



# The Methodist Church



## Circuit Chat

### Welcome to the September 2023 edition of Circuit Chat!

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the September edition of our Circuit Chat – I hope that you enjoy reading it and catching up on the news from across the Trinity Circuit.

Thank you very much for the gift of a sabbatical. The three months gave me time to relax and live at a different pace, freed from my usual responsibilities, which I greatly appreciated. Here is a quick snapshot of some of the things that I did:

- Walked and geocached in local and holiday locations with my husband, Neville, and dog, Eddie.
- Stayed with family and friends in Uttoxeter, Swindon, Burton on Trent and London.
- Visited two of the churches that I served in previous circuits and worshipped in a range of different places of worship including one of the churches where my daughter is now minister – it was a special moment to receive communion from her.
- Took part in a Scrap Glass Mosaic workshop in Sheffield.
- Knitted a scarf following the pattern published by Victoria Methodist Church in Bristol.
- Made time to go swimming regularly.
- Enjoyed reading novels by Alice McDermott and Ann Patchett.
- Went to various concerts and events.

As part of my research, I interviewed those involved in missional work at various Christian heritage sites including:

- Mount Zion Methodist Church near Halifax
- Englesea Brook Primitive Methodist Chapel and Museum
- The Rectory in Epworth

- Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Oxford
- John Wesley's New Room – Chapel and Museum in Bristol
- Tolpuddle Old Chapel
- Eyam Museum.

Whilst in Bristol I met with the Minister at Victoria Methodist Church, who had recently hosted the Methodist Art Collection, and then travelled to Plymouth to meet a Circuit Performing Arts Mission Enabler to discuss the opportunities that she had taken up to utilise the arts in worship and mission – these conversations gave me much food for thought.

I have also visited St Mary de Crypt in Gloucester, the Mayflower Exhibition at Gainsborough URC and Wesley's Chapel, Museum and House in City Road, London and chatted with the volunteers in those projects. It was good to spend time at Retford Library and the Nottinghamshire Archives to gain an awareness of the available resources for researching local church history. I have also familiarised myself with a range of online and written resources – like the website with details about Kiveton Park Circuit from 1918.

So, what are the outcomes of all of these visits? Well, I have collated a pictorial record of the heritage sites to help remind me of the key learning points/inspiration from each place. These pictures will form the basis of future talks and help me to share some key ideas for using heritage in mission (that is, in sharing faith, in worship, hospitality, education, tourism and family history research).

I've also been able to put together a set of cards which can be used to talk through the timeline of the Methodist Churches in Retford and the wider Circuit. I aim to share these with local members as an interactive exercise to explore the next steps that we could take together. I've identified some key questions to highlight in these conversations.

In summary, I now have a wide range of contacts and a better working knowledge of the key Methodist heritage sites – as well as a wish list of other heritage venues to visit in the future.



Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity.

Grace and peace, Julie

The stained-glass window at John Wesley's New Room in Bristol

# Relaunched Trinity Methodist Circuit website



Hi, you'll be aware that we have been planning an overhaul and relaunch of the Circuit website and I'm pleased to share with you that this has now been completed and the revamped website can be found here <https://www.trinitycircuit.net/>

Many of you have of course been part of the development works and many thanks to everyone for their help and support throughout this process. You'll see within the Local Churches tab all of the churches across the Circuit are detailed and the information shown there is what you've all kindly provided.

Like all websites things will need changing and updating from time to time so please do let us know of any changes for your church and Di and I will be able to arrange the appropriate updates.

Also, like all websites the version you see now is only the starting point and over the next few months we are hoping to start work on:

- Developing the 'news' section of the website – if there's anything you would like us to promote/publicise please do send us such information.
- Preaching Plan – you'll see at the moment we have a PDF copy of the plan on the website, but we will be working with the web developer to develop this further
- Photos! You'll see several photos scattered throughout the site but please do let us know if you have any local/interesting photos of your church or your area that we can add to the library.

If you have any queries or questions about the website, please don't hesitate to drop Di or myself a line.

Many thanks again for your help.

