

Black Country Circuit Notices Wednesday 12 August 2026



Care for Creation Prayer (Day of the Eclipse)

Creator God,

As the light of the sun is briefly hidden,
remind us of the wonder and mystery of your creation.

Open our eyes to the beauty of the world you have entrusted to us,
and our hearts to care for it with love and humility.

May we treasure the earth, protect its fragile beauty,
and as we shared at our recent Celebration Day - be people of living hope for all creation.

Amen

ECO-Friendly Tips

For Churches: Make the Eclipse a moment of wonder: Come along tonight (12th) 6pm at Tipton Green. Let's pause together and appreciate and reflect on the eclipse and the incredible complexity of creation.

For individuals: Use the natural light: If possible, keep lights off during daylight hours and notice how much natural light we already have.

Questions for churches: As we pause and marvel at the wonder of the Eclipse, what one thing could your church do differently to care more deeply for God's creation and to protect it for future generations. Let Steve know what you are doing or if you would like him to support some of your discussions or prayer time. Email Steve stephenjallen17@gmail.com

Stephen Allen
Environmental Lead Black Country Circuit





Advanced Notice **the Circuit Office will be closed on the following dates:**

Wednesday 19 August 2026

Friday 21 August 2026

Monday 24 August 2026

Wednesday 26 August 2026

Friday 28 August 2026

Monday 31 August 2026



Welcome Service for Rev. Peter Powers **at New Road Methodist Church** **Saturday 5 September 2026** **Service at 4pm followed by tea and cake**

We hope that you will be able to join us to give a warm welcome to Rev. Peter Powers and his partner Ruth to our Circuit.

Christian Aid Walk

Many thanks to everyone who generously gave money to my Sponsored Walk during Christian Aid week back in May when I walked some 23 miles across the Hidden River and Black Country Circuits.

I am very pleased to say that the total raised was £1,189.94 including gift aid.

Christian Aid week focussed on families facing the daily stress of food insecurity in Nairobi. The funds raised will help provide seeds and tools so that people can grow food in small spaces, fund training and support community-led projects that strengthen food security and incomes.

We are called to love our neighbours and thank you once more for your support. I may have gone through every emotion on the day as the aches and pains kicked in but knowing that we can help families in some way inspired me to keep going.

Steve Allen



Gathering and Being Together
Refreshments and Conversation
Today's Issues in Faith Context
Contemporary Worship and Prayer

Future dates:
18 November 2026 at Charlemont
12 January 2027 at Hill Top
15 March 2027 at Tipton Green
27 May 2027 at Ryders Green
10 July 2027 at Leabrook

'Put out into the deep water and let down
your nets for a catch'. **Luke 5 v 4**

GOING DEEPER



You're invited to Going Deeper

A way of finding and growing faith in today's world

Sessions across the Circuit's Churches

Next session at Leabrook Friday 11 September 2026 6pm-8pm

Fellowship & Eating Together – faith meal. All are welcome!

Going Deeper – but what's it really about?

“You don't need all the answers. Just bring your questions.”

A new programme of Going Deeper sessions is about to begin in September – but perhaps you're wondering what happens at them. So, let's bust a few myths!

“Is it a Bible Study?”

Not quite! The Bible is at the heart of our sessions, but we're not there simply to study passages or find the “right” answers. We explore what Scripture might say to us today, and what difference our faith makes in everyday life.

“Do I need to know lots about the Bible?”

Absolutely not! You don't need to be a Bible expert, theologian or regular churchgoer. Bring your questions, your experiences and your curiosity. There are no silly questions – and sometimes the best conversations start with a question none of us can easily answer!

“Will I be expected to speak?”

No. There's always space to listen and reflect. But if you want to share a thought, question or experience, you'll find a friendly and respectful space where everyone's contribution is valued.

“Is it going to be really serious?”

We take our faith seriously, but we don't take ourselves too seriously! There's conversation, creativity, videos, activities, prayer and often a bit of laughter along the way.

“Is it just for people who are already convinced in their faith?”

Not at all. Going Deeper is a place to explore faith – including the things we struggle with, don't understand or aren't sure about. You can come with faith, questions, doubts or simply an open mind.

“What have we explored before?”

We've asked questions such as: Who is Jesus? What is Church? What does the incarnation mean to us? What does the Passion and the Cross mean? What does the Spirit mean to us? How is Christ making all things new? And what does it mean to live in Koinonia – genuine Christian community.

“So, what's the point?”

Quite simply, it's about going a little deeper. Taking time away from the busyness of church and everyday life to ask questions, listen to one another, explore scripture and discover how our faith might shape the way we live.

“Can I come if I haven't been before?”.

Yes! Please do. Each session stands on its own, so you don't need to have attended previous sessions. Come along, bring a friend if you'd like, and see where the conversation takes us.

Come and explore with us.

Our new programme of **Going Deeper** sessions is about creating a safe, welcoming space to question, explore, listen, learn and grow together in faith.

