



The Methodist Church



Circuit Chat

Hello all and welcome to the June 2024 Circuit Chat.

Following Di's retirement this is the first time I've been directly involved in pulling this together and like most new things it's been a learning experience!

As I've been receiving and collating the articles and news stories it's been a great reminder to me of all the wonderful 'stuff' that we have going on across our Circuit. It's been fantastic to read of what's been going on in the churches and also seeing what's to come! If you need any encouragement I'm keen to share that – please do be encouraged, you're all doing amazing 'work' organising great activities and events and I firmly believe those will open up opportunities for all of us to share the love of our Lord and Saviour. We are sharing 'light' across the Circuit and our World needs that more than ever in these times. The bible verse Matthew 5:15 comes to mind 'Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house' – I see much light across Trinity Methodist Circuit!

I do hope you enjoy this newsletter but as ever I'm keen to receive feedback, please do let me know if you have any ideas/thoughts about how we develop Circuit Chat in the future.

Take care and enjoy the Summer! (as I write this the sun is shining today, finally!)

Richard

The Crossing Model Transport Exhibition 7 September 2024

There will be another Model Transport Exhibition at The Crossing and this will take place on Saturday 7th September where there will be at least ten working model railway layouts plus model buses, trams, and some trade stalls selling items of transport-related interests. These event have become very popular both with the public, the exhibitors, and the treasurer of The Crossing!

The exhibition runs from 10am to 4pm and the admission charge is £5 for adults and £1 for accompanied children. There will be refreshments available all day, including bacon butties for those who come early. For further details contact Bob Heathcote or the Welcome Desk at The Crossing.



Please see further information over the page.....



Workshop

Model Transport Exhibition



Saturday 7 September
10am to 4pm

Trains
Trams
Buses
Books
Models

Refreshments
All day



Adults £5 Children £1

The Crossing Church and Centre
Newcastle St, Worksop S80 2AT
busbob64@gmail.com

Tuesday Group – Hallcroft and Grove Street Fellowship

A visit to Bolham Manor, Retford - - By Carol James

Fourteen of our Fellowship ladies arrived in the pouring rain.

We were a little daunted, but the rain stopped and the sunshine returned.

Our hosts, Pam and Butch Barnsdale, members of the National Gardening Scheme, welcomed us with a smile and introductory details of the grounds.

Bolham Manor was built in around 1800 in the hamlet of Bolham. The garden was terraced and there are caves at the very bottom, covered by trees and bushes.

A lovely picture of the house is on display in the Bassetlaw Museum in Grove Street.

A gravel path led us on our tour. A huge Handkerchief Tree was in full bloom. A golden Acer and various topiary features. A wicker sculpture completed the scene.



A huge ash tree, hundreds of years old, held many secrets. The pond, with a fountain and huge carp named Wilfred and Einstein, were swimming around.

Clematis and Honey suckle, as well as Bamboo bushes were everywhere to be seen.

Deutzia, ferns and Rhododendrons were all out in abundance. Campanula and Alliums were all in full colour. A huge pear tree, in the orchard was festooned with delicate pink rambling roses.

We ended on the terrace by a cannon and a mill stone, holding many secrets.

Cake and tea were served in the kitchen. It really was a lovely afternoon and well-worth a visit.

All proceeds were passed on to charity by the hosts.

More information on Bolham Manor here <https://ngs.org.uk/gardens/bolham-manor-dn22/>

Action For Children event - "At Home" Wednesday,, 3rd July, 10 am to 4pm, at the home of Diana and Geoff Carswell,

2 Chequers Close, Ranby, DN22 8JX

Cakes, books, bric-a-brac, plants. Coffees and teas served all day, sandwich lunch available midday. Everyone welcome, please come!

AT HOME



2 Chequers Close, Ranby, Retford, DN22 8JX

(Home of Diana & Geoff Carswell)

Wednesday



3rd July



10am to 4pm

**Proceeds to
Action for Children**

Sandwiches will be available over lunch time.

Everyone is very welcome.