Richard Dearden

Circuit Operations Manager

## A Harvest Prayer

Creator God,  
We thank you for the gift that is creation –  
For the beauty of the earth and how  
you have created us to care for it.  
We are sorry for the ways we have neglected this,  
Help us to work together to repair the world.  
Lord of the Harvest, hear our prayers.

Generous God,  
We thank you for the gift of food –  
For how it brings us together and nourishes us.  
We pray for those without, whose harvests and  
store cupboards are empty,  
Help us work together to share the world's resources.  
so that everyone can be fed.  
Lord of the Harvest, hear our prayers.

Sustaining God,  
We thank you for the gift of those who farm.  
and prepare our food –  
For their labour, their innovation and their care.  
We pray that everyone will be able to work with dignity,  
that there will be no more poverty,  
Help us work together to call for just and fair systems.  
of pay and working conditions.  
Lord of the Harvest, hear our prayers.

All-powerful God,  
We thank you for the gift that is creation –  
For the beauty of the Earth and how  
you have created us to care for it.  
We are sorry for the ways we have neglected this,  
Help us to work together to repair the world.  
Lord of the Harvest, hear our prayers.  
Amen.



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*Following Jesus where  
the need is greatest*



## MEET AND MAKE GROUP AT NORTH ANSTON

Our new group Meet and Make first met in April when we welcomed people from our community, other churches and our own church. It was a very informal time spent together, some knitting angels in preparation for distribution in our local area during Advent, some working on items they had brought from home, some starting mindfulness colouring and some just chatting while having a cuppa. Everyone enjoyed the time together and looked forward to meeting again the following month.



Then after the publication of the May Trinity Circuit Chat, which included our article about our 110<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary banner and mentioning our new Meet and Make group, we received an email in connection with the Sheffield District Justice Quilt Project. We were advised that although the deadline had passed a few squares were still required and were asked if we would consider it as our first project. Well, what a coincidence! When we first heard about the Justice Quilt Project earlier in the year, a decision had already been made to make our banner and, unfortunately, we felt we wouldn't be able to complete both in the time available. So, given this opportunity, the group discussed the possibility, and a decision was made to go ahead with the suggestion.



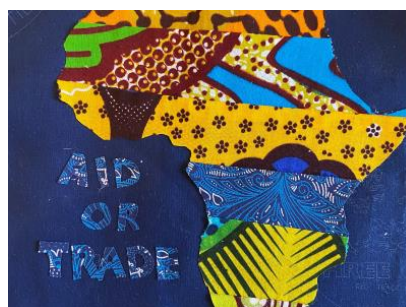
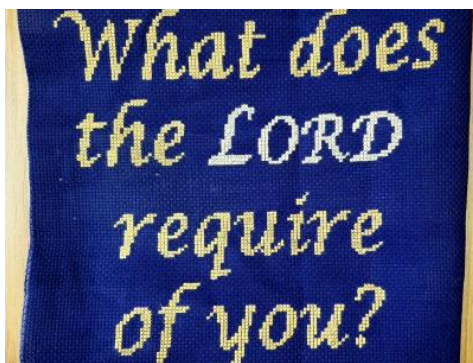
At our meeting in June, we found a piece of blue material which measured a square of design was to be 9 inches square and as our theme was “fair access for all” a grid of nine equal squares was then marked out. We decided to use coloured felt for the cutouts of people, food and money.

On checking when the completed square was needed, we were advised that there were plans to take the quilt to the Methodist Conference meeting from 23 June. We quickly arranged an extra meeting and managed to finish the square. It was a bit of a rush, but we were pleased with what we had accomplished and look forward to seeing the completed quilt.

Our meetings are ongoing so if you can make time, please come and join us, you will be very welcome. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 2pm – 4pm.