You don't need all the answers. **Just bring your questions.**

Programme:

Fri 11th Sept 6-8pm (Leabrook) Fellowship & Eating Together - faith meal

Building supportive relationships with other believers & building community as we eat together

Wed 18th Nov 7-9pm (Charlemont) Sharing resources & serve

Helping others with what we have and humbly helping and serving people

Tues 12th Jan 7-9pm (Hill top) Gladness and Generosity & Worship

Living with joy and an open heart and praising God as a way of life

Mon 15th Mar 7-9pm (Tipton Green) Breaking Bread

Sharing communion and remembering Jesus

Thurs 27th May 7-9pm (Ryders Green) Biblical teaching and Prayer

Learning and growing through God's word, communicating and listening to God

Sat 10th Jul 10am-12:30pm (Leabrook) Making disciples - Meal & invite a friend

Sharing our faith with others

Living Water Bingo - A Season of Creation Challenge

What if something as ordinary as turning on a tap became a moment to **thank God for the Gift of water?**

Throughout September, as part of our Season of Creation theme, "**Living Water**", we are inviting everyone across the circuit to take part in our **Living Water Bingo Challenge**.

The Bingo card contains simple challenges, prayers and actions inspired by the Methodist Way of Life - from pausing to give thanks for water, to praying for communities without access to clean water, learning about our local waterways and taking practical steps to care for God's creation.

You don't have to complete them all - simply **choose a few squares and see where they lead you**. You can take part wherever you are, whether or not you are able to join our two Zoom services on **1st and 30th September**.

Will you get a full house?

More importantly, **what might God show you along the way?**

Steve Allen
Environmental Lead
Black Country Methodist Circuit

Joining the Zoom worship from a computer:
Click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7543786770>
Enter your name if prompted.
Click on 'Join with video'

Joining from the Zoom app on your smartphone or tablet:
Press the 'Join' button
Enter the meeting ID: 754 378 6770
Enter your name
Press 'Join Meeting'
If you are prompted for a passcode, enter 7K1mRK and press OK

Joining from a telephone:
Dial: 0131 460 1196
Enter the meeting ID: 754 378 6770 followed by the # key
If Zoom asks for the host key or participant ID, just press the # key
If you are prompted for a passcode, enter 7K1mRK and press the # key

During the Season of Creation (1st Sept to 4th Oct), how many of these Living Water Challenges can you complete?

 Notice Sit for 10 minutes by a local pond or stream. What wildlife do you notice?	 Pray Pray for the 1 in 4 people worldwide who still lack access to clean water.	 Worship Every time you turn on a tap today, thank God for the gift of water.	* Campaigns and Charities for clean water: WaterAid Tearfund Toilet Twinning Oxfam Clean Water campaign Unicef Access to Clean Water https://riveractionuk.com/ (concerned with UK rivers) https://severncarp.org.uk/ (based on the River Severn) ** To add your name to the Friends of the Earth 2026 campaign 'Make 2026 the year polluters clean up their act' click here .
 Learn Find out about a local or national project campaigning for clean water*	 Care Offer a drink to someone who is thirsty or tired.	 Open Provide water, food or shelter for wildlife outside your home or church.	
 Serve Support a charity who provide clean water to a community who need it. *	 Challenge Support the Friends of the Earth 2026 'Clean up' campaign for cleaner water **	 Flourish Use grey water to care for a plant for a month and watch it grow.	
 Tell Tell someone how God has provided for you this week.	 Share Which Bible verse gives you hope for creation? Who can you share it with?	 Live Commit to re-usable drinks bottles and cups rather than single-use plastic.	

Seeking to recruit a Treasurer

The Methodist Church
The Wesley Centre For All Ltd
c/o The Wesley Centre, Spring Head, Wednesbury, WS10 9AD
Telephone: 0121 556 0420
Email: admin@wesleycentreforall.com
www.wesleycentreforall.com

We are looking to recruit a TREASURER to cover our busy Daycare Centre and the Wesley Centre. The position is for 11 hours per week spread over three days. The position is paid at £13 per hour. Leave is 4 weeks accrual leave plus bank holidays, pro rata.

The employer is The Wesley Centre For All Ltd. By necessity there will be an overlap between "Company" and "Daycare" and the successful applicant will be expected to perform tasks relating to both as they are not mutually exclusive.

The successful candidate will be fluent in the use of SAGE 50 Accounts and be able to deal with all the financial administration of a busy Daycare and Centre.

Due to the nature of the Daycare and some of the room bookings, the successful applicant will need to be DBS cleared and be able to provide two references.

Please request an application form via:

admin@wesleycentreforall.com

A cv may be requested at a later date. Please do not submit one with your original application as it will be disregarded at that time.

The Wesley Centre For All Ltd
Spring Head
Wednesbury
WS10 9AD

Closing date for receipt of applications is 28 August 2026
Interviews will be held on 4 September 2026

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Please feel free to come to all or part, just drop in as you are able.

WESLEY CHURCH, HIGH STREET, WEST BROMWICH

Harvest Thanksgiving

Ploughman's Lunch

Saturday 3rd October

1pm to 3pm

Tickets - £5

Please book with Linda Adams



New Road Methodist Church

Pre-School SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) group

Barnardo's Charity are holding sessions for pre-school SEND children and their parents/carers at New Road Methodist Church. The sessions are to be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month starting from Thursday 10th September from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m.

