



East Staffordshire & South Derbyshire
Methodist Circuit (22/16)
September 2025 – November 2025
(Charity No. 1133721)



Chair of the Nottingham & Derby District

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Circuit School's Worker (Uttoxeter)

Jordan Lambert

Supernumerary Ministers in East Staffordshire & South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit

(*) Rev'd Ann Bolas	Contact details available from the Circuit Directory, printed copy of the plan or from the Circuit office.	(*) Rev'd Lynda Coates	Contact details available from the Circuit Directory, printed copy of the plan or from the Circuit office.
Rev'd Dr Stella Mills		(*) Rev'd Derek Morton	
(*) Rev'd Dr. David G Palmer		Rev'd Sue Rolls	
(*) Rev'd Maurice Whittaker (AM)		(*) Rev'd Robert Russell	
(*) Rev'd David Bonny			

Circuit Stewards

Denise Hancock	Andrew Hawkins
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Circuit Steward with Financial Responsibility

Andrew Wooding

Circuit Administrator

Laura Sharkey

01283 217168 office@essdmethodistcircuit.org

Circuit Secretary

Teresa Hawkins

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Hello everyone,

Welcome to a new connexional year. A few weeks ago, I went to the opening of Methodist Conference, to see the new president, Richard Andrew starting his year as President. As part of his opening address, he spoke about the theme of the year 'our story, our song' and I wanted to share a small part of what he said, which hopefully helps us, as we consider the future of our churches and circuit. You can find the full text on the Methodist Church conference website:

I believe that the rumours of our death have been greatly exaggerated because God is faithful, Christ is risen and the Spirit blows amongst us, wherever she wills, drawing and calling us into new life, new hope, new community, new creation. It has always been so and for those who wish to join in, it offers not only the most exciting of futures but also a glimpse into our true vocation in Christ. Our hope and convictions about the future are born not out of our present experience of history, important though that it is, but from an enduring sense of God's faithfulness and desire in Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit to make the new heaven and the new earth.

Life in churches and in the circuit isn't always easy, but without hope, along with the actions that require, we may as well shut down now. And as one of our familiar hymns says, "In Christ alone, my hope is found."

For this Plan, you will note that there have been a few changes. At Methodist Conference, Teresa Tilley was permitted to preside at Communion, meaning you will see her name with HC next to it. This will help churches receive regular communion with the reduction of ministers. We welcome back Dave Bonny, now a supernumerary minister – I'm sure his name will be cropping up on the Plan before too long, but for now he needs to rest & get used to retirement. We were sorry to hear about the death of Stanley Coates and give thanks for his life as well as his ministry as a local preacher since 1995. And finally, Teresa Hawkins has been given a note to preach, she will be exploring her call to preach over the next few years.

Let us go out into the world and share that hope with those around us.

May God bless you all

Rachel Wood

Please can **all** Ministers, Local Preachers and Church Stewards ensure they send in **all** dates and preaching information for the next plan directly to office@essdmethodistcircuit.org or call 01283 217168 with any questions/problems. Please send all dates by Monday, 13th October 2025

Ministers Availability

Please note that Ministers are generally unavailable on the following days:

Rev'd Rachel Wood

Monday

Rev'd Rachel Moss

Monday

Rev'd Manoa Ratubalavu

Monday

In the event of a genuine pastoral emergency, on a Monday, please contact Laura in the circuit office on 07305417795

Local Preachers in East Staffordshire & South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit

Vic Appleby
[1968]

(**) Alan Jefferson
(1976)

John Cumpstone
[1982]

Steve Dobson
[1983]

Dr Philip Robinson
[1985]

Carl Seager
[1994]

Brian Parker
[1998]

Oliver Ball
[2002]

Contact details available from the Circuit Directory, printed copy of the plan or from the Circuit office.