*Sue Boyles*

### Some of the squares from the District Justice Quilt.





**NORTH ANSTON METHODIST CHURCH,  
THE CHAPEL IN THE WELLS, S254BD**



**Saturday 16 September at 7.15 pm**



followed by  
**Guess the Favourites**

**Tickets: £6.00**

**For further information contact: Sue 07519442342**

## In Loving Thanks...



We give thanks for our friend David Jordan (Dave), who sadly passed away in July after a short illness. Dave was a much loved and hard-working man whose gifts were shared wholeheartedly, though so much more went on behind the scenes that most of us didn't see. Dave was an ideas man, someone who could dream big dreams and also see them through - he was a key founder of The Crossing Church and Centre from its inception and has been heavily involved and enabling others to continue the good work ever since. Dave was a keen presence at Wales Kiveton, and well-known and liked throughout the Circuit, always willing to play and lead in worship in different settings, and he made friends in Wales as well as Worksop.

Dave was a founder member of Ryton Chorale, having a lovely tenor voice himself, and accompanied various choirs and groups through the years.

At The Crossing he established (and re-established) a successful Praise Group with singers and musicians and is best known for his incredibly accomplished organ and piano playing. His enthusiasm never faltered, and he will be deeply missed. Without Dave we would not have The Crossing Church that we have today, and so many of us will continue his legacy by encouraging each other, exploring different forms of musical worship, and keep reminding ourselves that it is for God's glory and the community's sake that we keep going.

We learned at his Thanksgiving Service just what an academic and talented man he was in other ways - engineering, managing, imparting skills to others, as well as being a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Kath, Ian, Paul and their families as they adjust to life without Dave, but in full assurance that he is resting in peace and will rise in glory. Thank you, Dave, for all you continue to mean to so many. God bless.

*Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook*



# **BRIC-A-BRAC and TABLETOP SALE**

**Methodist Church and Centre  
High Road, Carlton**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.00am - 12.00 noon**



**Refreshments available**



**Tables £5 each**

**To book, contact Eddie on 01909 733288 or  
email [carltonmethodist@outlook.com](mailto:carltonmethodist@outlook.com)**

**Proceeds for Church and Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association Funds**

# CARLTON BOYS' BRIGADE AND GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

Since we last sent a report, here's what we've been up to.

In the weeks up to Easter we watched videos of the Easter Story and made Easter Crafts. One week we made Chicken Baskets and the following week we had a night with the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides doing a host of different crafts.

On Easter Monday we should have had an Easter Sponsored Walk around Hodsock, followed by a Baked Potato Lunch. The bad weather prevented the walk, but the lunch went ahead, shared by many of those attending the coffee morning. We finally completed the walk on May Day Monday.



After Easter most of our activities were to celebrate the Coronation of the new King and Queen. We played several party games, made Coronation cookies and made bunting and decorated the church.

Later in May we held a Book Sale and Coffee Morning for Christian Aid. There were also crafts and cakes for sale, and a tombola. Donations were added over the weekend, making a grand total of £206.06.

We are now able to show the Bible stories on the screen and have seen Jesus' appearances to the disciples and other events up to Pentecost. Since then, we have had stories about Stephen, Philip and Saul, who became Paul.

In June the weather was fine and nearly all our activities were outdoors. As the Rainbows were doing a gardening project behind the church, we cleaned and tidied the yard. The next week we met at the duck pond and had a cycle/scooter ride to Hodsock Priory and had games on King George's field. Next, we had a Treasure Hunt and finished the BBGA year with our awards night. This was held at the Carlton Youth Centre on Tuesday July 4. The awards were presented by Kirsty Veitch-Sorsby, who is the Tackling Loneliness Collaborative Lead in Bassetlaw. Following the presentations everyone had a choice of tug-of-war, badge making, bouncing castle and the tuck shop.

Our meetings start again at the Methodist Church and Centre on the first Tuesday in September and any boy or girl aged 5 to 18 is welcome to join us.

We will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the beginning of October.