Renovations at The Grove

At last work had started, pews were being removed and some were being expertly repurposed into the new sound desk. The floor was being levelled the communion rail was temporarily removed but we weren't allowed in to observe the work. The Leadership team were allowed in on a few occasions to decide on paint colours and have discussions on carpets and pew backs and cushions. The work continued at a good pace and all was set for us being back to worship at the promised date.

Despite being told they couldn't go into church some of our more agile members and friends worked out that they could access the gallery from the 'organ stairs' and look down at the work below and report back on the progress.

We thought that everything was moving in a timely manner but then we hit some timing problems. There was a delay on fitting the carpets and the company making and fitting the pew cushions were held up because the material was out of stock. Eventually everything was completed and the first service in the sanctuary included a presentation about the history and mission of the church by members of the Retford Little Theatre. The Art Exhibition and Charter Day took place and when we welcomed people to the Circuit service it was 100% finished.

Members of The Grove are delighted with the renovations and look forward to sharing the space with the local community as our new performance area offers opportunities for a variety of drama, dance and music events.

Barbara Wilson, Grove St Methodist Church



You can listen to Julie and Daphne talk about mission planning at The Grove on the 'Faith, Hope and the Journey' podcast created by the District Team on <https://soundcloud.com/sheffieldmethodist>

Easter Offering – thanks!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Offering.



Throughout the Circuit we collected £921.05 (more will be added through gift aid) and had the opportunity to dedicate these gifts for the work of Methodist Mission Partners and churches throughout the world in a service at The Grove on 18th June.

The Order of Service had been prepared by Methodist Women in Britain on the theme of 'Let justice roll'. This is a quote from Amos 5:24, "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never failing stream!". The theme of the service stems from an awareness that justice is not static, but instead rolls forward gathering momentum across generations. Justice can never be declared as 'done'. Instead, justice inspires more justice from generation to generation. The stories, given in the Order of Service, tell of positive ways that individuals have addressed issues of justice. As Methodists, confronting injustice is part of our way of life as we long for God's justice in the world.

Thank you again for supporting this important work.

Rev'd Julie Coates

Gill Newton's President update

Gill Newton's latest blog talks about her travels to Guernsey, Cardiff, Lemington Spa, Devon, Bude, Launceston and Truro. Find out more here

<https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/.../gill-on-tour.html>

SOUTH ANSTON METHODIST CHURCH NEWS.....



On Saturday 20th April we were treated to “A Spring Evening of Words and Music” with Susan Hollingworth & Caroline Clemmow. We had a mixture of poems, piano pieces, singing, with some funny songs! Words by Oscar Wilde and a popular spot “At Home with Jane Austen” It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, and we made £299 for our Church Refurbishment Fund.

Our next concert is due to take place on Saturday 13th July at 7pm with Jutta Sigmund (Organ), Rev Meg Burton (Soprano) and readers from our congregation (please see below for further information)

Anne Duffy

Music and Poetry for a Summer Evening - South Anston Methodist Church Saturday 13th July, at 7pm

Meg Burton - Soprano Jutta Sigmund
(Austria) - Organ and guest readers.

£7 including refreshments Tickets available from Meg [07976597971](tel:07976597971) and on the door.

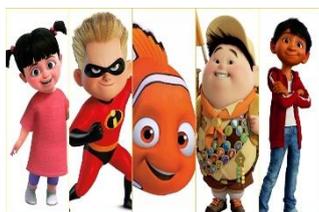
***In aid of the church Refurbishment Fund Chapel
Anniversary Weekend***

South Anston Methodist Church



Our Monthly Family Film Event on Saturday afternoons prove to be very popular. The children love doing crafts, eating popcorn and snacks with juice and watching a film. Pizzas or Hot Dogs are then served and enjoyed by all, and the best colouring competition winner is rewarded with chocolate! Grateful thanks to Deacon Emily for bringing these events to us.

Anne Duffy



Meditation Services

These are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm at South Anston, usually in the Oak Room which is accessed round the back of the church, up the ramp.