It is hoped these sessions will bring support and friendship to children and their families. If you know of any parents/carers who would benefit from these sessions please let Karen in our Circuit Office know – blackcountryad@gmail.com 07766 945708



Charlemont Methodist Church
Crafty Ladies
Every Monday 10.30am-12.30pm

Come and join us. Bring your own craft and enjoy the company, shared interests and refreshments



Leabrook Methodist Church
Mature Movers Keep Fit Group
Every Tuesday at 10.15am

Run by a qualified specialist

Please note that during July & August the start time is 9.30am due to the hot weather



Hill Top Methodist Church
Coffee morning and place of welcome every Tuesday
10.00am – 11.30am

Everyone is welcome to join us for free tea & coffee, a quiz and fun bingo



Charlemont Methodist Church
Ladies Circle
Every Tuesday at 2.15pm

Join us for refreshments, a chat and speakers



Central Wives Wednesbury
Every Tuesday at 2.00pm

Meet every Tuesday afternoon at 2pm

At the Wesley Centre, Wednesbury

Join us for fellowship, tea/coffee and a biscuit.

There is always a different theme with speakers from time to time.

All ladies are welcome



Monthly Circuit Midweek Communion service



Held at Wesley Methodist Church

at 12.45pm

second Wednesday of the month

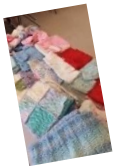
Everyone is welcome to join us for this short, relaxed service of Holy Communion

Roseville Methodist Church

Coffee morning the 3rd Wednesday of the month

11.00am – 3.00pm

Come and join us for coffee, craft and a chat



Toll End Methodist Church

Wednesday Coffee Club

10.30am-12noon

Come and join for fellowship and refreshments



St Andrew's Church

Place of Welcome

Every Wednesday

10.30am-12noon



All are welcome. There are activities for everyone. Bring your knitting, crochet etc. Snooker, dominoes and cards are also available. Tea, coffee, soup and refreshments are free or a small donation if you wish.



Leabrook Methodist Church
Coffee & Crafters
Wednesday 19 August – CLOSED
Wednesday 26 August – open as usual
10.30am-1pm



Come and join us for chat and a cuppa



Leabrook Methodist Church
Craft Group
Every 2nd Wednesday
7-9pm



£2 donation to cover heating and lighting costs

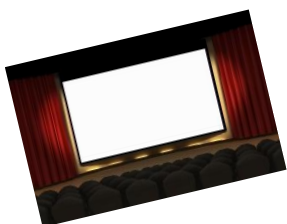
You are welcome to bring a project you are working on, or you are welcome to use
supplies that we have in the cupboard
All are welcome



Toll End Methodist Church
Over 50s Club
Every Thursday 2pm-3.45pm



Charlemont Methodist Church
Knit & Natter
every Thursday
10.30am-12.00 noon



Central Methodist Church
Cinema Club last Thursday of the month

Supporting Black Country Tourism

Call 0121 556 0420 for tickets





**Tipton Green
HEART TO ART
3rd Thursday of every month
10.30am- 12noon**



Come and enjoy a cup of tea, a chat and do a bit of art and craft
All are welcome



**New Road Methodist Church
Thursday time**

Come and join us for tea/coffee and treats

Between 2.00pm and 3.45pm

Every Thursday

Everyone welcome, including children

Free refreshments and activities



**Wesley Ladies Circle Last
Friday of every month
at 2pm**



Charlemont Methodist Church

Coffee morning every 2nd Saturday of the month

10am - 12noon

Raffle and Bring & Buy stall





291 Community Association CIO, Rear of Wesley Methodist Church, 291 High Street, West Bromwich, B70 8ND

Next door to Lloyds Bank

Refreshments available. Activities carry a minimal charge

	Opening Times	Groups
Monday	10.30am - 12.30pm Including Pool & Dominoes	Friendship Group
Monday	10.30am - 12.30pm	Craft & Chat
Monday	11.00am - 12.00pm	Walking Football
Monday	Once a Month 10.00am - 2.00pm (please contact us for more details)	Easy Cooking
Tuesday	11.15pm - 12.15pm	Exercise Class
3rd Tuesday of each month	1.00pm - 2.30pm	Book Club
Wednesday	10.30am - 12.30pm	Craft Group
1 st & 3rd Wednesday of each month	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Community Sing Along
Thursday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Digital Drop-In
Thursday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Art Group

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Wesley's Waffles

Pop in for waffles and coffee, tea, toast and more all at reasonable prices

ALL WELCOME

Open every Thursday
10.30am - 1.30pm

at
Central Methodist Church
Springhead, Wednesbury.
WS10 9AD

Call 0121 556 0420 for details



Circuit Notices

The next edition of the Circuit Notices will be sent out on
Wednesday 09 September 2026.

If you have anything you would like included in these notices, please send them to
blackcountryad@gmail.com by **9am on Monday 0709.2026**



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Circuit Website

If you have any news items that you would like to be put on the circuit website, please send them to blackcountryad@gmail.com

You are welcome to include photographs