*Eddie Croot*





**Saturday**  
**16<sup>th</sup> September**

**4/6pm**

**Food-Film-Crafts**

**All welcome! Free entry donations on the door.**

**Please book.....**

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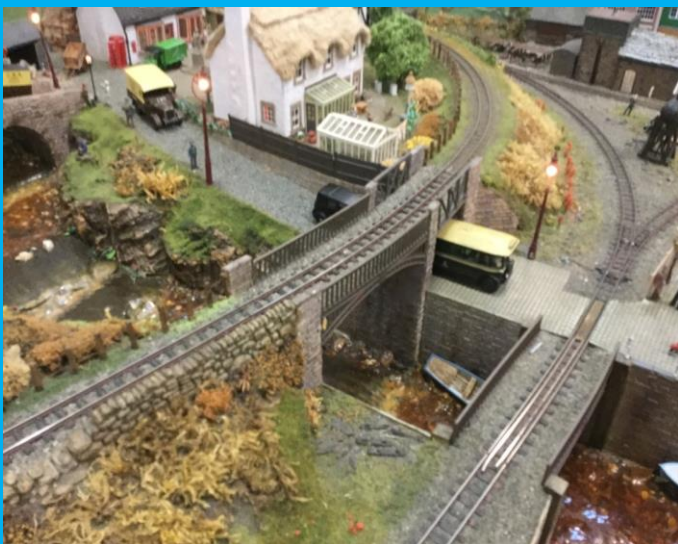




# Worksop

## Model Transport Exhibition 2023

**Saturday 9th September  
10am to 4pm**



**Trains Trams  
Buses  
Trade Stalls  
Refreshments**



**Adults £5  
Concessions £5  
Children £1  
(pay on door)**

**The Crossing Church and Centre,  
Newcastle St, Worksop S80 2AT  
[busbob64@gmail.com](mailto:busbob64@gmail.com)**

‘Model Bus Federation Ltd is a company registered in England and Wales. Registered number: [8907595](https://www.gov.uk/individual-search)’



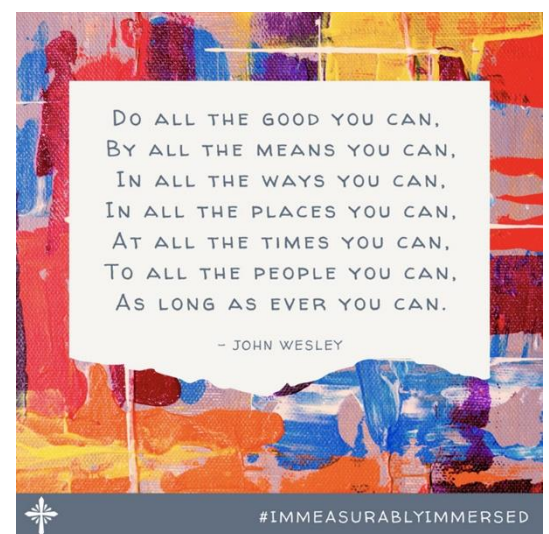
**Methodism** began during the 18th century evangelical protestant revival. This was the time of the Agricultural Revolution, when there was rapid population growth and an increasing gap between rich and poor. It was also the beginning of the British Empire.

There was spiritual renewal across Europe and North America. Protestant denominations and church numbers increased. The Methodist Church grew out of the ministry of John and Charles Wesley, taking the gospel to those who were not part of the Church of England's parish system. They established local classes and societies and organised a conference of those who followed their preaching.

In the 19th century, the Industrial Revolution brought more population growth and social change. There was urban growth and a further increase in the gap between rich and poor. The Methodist movement split into different churches. Legal restrictions against non-conformist Christians were removed and church numbers grew rapidly.

The Methodist Church also began missionary work across the British Empire, becoming a global church. The Church was active on social issues, including campaigning about the problems caused by alcohol, deprivation issues within cities, and for the establishment of trade unions.

At the start of the 20th century, the Primitive, Wesleyan and United Methodist churches came back together, forming the current Methodist Church in 1932. The missions in cities developed a social work outreach. Overseas Districts become autonomous Conferences, working together through the World Methodist Council. Methodist Homes was established in 1943 and has become the largest charity care provider in the UK. The Methodist Church began the ordination of women in 1974. In 1978, the Methodist Conference declared racism a "direct contradiction of the Gospel of Jesus". From 1981, Methodist and Ecumenical Leadership Racism Awareness



Workshops began under the leadership of Sybil Phoenix and the Revd Vic Watson. The Methodist Community and Race Relations Committee was established in the 1980s. It became the Racial Justice Committee in 1995, then the Committee for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in 2014, before the adoption of the Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity in 2021.