The subtitle for these services is, 'Divine service in a new language'. Why a new language? My experience is that in church and worship the head is the essential thing – we think faith, we think in prayer, sermon and liturgy, primarily addressing the head. Over the years, what I found was missing was experience and feeling and, as my spirituality changed, I wanted to include more and more meditative elements into my worship. Some people do not feel comfortable in traditional worship and may find these services speak to them and their spirituality. The services include silence, Taize music and chants and a guided meditation. Everyone is welcome.

Rev Meg Burton

“Living with Cancer”

One of Hannah Dunnett’s prints “Trust in God” has on the sail of a boat being tossed on rough seas the words “***Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.***”

Cancer does seem like the uninvited guest, sneaking in the back door, you’re unaware of its presence, until it has its feet well and truly under the table. Phil’s diagnosis started with a lump in his neck, which we thought was probably linked to recent treatment of another existing condition. From that first visit to the Drs at the end of Sept 2023 we did not know what the coming months would bring. Those who have walked the same path as us will know all too well how this feels. Phil’s treatment began 5th February a week before Lent began. Entering a personal wilderness, a place where God’s presence and strength reached me through the prayers of so many people. I am not ashamed to confess I couldn’t pray for me and Phil as I do so easily for others. God spoke to us through the cards, texts and emails that we felt so humbled to receive. We had been warned that treatment would be brutal, 35 sessions of radiotherapy every day Monday – Friday for 7 weeks. The mask he wore for it looked like something from a sci-fi movie.

At week 3 I found myself suddenly fulltime carer. I thanked God that I had been able to reduce my hours to part time two years before. God had walked before me, he was now with us both in the present, in a place that only God knew what we felt, feared and needed. We did not have celestial Angels tending to us, but we had Angels without wings in the nurses, doctors, consultants and all those who rang, texted, emailed and sent cards and left unexpected gifts. One was a plant which was waiting as I returned in the dark one evening after leaving a very ill Phil in hospital. I cried in the knowledge I was not alone.

When Phil was hospitalised on the ward we were brought into the lives of so many others in similar situations. The conversations we had humbled us in that Phil’s diagnosis was so much more positive than many. I know all too well that there are so many children that walk this path too so bravely. Treatment finished the Friday before Palm Sunday and Phil rang the bell to mark the end of his treatment on Friday 22nd March, our wedding anniversary. Everyone cheered and clapped, familiar faces we had seen everyday had become unknown friends all sharing this milestone with Phil. I reflected as I prepared Palm Sunday services, it was like the shouts of acclamation of Palm Sunday. Tuesday, of Holy week saw the final attempt at his nasal feeding tube a success and we got home at 10pm at last. Less than 12 hours later though we were back because his tube was blocked. He finally came home Maundy

Thursday late afternoon. Good Friday I looked on at the man I loved suffering so much and being so brave. I reflected, was this how Mary felt watching her beloved Jesus suffer on Good Friday? I was now nurse, recording and giving a cocktail of medicines and feeds. As congregations journeyed from the joy of Palm Sunday, to the emotions of Holy week, to the joy and celebration of the Risen Christ on Easter morning we realised we had taken our own personal journey through Lent and Holy week too.

As I write this at the start of June I smile as from my study I can hear one of our 4 year old Granddaughters playing a game with her Grandad. I smile, what a joy to see Phil gradually with each passing day improving. God is good, and will never forsake us. We now await a PET scan and MRI to find out if we have evicted the uninvited guest.

Sincerely from our hearts, we thank everyone for their support.

Psalm 139

O Lord, you have examined my heart
and know everything about me.

⁵ You go before me and follow me.

You place your hand of blessing on my head.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to understand!

Angela and Phil (Potheary)

CARLTON BOYS' BRIGADE AND GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

It's been a while since I reported on our activities, so here's what we did between Christmas and Easter.

During the first two meetings after Christmas, we continued with the celebrations making 'Cookie Crowns' to celebrate Epiphany and told the Christmas story with cards we had received. We played traditional party games and had a Christmas card relay. We are doing some birdwatching this year, so we started to be able to recognise the Top Ten birds, and some of our members joined the 'Big Bird Watch' with the Beavers in January.

