see people moving from table to table chatting, especially if a new face appears, with a real buzz around the room. They are now prepared to help with washing up and clearing away after. It has become a real community event as was intended. Another grant from the district has helped along the way.

When there are important events in the church calendar they are celebrated at 3C's. We held one on Good Friday and we had a short service that was welcomed by all who were there. Christmas is a time for crackers and Carols.

There have been financial gains, and the money raised has paid, well almost, for the refurbishment of the kitchen. We have also been able to donate to charity.

We went forth with faith. Many prayers were spoken. And what a great success it has been.

Church Events

MWiB Carol service, Bents Green

11 December at 11am

MWiB Carol service will be held on Friday 11am, followed by alternative Christmas Dinner details to follow - cost will be £12. All are welcome. Please contact Carol or Pam Meek to purchase tickets.

Homes for hymn books?

Highfield Trinity (Sheffield) has a collection of hymn books – 124 Hymns for Today's Church; 37 Hymns and Psalms – which it has not used for a long time. If anyone has a use for any or all of them please contact Richard on 07951 931195.

Children & Youth Events

Advent and Christmas resources

If you are looking for ideas and inspiration for Advent and Christmas, we've got you covered. Looking for a fresh approach to Christingle? The December session in Get Messy! Volume 4 re-imagines Christingle in a Messy Church way, linking with The Children's Society.

Justice and Peace

Ethical Buying Guide

JustMoney Movement's recently revised Ethical Buying Guide is designed to support churches to develop their own ethical purchasing policy. It builds on conversations JustMoney Movement has had with a wide range of churches seeking to live out their values through their use of money. The guide includes discussion questions, case studies and information on schemes like Fairtrade, the Fair Tax Mark and the Living Wage.
JustMoney Movement believes that the need for Christians to make ethical choices with money and campaign for better corporate behaviour is greater than ever.
Think locally. The cost-of-living crisis means that even those in work are struggling to make ends meet. Buying from businesses that are committed to fair pay and decent working conditions is one way of shaping a fairer society. Buying local, where possible, can help strengthen local economies.
Think globally. Exploitation is deeply rooted in complex supply chains that cause harm. The world is facing a climate crisis and the loss of natural habitats. Congregations can take steps with their spending to protect God's creation and stand in solidarity with global neighbours.
To read the full article go to Churches Together in England website.
To download the Guide please click here.

Job Vacancies

Sheffield Circuit – Property Support Officer

We are recruiting for a part-time organised and diligent Property Support Officer to support the Circuit in meeting its legal responsibilities for the buildings it owns.
Based at the Sheffield Methodist Circuit Office in Sheffield (S3 9QQ) the successful applicant will need to be able to travel, without restriction, to properties located across the geography of the Circuit

- £18.11 per hour
- 22 hours per week
- Part time, Permanent

- Closes to applications at Midday on Wednesday 25/11/26.

For information and an application pack contact admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk
https://www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk/newsroom/sheffield-district-property-development-manager.html

Bents Green Church - Part-time Youth and Families Worker

£15 per hour
Up to 20 hours available per week
Closes 23/11/26, Midday
Part-time, Permanent
An exciting opportunity for developing family and children's activities at Bents Green Church from 2027
Bents Green Methodist Church is seeking to employ a Part-Time Youth and Families Worker with a vision for creating new opportunities and improving existing activities for children, young people and families.
https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1222950513500619 29&set=p.1222950513500619 29&type=3

Further information about the church and about the application can be obtained from Glenn Evans (dglennevans@hotmail.co.uk) or John Wilkins (johnwilkins73@gmail.com).

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Sunday 2026: Every Voice. Every Choice.

Safeguarding Sunday, taking place on the 15th November 2026, focuses on the importance of ensuring that people are listened to, involved in decisions that affect them and empowered to shape the support they receive.

This theme resonates strongly with the Methodist Church's understanding of safeguarding. At its heart, safeguarding is not something we do to people; it is something we do with people. It is about recognising the dignity, worth and God-given value of every individual and ensuring that their voice is heard.

