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Sheffield Circuit Newsletter

18 November 2026

Please note the next newsletter will be published on 25 November. **Share our newsletter sign-up.**

A prayer for light in the pit of despair

Lord of all hopefulness, your presence brings everlasting joy, greater than any fleeting high. We feel it when like the psalmist, we trust more in you than in ourselves and believe in your forgiveness, as you believe in our potential for good.

Lord of all gentleness, your presence is soothing balm for hurt and pain, a light in the psalmist's dark pit of despair, grief or regret. Man of sorrows, you've plumbed those depths for us.

Calvary's sorrow and love flows mingled down into the river of life, with your promise to always be there, guiding and loving us, Lord of all.

Rachel Shackleton, volunteer prison chaplain, Yorkshire North and East District
Methodist Church Prayer Hub

Growing in Faith, Circuit Prayer

Every Wednesday 8pm
Zoom circuit prayer 94411865948 999757

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

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

Sheffield Circuit weekly Devotions (click the link)
This week's Devotion is with Revd Andrew Atkins 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!

Assistant Secretary of the Methodist Conference

The Revd Dr Dan Haylett has been announced as the next Assistant Secretary of the Methodist Conference. Dan will take up the role from 1 September 2027.
The Assistant Secretary works with the Secretary of the Conference to undertake and deliver the duties and responsibilities of that office as well as overseeing the operation and development of policy and processes relating to ministers of the Church and their covenant relationship with the Conference. The role of Assistant Secretary is currently held by the Revd Michaela Youngson. Read more here.

Exploring Faith - New web hub

Where do you go when you're exploring questions of faith?

The new Exploring Faith web hub provides support for spiritual seekers on their journey towards knowing Jesus. Share it with the people you are journeying alongside and add a link from your church website as part of your welcome for seekers and new believers.

Please click here for full details.

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

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.

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.

Justice and Peace

From Service to Communion

From a keynote presentation by Jenny Sinclair, Together for the Common Good

When did care for one another become more like a transaction than a relationship? How did that happen, and why does it matter? In a keynote for the Social Action Conference at the Archdiocese of Liverpool, Jenny Sinclair argued that provider models, however well intentioned, can weaken agency and hollow out community.

Christian social action should be about more than simply providing services. It should be about building real relationships, strong communities and shared responsibility. Christians need to to "stay human" in a time of big change, including the rise of artificial intelligence.

We are all thankful for the many people who work or volunteer with those under pressure: families, people who are homeless, refugees, offenders, disabled people, children in distress and communities facing poverty, loneliness, addiction and violence. This work is often generous and difficult, but she says good intentions are not enough. Christian organisations also need to ask whether their ways of working have been shaped too much by the wider culture around them.

Click here to continue reading the full article.

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.

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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).

Training Opportunities

Scripture, Spirituality and Conflict - 21 January 10am - 4pm

You can book tickets and find details for this event here.

To deepen our understanding of the wisdom and impact of scripture in managing change and transforming conflict.

Our churches and faith communities are experiencing rapid change, which can sometimes result in difficult conversations and conflicted relationships. These experiences would be familiar to the early Christian church, where change and conflict were the norm, and heated conversations were regular occurrences. What can we learn from scripture about conflict and change?

Funding

Allen Lane Foundation

The Allen Lane Foundation is celebrating 60 years of funding small charities. Organisations with an income/expenditure of less than £100,000. The funding will support running and core costs to enable them to have flexibility, security and longevity.

Applications should be focused on adults in the following areas:

- Asylum seekers and refugees
- Offenders and ex-offenders
- Older People
- People affected by violence or abuse
- Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities
- People with mental health issues
- Young people – aged 12-21 years

Applications can be made at any time and are considered three times a year, generally in February, June and October. More info 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

Carols at Whirlow

Thursday, December 24, 4 - 5:30 PM, Whirlow Spirituality Centre

Join us this Christmas Eve to sing or listen to carols together and enjoy the quiet space of our beautiful, candlelit chapel. Refreshments provided and a warm welcome to all.

Burngreave Foodbank

From 1st - 8th December, we're taking part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge, where every 1 donated through our campaign can be DOUBLED!
We know December is a busy time for everyone, but wondered if your church, or perhaps one of your groups, might be willing to run a little fundraiser for us?
It could be a Christmas jumper day, cake Friday, coffee morning or simply a collection. Nothing elaborate, but every pound raised and donated through our campaign during that week could make twice the difference!
Please contact Becky for further information - becky@burngreave.foodbank.org.uk

Christian Gifts for All

Christian Gifts For All, a small UK online shop making Christian clothing, gifts and cards. We also have a range of King James Bible Christmas cards for your congregation: christiangiftsforall.com/collections/christmas-cards. For delivery before Christmas, printed orders are best placed by 15 December.

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