In 2003, the Methodist Church signed a Covenant with the Church of England with “the goal of full visible unity”. The Methodist Church in Britain is now a multicultural church, with members who have come from the Methodist family from around the world.

In 2021 the church affirmed that there are two understandings of marriage and made practical provisions for both the view that marriage can only be between a man and a woman and the view that marriage can be between any two people. This has enabled same-sex marriages to be conducted in Methodist churches.

For John and Charles Wesley, good works were a core part of Christian living, along with prayer and Bible study. Caring for the poor, prisoners, widows and orphans was an important part of a Christian life. Methodists did not only care about welfare, they also aimed to ensure justice. John Wesley was influenced by Olaudah Equiano and his last known letter urged the abolition of “that execrable villainy” slavery. The Wesley’s also influenced prison reform and, inspired by Susanna Wesley, were pioneers in education. John Wesley wrote about theology, politics, music, marriage, slavery and medicine.

Methodists were to work to improve the lives of others. John Wesley taught them to “Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.” Throughout its history, the church has responded to the social problems of its day. In the 18th century, this included reaching out to those who were not part of the parish structure of the Church of England and faced legal restrictions and opposing slavery. In the 19th century, the Church campaigned against alcoholism and was active in forming trade unions.

Children’s Homes were set up to provide for children living in the street and the charity National Children’s Home (NCH) was founded in 1869. In the 20th century, there was social work outreach in cities and racism awareness work shops started in the 1980s. NCH became Action for Children, in recognition of the provision of a range of services to support children in the home.





**God,** we come to you, and you welcome us. Some of us are tired and others are bristling with energy. Your love upholds each one of us.



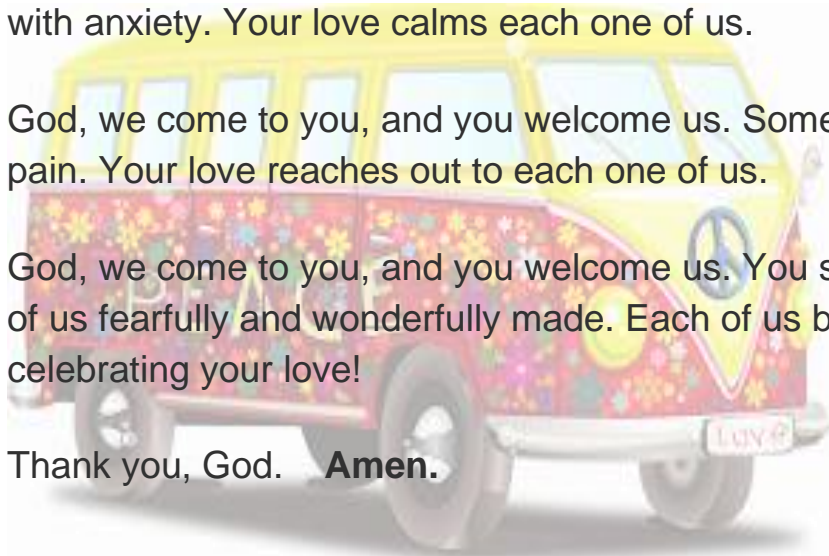
God, we come to you, and you welcome us. Some of us exploring doubts, and others filled with certainty. Your love inspires each one of us.

God, we come to you, and you welcome us. Some of us at peace, and others itching with anxiety. Your love calms each one of us.

God, we come to you, and you welcome us. Some of us knowing joy, and others in pain. Your love reaches out to each one of us.

God, we come to you, and you welcome us. You search us, and you know us. Each of us fearfully and wonderfully made. Each of us bearing your image. Each of us celebrating your love!

Thank you, God. **Amen.**



## A Biblical Funny.....

### **NOSANNA**

The Lord said to Moses.  
All the Israelites shall have round noses.  
All except Aaron  
He shall have a square un!  
Would you Adam and fig it!

*Provided by David Buxton*



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# Action For Children

Our "At Home" Day at the home of Diana and Geoff Carswell on 5th July turned out to be a day of mixed blessings what with the downpour of rain as we thought everything was ready, then another storm threat at midday, and sunny spells in between.