One of the key principles of safeguarding adults is Making Safeguarding Personal. This approach places the individual at the centre of decision-making and focuses on what matters most to them. Rather than assuming what someone needs, it encourages us to listen carefully, understand their wishes and work alongside them to achieve the outcomes that will help them feel safe and supported.

This reflects the example of Jesus throughout the Gospels. Time and again, Jesus took the time to listen to people and ask what they wanted. He recognised their dignity and involved them in their own journey towards healing and restoration. His ministry was characterised by compassion, respect and empowerment rather than control.

The theme of co-production also challenges us to think about how we work together. Effective safeguarding is built on partnership. Whether supporting an older person, a family experiencing difficulties, or an adult at risk, the best outcomes are often achieved when individuals, churches, professionals and communities collaborate in ways that respect the person's choices and experiences.

Safeguarding is also about prevention. Creating healthy church cultures, promoting respectful relationships, encouraging people to speak up about concerns and ensuring that everyone feels valued can help prevent harm before it occurs. When people know that their voice matters, they are more likely to seek support and less likely to feel isolated or ignored.

As we mark Safeguarding Sunday 2026, let us reflect on how our churches embody the message of Every Voice. Every Choice. Are we truly listening to those around us? Are we creating spaces where people can share their experiences without fear? Are we working alongside people rather than making assumptions on their behalf?

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute" (Proverbs 31:8). May this Safeguarding Sunday inspire us to build communities where every voice is heard, every person is valued and every individual has the opportunity to make choices that support their wellbeing and safety.

Alison Hill, District

Funding

Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust

The aim of the scheme is to assist churches with repair and restoration. Funding can assist churches that are currently used as place of worship at least twelve times a year and are accessible by the public.

Eligible works include:

- Repairs to the church fabric, such as walls, roofs, floors, tower, bell frames, windows, stonework, repointing, rainwater goods.
- Conservation of fixtures and fittings, eg monuments, furniture, stained glass.

Match Funding Restrictions

Applicants must be actively fundraising and able to confirm that they expect to raise any financial shortfall. Deadline 5 March 2027

https://www.yhct.org.uk/grants/

Charles and Elsie Sykes Trust for Grants

The Trust aims to fund projects for the relief of need, particularly those related to youth, old age, welfare and medicine.

- Applications from schools, playgroups, cadet forces, scouts, guides, and churches must be for outreach programmes, and not for maintenance projects.

How To Apply

Applications are considered at quarterly meetings which take place in March, June, September and December. The deadline for each meeting is the last Friday in January, April, July and October.

An application form and checklist are available from the Trust's website.

Contact the Charles and Elsie Sykes Trust for further information 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.

Other Information and News

Liberating the Left, Resisting the Far Right, Saturday 27 February, Chapeltown Methodist Church

With our screens filled with division, discrimination, violence and hate we can despair. At this study day we reflect together and empower ourselves to be agents of connection, kindness and justice in our communities.

National speakers include Al Barrett, Sally Mann, Rev. Chris Howson and Ruth Weston (aka Born Stroppy!).

Tickets start at £10 for low income.

Early bird available until the end of November.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1996127866182?aff=oddtdtcreator

Free places available in return for soup or serving.

Email office: office@utusheffield.org.uk for more information

Are you looking for an impactful gift this Christmas?

With every Extraordinary Gift, you will receive a card to pass on to your loved one, showing them the difference their gift could make.

All the proceeds from Extraordinary Gifts go to wherever the need is greatest across our work.

You have until Wednesday 16th December to secure your Extraordinary Gifts in time for Christmas!

1. On the All We Can website: https://www.allwecan.org.uk/extraordinary-gifts
2. Via the Extraordinary Gifts Catalogue

3. By calling the All We Can Supporter Care Team: 020 3758 7700

Let's make this Christmas Extraordinary!

EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS VIDEO LINK: https://youtu.be/RoMIkYYPHWo

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