



Circuit Notices – 24/09/2025

Please send any notices for the next weekly notices to Laura at office@essdmethodistcircuit.org by 8pm on a Tuesday for inclusion in the current week's notices. Thank you

Important Information

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training (EDI)

Saturday 27th September from 10am to 1pm
at The Well, Midway, Swadlincote

Last-minute call for any bookings for the EDI training this Saturday. Just send a quick email to Laura, our Circuit Administrator to be added to the session:
office@essdmethodistcircuit.org

All local preachers, worship leaders and church stewards need to complete this - however, the good news is you only need to complete EDI training once - so once it's done, you're good to go!

There is also an online session available, which you can complete anytime at: <https://essdmethodistcircuit.org/edi>
Once completed, please drop me a line with your name, church position and date of completion.

Dates for Safeguarding Training – Advanced Session

Saturday 18th October 2025 at 10am
at The Well, Midway, Swadlincote

Just a reminder that all office holders need to keep their safeguarding training up to date - it needs to be refreshed every four years at the highest level required for your role, so please check when you last completed your training. There is more information on our website regarding which course is suitable for you.

Currently, there are only 5 people who have signed up for this session. If there isn't a marked increase in numbers, it's unlikely that the training session will be able to go ahead! The Eventbrite link is as follows:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1464093445909?aff=oddttdtcreator>
Please enrol now if you need to renew or commence your training!

Circuit Events

The Knitted Bible is coming to the Circuit

You might remember I mentioned back in July that this Circuit will be hosting *The Knitted Bible* exhibition next year! Well, if anyone's curious for a sneak peek, you can catch a preview of the exhibition at the following link: [The Knitted Bible Exhibition](#). It's well worth a look!

What is it & when / where

- The Knitted Bible is an exhibition of over **33 biblical scenes**, made by St. George's United Reformed Church, Hartlepool. Each person, animal, fish, goblet, etc., is individually knitted.
- It will be at the Congregational Federation, 8 Castle Gate, Nottingham, NG1 7AS.
- Dates: Wednesday 19 November to Saturday 6 December 2025.

Utttoxeter's week-long big event for school children!

Exciting Opportunity to Get Involved – Life Expo at Utttoxeter Methodist Church!

It's a fun, interactive event helping Year 5 & 6 children explore the Christian faith in a fresh way. Check out more about it here:

<https://www.countiesuk.org/lifeexpo>



3rd–7th November (school hours)



Set-up & volunteer - training the Saturday before – with tea and biscuits, of course!

We'd love your help! It's a great chance to support children as they learn about prayer, worship, and faith.

We're looking for friendly faces to help in a few different areas:

- ☕ Helping in the café
- 💬 Chatting with and supporting children in the “tech” room (don't worry – no tech skills needed!)
- 🙏 All else fails, praying before, during, or after the sessions!!!

If you're interested in helping, please get in touch with Rachel Wood as soon as you can.

Circuit Facebook page

Regular Circuit updates are available on the [circuit facebook page](#), which will include details of any upcoming events and courses, as well as any amendments to Church services.

Circuit Website

We encourage you to visit your [Circuit website](#), which provides information about your churches and important events they are hosting. Should you require any amendments/updates to your Church page, please email

Laura: office@essdmethodistcircuit.org

What's happening at The Well?

Evening Performance by
The Derbyshire
Community Male Voice
Choir

Friday 21st November at 7.30pm

Welcome to all! Tickets cost £8, under 16's go free but must be accompanied by an adult and must also book a ticket along with the adult. To book your place, please make payment to the Circuit's bank account and email Laura:

office@essdmethodistcircuit.org

Events around the Circuit

Draycott's Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 24th September 2.30- 4pm

Please come along for cakes, tea and coffee!

Trinity's Harvest Lunch

Saturday 27th September 1p.m

All are welcome to lunch! Please let Rita Walton know by the 24th September, if you will be attending. Her email address is:
ritam.walton@yahoo.co.uk

Church Gresley's
Celebration Music
Weekend

Saturday 27th September 10am – 3pm

Please come along to this free event - a vibrant celebration of local talent as choirs, solo performers, and music groups fill the day with uplifting sounds and heartfelt performances. You're welcome to drop in and stay as long as you like. Drinks, homemade cakes and a selection of cold lunches will be available for purchase.

Sunday 28th September 10.30am

A special Service of Praise will be held, with music by the Joyful Noise Music Group.

Teams4U Christmas
Shoebox Appeal

The Methodist Church in South Derbyshire has been supporting Christmas Shoebox Appeals for at least 20 years. Please see the attached poster with details of how you can provide gifts for the shoeboxes. You are also invited to drop in for tea or coffee at OASIS or assist with Wrap & Pack Saturdays in October and November. Please help in any way you can!

Stretton's Afternoon of
Music with Oasis Music
Group for Harvest Festival

Saturday 4th October at 2.30pm

This Harvest Festival and musical afternoon is in aid of the YMCA food bank so any donations of food or money will be much appreciated! Enjoy the music, eat cake and chat with friends! (Donations of cake for this event will also be gratefully received.)

Regular Events around the Circuit			
Monday	OASIS Music Group 3 rd Monday of the month	Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote	6pm - 8pm
Tuesday	OASIS	Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote	10am - 1pm
	Fellowship Every fortnight	Church Gresley Methodist Church Next dates: Sept 23 rd , Oct 7 th , 21 st	2pm - 3.30pm
	New Bible Study Group led by Rev Manoa Every third Tuesday of the month	Barton Methodist Church	7pm - 8pm
Wednesday	OASIS Music Group Every 1 st Wednesday of the month	Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote	10am - 12 noon
	OASIS Games morning Every 2 nd Wednesday of the month	Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote	10.30am – 12 noon
	OASIS Just Sing Every 2 nd Wednesday of the month	Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote	1.30pm - 3pm
	Oasis's Creative Space Every 3 rd Wednesday of the month	Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote	1pm - 3pm
	Connections Every 1 st and 3 rd Wednesday of the month	Church Gresley Methodist Church Next dates Sept 3 rd & 17 th Oct 1 st & 15 th	1pm - 3pm
	The Stream – an online time of communal discussion based on 'The Upper Room'	Zoom Online These will be the usual details.	2pm
Thursday	CAMEO with craft/knitting group	Stanton Methodist Church	10am - 12noon
	Tea/Coffee, Cake & Chat	Ticknall Methodist Church	10.30am - 12.30pm
	Carers OASIS Last Thursday of the month	Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote	10.30am - 12.30pm
Friday	OASIS	Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote	10am -1pm
	Come and Chat!	Etwall Methodist Church	10.30am - 12 noon
	Soup & Roll	Etwall Methodist Church	12 noon - 1.30pm
	The Stream Online Prayer meeting	Zoom Online These will be the usual details.	3pm
Saturday	Coffee Morning, 1 st Saturday of the month	St. Thomas's Methodist Church	10.00am - 11.30am
	Coffee Morning 1 st Saturday of the month	Newhall Methodist Church	10.30am - 12noon

Worship Online

The Stream	Online on Zoom every Sunday at 10.30am Should you require the log-in details, please email: peter.thestream.essd@gmail.com For safeguarding reasons these details <u>should not</u> be posted on social media.
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District/Other Events

Conference Business Digest	A report for local churches about the business of the 2025 Methodist Conference. Please share this with the office holders and members of your Church and Circuit. This can be read online and downloaded from methodist.org.uk/conference
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To add a regular or one-off event to the Circuit notices, please email:
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