In spite of that heavy rain it was good to see friends arriving at 10 am and a steady flow of other friends right throughout the day. Sandwich lunches were very popular with coffees and teas being provided all the time. It was still a very pleasant surprise to hear £600 had been raised, an exceptional amount surpassing results of other occasions. In addition, another £85 was received later through donations and goods sold.

We are indebted to Diana and Geoff for the use of their home and garden and all their hard work and generosity.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped in so many various ways and for those who supported to show their care for our Methodist children's charity, Action For Children.

Thankyou so much, Doris Maw, on behalf of Retford Support Group A4C



## Safe and happy childhoods

We protect and support children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support. We ensure their voices are heard, and campaign to bring lasting improvements to their lives.



## Bright Hour

The Grove's Thursday afternoon meeting re-commences on 7th September, meeting in the Albert Hall at 2.30pm.

We usually are a group of twelve or so and always endeavour to make it a "Bright Hour". The first meeting will be for planning the next few months and we are pleased that Rev. Julie Coates is our speaker on 14th September.

Our meetings are varied, including speakers, music, crafts, quizzes, always finishing with cups of tea and the opportunity to share and care for each others' concerns in the love of God.

There's always a welcome so please feel free to join us, it will be good to see you.

Doris Maw

## World Day of Prayer



The first Friday of March each year is designated World Day of Prayer and In Retford we have an ecumenical Committee to make preparations for that, the Service being written by women from a different country each year. Our Committee is in need of a new Secretary, Doris having resigned after over 30 years in the job. Please give your prayerful consideration over this vacancy and if you can offer your service, please get in touch with Doris through the Circuit Office. Likewise, if you would like to join the Committee.

Doris Maw



# Worst Day Ever?



*by Chanie Gorkin*

Today was the absolute worst day ever  
And don't try to convince me that  
There's something good in every day

Because, when you take a closer look,  
This world is a pretty evil place.

Even if

Some goodness does shine through once in a while  
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.

And it's not true that

It's all in the mind and heart

Because

True happiness can be attained  
Only if one's surroundings are good

It's not true that good exists

I'm sure you can agree that

The reality

Creates

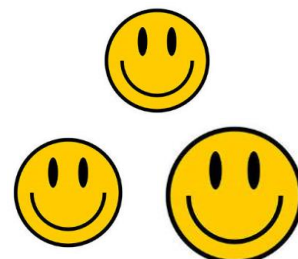
My attitude

It's all beyond my control

And you'll never in a million years hear me say

Today was a very good day

**Now please reread from bottom to top.**



**'Soup & Song'**  
**Interactive Community**  
**Music Sessions**  
**Dementia Friendly!**

**Singalong sessions to lift the soul**



at



**Wales Kiverton Methodist Church**

**School Road, Wales S26 5QJ**

**Every 2nd Thursday of the month**

**12 – 2pm (Refreshments at noon**

**singing starts at 12.45pm!)**



**Sept 14th, Oct 12th,  
Nov 9th and Dec 14th.**



Refreshments provided by Wales Kiverton Methodist Church.

**All music sessions  
are completely  
FREE to attend!**

Sponsored by



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**LOST CHORD UK**

*When words fail, music speaks*

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# Soup and Song at Wales Kiveton Methodist Church



One thing that most of us will agree on is that music and singing are good for the heart, mind, soul and well being. The great news is that this can now be shared and experienced at Wales Kiveton Methodist Church where “Soup and Song” events are to take place on the second Thursday of the month beginning with the first get together on Thursday September 14th. Commencing at 12noon with food and refreshments being served, then music and singing to follow (up to 2pm), it is FREE to enjoy, and all are welcome.

In liaison with charitable organisation Lost Chord (who have an abundance of experience with singalong sessions), the overwhelming feedback is that participants gain many health benefits including relaxation, reduction in anxiety, spiritual uplifting and improvements in mood, emotional wellbeing, confidence, enjoyment and a “feel good factor”! Wow, with all these benefits how can you not want to come and join in sharing the friendship, fun (and food of course) all for free!

The songs will be well known ones, such as Que Sera Sera, Moon River, and maybe the Hokey Cokey if you feel like a little dance!