The Sheffield Battalion meeting was held here at Carlton for the first time in many years, and as we now have Wi-Fi it meant others from further afield could join us via Zoom.

Our six registered lady helpers spent two full Saturdays at Aston in January and February completing their Youth Leader Training – congratulations to them all. As John has also joined us from a company which is closing, we have a much stronger leadership for the future.

After a visit to the Lindrick Player's Pantomime one Saturday, we spent our next meeting making 'Penguins from egg boxes' – continuing the bird theme – and looked at the Lord's Prayer.

The next week and later in March we visited the Carlton Youth Club and had team relays in the barn amongst other things.

Pancake Day was on Tuesday 13 February this year but due to half-term, we decided to hold it on 6 February. This turned out to be a surprise Birthday Party, so we had BB&GA Pancake Day on 20 February, when our Chaplain explained why we have Pancake Day before Lent.

On Saturday 9 March we had a Mothering Sunday Celebration and Lunch in conjunction with Carlton Fish Bar. There were a variety of stalls, plus all-age crafts to make a card or a jewellery gift for mum, gran, auntie or anyone else at home, and the opportunity to have your nails gel-painted. We all had a fine lunch, and we will do it again.



We spent time 'Saving the Planet'! We considered recycling waste and conserving water and power.

The Boys' Brigade is worldwide and to demonstrate this we have made flags of the world and linked them to their countries on a map.

In the lead up to Easter we had videos of the Easter Story, and on the final meeting before Easter, we made Easter Bunnies and had an Easter Egg Hunt around the building.

As it rained on Easter Monday morning, the traditional Easter Monday BB&GA sponsored walk had to be postponed but it did not spoil the day as we had activities throughout the morning followed by a Baked Potato Lunch, joined by members who attend the Warm Welcome Coffee Morning. The walk finally took place on the early May Bank Holiday on Monday 6 May.



All youngsters are invited to join us on Tuesdays at the Methodist Church and Centre between 6pm and 7.15pm. Come and see.

Eddie Croot, Captain

Resources and Guidance

Through the Connexion and District (you may already receive if you've subscribed for communications updates) I receive updates and information from time to time and where appropriate I'll share these at the relevant time. There have been a few recently which I thought were interesting and I've shared these below. Richard

HSE webinar on Asbestos Management



Duty to Manage Asbestos

If you missed the recent asbestos duty to manage webinar by HSE you can watch the recording on demand. The webinar featured HSE expert who touched on topics like:

- why asbestos is dangerous
- where asbestos is likely to be found
- the legal obligation to manage asbestos in buildings
- HSE's Asbestos – Your Duty campaign
- how to carry out an effective asbestos risk assessment
- how to complete an asbestos management plan

The webinar is available to watch again on the HSE website at no cost, the weblink is a bit long but I've copied it below: https://solutions.hse.gov.uk/health-and-safety-training-courses/duty-to-manage-asbestos-in-buildings?utm_source=Methodist%20Church%20House&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14399609_Property%20Matters%20June%202024&dm_i=BVI,8KMT5,49JHOJ,ZVUNS,1

Mental Health First Aid training

We're all aware of the growing mental health issues affecting society and the Methodist Learning team have organised a Mental Health First Aid training course. I've recently attended one of these courses and would commend it to you, further details below:

Online course - Tuesday 24th September 2024 and Tuesday 1st October 2024, 9am – 5pm both days, online, £60 per person. More information here https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-adult-mental-health-first-aid-registration-852818191167?aff=oddtcreator&utm_source=Methodist%20Church%20House&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14526737_Learning%20%26%20Development%20Newsletter%20June%202024&dm_i=BVI,8NCWH,49JHOJ,ZVM8T,1

Alternatively friends at Sheffield Methodist Circuit offer face to face training on this topic, currently offered courses are full but you can contact them to register interest for future course <https://www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk/newsroom/mental-health-first-aid-training.html>

Thank you

**Thank you once again to everyone who has
contributed to the June edition of our Circuit Chat
Newsletter.**

**The aim is to produce quarterly Circuit Chats, could you
please send any articles to.....**

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