Denise Hancock
[2006]

Sue Cattermole
[2008]

Julie Green
[2010]

Joji Cabemaikadavu
George C [2010]

Susan Laws
[2013]

Teresa Tilley
[2016]

On Trial:
Paula Whitley

On Note:
Teresa Hawkins

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(*) Betty Chadwick
[1956]

(*) Pat Seager
[1989]

(*) Stanley Coates
[1995]

(*) Eunice Watson
[2012]

(*) Joyce Greenwood
[1984]

(*) Patricia Knowles
[1991]

(*) Margaret Gough
[2001]

(*) Vicky Twynham
[2013]

(*) Steve Ryan
[1986]

(*) Denis Barratt
[1991]

(*) Nigel Sharpe
[2008]

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Lectionary Readings Sept – Nov 25

7 th Sept	Jeremiah 18: 1 - 11 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25 -33	2 nd Nov	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119: 137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11 - 12 Luke 19: 1 - 10
14 th Sept <i>Education Sunday</i>	Jeremiah 4: 11 – 12, 22 -28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1: 12- 17 Luke 15: 1 – 10	9 th Nov <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Isaiah 25:1-9 or Isaiah 52:7-12 or Micah 4:1-8 Psalm 9:9-20 Romans 8:31-35, 37 – 39 Revelation 22:1-5 Matthew 5:1-12 or Matthew 5:43-48 or John 15:9-17
21 st Sept <i>Peace Sunday</i>	Jeremiah 8: 18 – 9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16: 1 – 13		
28 th Sept	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6 – 15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31		
5 th Oct <i>Homelessness Sunday</i>	Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10		
12 th Oct <i>Prisons Sunday</i>	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	16 th Nov	Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19
19 th Oct	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119: 97-104 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	23 rd Nov <i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Luke 1: 68 -79 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43
26 th Oct <i>Bible Sunday</i>	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14	30 th Nov <i>Advent 1</i>	Isaiah 2:1 -5 Psalm 122 Romans 13: 11 – 14 Matthew 24: 36-44

Circuit Dates for the Diary

Circuit Meeting – 10/9/25, 7pm, The Well and Zoom

Circuit Finance Meeting – 24/9/25, 10.30am, The Well

Meeting for all Church Stewards and Treasurers – please ensure your church is represented.

Local Preacher's Meeting – 25/9/25, 7.30pm, St. Thomas's

Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir – 21/11/25, 7pm, The Well,

Tickets £8 available from Circuit Office, Under 16's free but require a ticket.

Visiting Preachers in East Staffordshire & South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit

Botten	Contact details available from the Circuit Directory, printed copy of the plan or from the Circuit office.		Constantine	Contact details available from the Circuit Directory, printed copy of the plan or from the Circuit office.
Kilgour			Haywood	
Lunt			Leese	
Parkinson			McLoughlin	
Goddard			Parkinson	
Mizon			Wright	
Fyall			Greaves	
Hambly			Irons	
Arnold			Bates	
Briggs				

The Stream Zoom Details

For all Stream Worship and Online Activities (except when Rev'd Stella Mills is leading the service), Live Streamed Circuit Services and Meetings, the log in code is below:

Please contact the Circuit Office for login details

A weekly Circuit notice sheet is emailed out from the Circuit office on a Wednesday.
To be added to the mailing list please email office@essdmethodistcircuit.org

Information for Churches in East Staffordshire & South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit

Church	Church Contact Person	Additional Hymn Books:
Barton DE13 8AF	Contact details available from the Circuit Directory, printed copy of the plan or from the Circuit office.	Singing the Faith, SOF 1
Church Gresley DE11 9QQ		Singing the Faith SOF
Draycott in-the -Clay DE6 5HA		SOF 1, Singing the Faith
Etwall DE65 6HX		SOF 1 - 4, Singing the Faith
Hilton DE65 5GG		Mission Praise Comb'd & Singing the Faith
Newhall DE11 0JU		Singing the Faith SOF 1-4
Overseal DE12 6JG		Mission Praise Combined Projection Facilities
Short Street DE15 9LS		Hymns & Psalms SOF 1 – 4 (Sof 1-2 on Hymnal)
Stanton DE15 9TW		Hymns & Psalms / Mission Praise Complete / Singing the Faith
Stretton DE13 0EA		Mission Praise Comb'd Singing the Faith
St Thomas's DE13 0RQ		SOF 1, Singing the Faith
Ticknall DE73 1JY		Hymns & Psalms Singing the Faith
Trinity (Linton) DE12 6PD		Singing the Faith Complete Mission Praise
Uttoxeter ST14 7JQ		Mission Praise Comb'd & Singing the Faith
The Well (Midway)DE11 7NN		-
The Stream		-
Oasis, Unit 6		-