We welcome care homes who would like to bring along their residents, and the church has wheelchair ramp access and a disabled toilet facility.

These events would not be able to take place if it wasn't for some generous support, so a big thank you to RMBC and Dominic Beck with funding from the Wales Ward Members Community Leadership Fund, Wales Parish Council and The Gripple Foundation.

If there are any other businesses who would like to offer support or any further details required, please contact Paul Joynes on 07990 616545.

Hope to see you there, come along and enjoy yourselves! **Paul Joynes**







## Dinnington Community BBQ

Churches in Dinnington came together to host a free BBQ for the village on August bank holiday. Despite heavy clouds we were delighted to be joined by a wide cross section of the community. We lost track of how many people came, but our stock of 300 burgers and sausages were all eaten. The chapel was already filling up and buzzing with conversation half an hour before our advertised start. Our combination of posters, social media and word of mouth advertising had succeeded in reaching people. The few cakes left at the end of the afternoon, donated by a local supermarket, were passed on to the Salvation Army food bank.

As well as being a rare civic opportunity for people to gather, the BBQ was designed as an opportunity to ask people, and young people in particular, for their views on what Dinnington needs. Siggy Parratt-Halbert from the Learning Network joined us to encourage young people

to write their hopes on a series of graffiti boards she had

created for us. These boards are now on tour around other village youth activities, collecting further ideas and starting conversations.

Dinnington is one of many neighbourhoods around us still scarred – a generation on – by pit closures, compounded by a decade of austerity and now the current cost of living crisis. In recent months the Methodist congregation has been facing up to challenging questions about



whether they can continue their current model of being church. The prospect of “giving up” on Dinnington felt uncomfortable, but maintaining the status quo is becoming a heavy burden.

Rev Angela Potheary and members of the congregation began reaching out and speaking with local people, assisted by Circuit Operations Manager Richard Dearden and District Mission Enabler Neil Harland. As is so often the case, we discovered that other local Christians were simultaneously feeling similar promptings, and keen to work together. A common theme emerged



of need for a safe space for young people and a form of church which would make sense for them. Local people of peace seem keen to work with us. Sporting activities at the BBQ were organised by one of Dinnington Town FC’s coaches. The local MP and newly appointed council Neighbourhood Coordinator joined us for the afternoon.

We don’t yet know what our long-term presence in Dinnington will look like, but we will continue our ecumenical listening, networking and discernment through the autumn.

**May we now hand what we have achieved so far to God,  
may his spirit continue to move and gather his disciples together,  
for we know nothing is impossible if it is of God.  
We hold the congregation of Dinnington in our prayers,  
As big decisions have to be made.  
May Gods healing balm bring comfort,  
and peace**

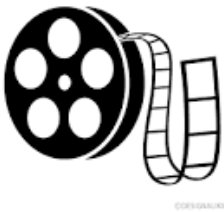
**May we also hold all our congregations and denominations  
In prayer as we continue to explore this project  
No matter how scary it may feel we know God goes  
Before us, surrounds us, and will have our backs  
We lift ourselves and the communities we serve  
And may we be blessed in all we strive to achieve  
In the name of Jesus Christ our saviour. *Amen***

*Neil Harland -  
Mission Enabler*





# AFTERNOON TEA & FILM



**Saturday**  
**14th October 2023**  
**@ 3.00pm**  
**The Grove Methodist Church**  
**Tickets £10.00**

Available from Pauline Merrills & Di Welchman  
or email [di.welchman@trinitycircuit.net](mailto:di.welchman@trinitycircuit.net)

**Organised by the**  **Star Festival gang**







# **The Grove Methodist Church Retford**

**We serve a  
Hot lunch & puddings every Thursday  
@ 12.00 noon**



**Main Course £5.00**

**Pudding £2.50**

**Free Tea or Coffee**

**Everyone is Welcome**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our September edition of the Circuit Newsletter.

Items for the November need to be sent by 25<sup>th</sup> October to [di.welchman@trinitycircuit.net](mailto:di.welchman@trinitycircuit.net)

Thank you.

# THE CHURCH IN WHEATLEY

We are gradually preparing for the auction of our Chapel building in September as we move to having one building for worship and witness.

The following items are surplus to our requirements.....



41 x Rosehill Stacking Chairs. They are generally in good condition and are available for collection. No charge.

**Lectern: Pirch Pine:  
suggested donation £50.00**



**Reading Desk: Antique Pitch Pine: suggested donation £40**

Please contact Hilary Bennett [hilarybennett@btconnect.com](mailto:hilarybennett@btconnect.com)  
or 07795035260

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*A spiritual poem by John Paul Moore acknowledging that's God's wish is that we acknowledge His hand in all things and we need to offer our thanks to Him.*

## **Drinking From The Saucer**

I've never made a fortune,  
And I'll never make one now  
But it really doesn't matter  
'Cause I'm happy anyhow

As I go along my journey  
I'm reaping better than I've sowed  
I'm drinking from the saucer  
'Cause my cup has overflowed

I don't have a lot of riches,  
And sometimes the going's tough  
But with kin and friends to love me  
I think I'm rich enough

I thank God for the blessings  
That His mercy has bestowed  
I'm drinking from the saucer  
'Cause my cup has overflowed

He gives me strength and courage  
When the way grows steep and rough  
I'll not ask for other blessings for  
I'm already blessed enough

May we never be too busy  
To help bear another's load  
Then we'll all be drinking from the saucer  
When our cups have overflowed





## Prayer diary for each day of the month

<b>1st</b>	Thank you for a new month and the Autumn coming soon.
<b>3rd</b>	We thank you for the long summer days filled with light & warmth.
<b>4th</b>	We give thanks that Julie is now back from her sabbatical, refreshed & renewed & with stories to share.
<b>5th</b>	Lord stay close to me in all I do today.
<b>6th</b>	We pray for children & young people as they go back to school & for their teachers as they face new challenges each day.
<b>7th</b>	Thank you, Lord, that each day you teach us wisdom & grace.
<b>8th</b>	We think about our Churches and congregations at The Crossing, Carlton and South Anston.
<b>9th</b>	Lord, may I in some small way bear witness to your love this new day.
<b>10th</b>	We think of all the different groups & organisations that meet in our church buildings; may they see a glimmer of your love.
<b>11th</b>	We continue to pray for the life saving work of All We Can serving the world's most marginalized communities.
<b>12th</b>	Thank you for everyone who has a role in our churches how every small or big, it is valued by God.
<b>13th</b>	We pray that all young people have a place of safety in their lives.
<b>14th</b>	Lord, we give thanks for our Local preachers and Worship leaders as they faithfully deliver your gospel each week.
<b>15th</b>	Thank you, Lord, for your daily grace and forgiveness.
<b>16th</b>	Thank you for a new day, new experiences but the same God close at hand.
<b>17th</b>	We remember our Churches and congregations at Whitwell, Wales & in The Leverton's
<b>18th</b>	Lord, may we drink from our saucer when our cup overflows.
<b>19th</b>	Day by day Lord, may we pray that your will, will be done.
<b>20th</b>	Remember our Churches and congregations at Hallcroft, North Anston & Carlton.
<b>21st</b>	Thank you for our families & close friends, may they know they are valued.
<b>22nd</b>	We pray for our local Care Homes remembering both residents and staff.
<b>23rd</b>	We continue to think about everyone caught up in the never-ending cost of living crisis, may we be sensitive to others needs.
<b>24th</b>	Thank you for the congregation at North Wheatley as they adjust to worshipping in one building.
<b>25th</b>	We prayer for all the activities taking place in our churches over the next two months.
<b>26th</b>	We remember our Churches & congregations at The Grove & Dinnington
<b>27th</b>	Lord, we pray for those we know who are mainly housebound, may we be there with a phone call or visit.
<b>28th</b>	Lord, may we bring a smile to someone's face today through a kind word or deed.
<b>29th</b>	Thank you, Lord, for today, may we see the good in those we see or hear today.
<b>30th</b>	We give thanks for the NHS and all who work in it.
<b>31st</b>	We as always, reflect on the past month giving thanks for each day & rejoicing in your never-ending faithfulness and love.



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