



## Circuit Notices – 19/11/2025

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

### Important Information

Revd Doug Allen

**We are deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of** Rev'd Doug Allen earlier last week. Doug was a marvellous preacher and a kind, gracious man whose ministry touched many lives. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Please hold Barbara and all his family in your prayers at this time.

Update on the Plan for Dec 25 to Feb 26

**Quarterly Plan & Pamphlet** The new Plan and Pamphlet are now printed (available from Oasis) and uploaded to the website. Please note the following amendments:

- Uttoxeter: two services on 14 Dec – 10am with Phil Robinson & a Christingle at 4pm
- Stretton: LA Carol Service on 21 Dec at 6pm
- St Thomas's: 4<sup>th</sup> Jan service led by Oliver Ball

Kindly update your noticeboards/pamphlets or inform your congregation. Updated times for **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day services** are printed at the bottom of these Notices and will be posted on your website.

### Circuit Events

Circuit Facebook page

 **Stay Connected with Us on Facebook!**

Want to know what's happening across the Circuit? Head over to our Facebook page for regular updates, including upcoming events, courses, and any changes to Church services.

 Give us a follow [here!](#)

It's a great way to stay in the loop and be part of our growing online community.

Circuit Website

 **Visit Your Circuit Website!**

Looking for the latest on your churches and the events they're hosting? Our Circuit website is the place to go! You'll find helpful info, updates, and ways to stay connected.

To keep your church pages fresh and accurate, please email any updates - like service times, events, or contact details - to Laura at: [office@essdmethodistcircuit.org](mailto:office@essdmethodistcircuit.org)

 Explore the website [here!](#)

Thanks for helping us keep everything up to date!

## What's happening at The Well?

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| Evening Performance by The Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir | <p> <b>Friday 21st November at 7.30pm</b></p> <p>Please note that there are tickets still available for this event! Tickets are just £8 and under 16s go free! (must be accompanied by an adult and have a ticket.)</p> <p>💡 To reserve your seats, email Laura <a href="mailto:office@essdmethodistcircuit.org">office@essdmethodistcircuit.org</a> or just turn up and pay in cash on the night! All other times, payment by bank transfer only will be required. Doors will be opening from 7pm onwards.</p> <p>💡 All are welcome — bring friends, bring family, and let the music move you! Check out the Choir's website <a href="#">here</a>.</p> |
| Next Circuit Service                                             | <p> <b>Circuit Service - Sunday 7th December at 10:30am</b></p> <p>Join us in person or via Zoom for a special time of worship and fellowship, led by Revd Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of the Methodist Conference.</p> <p>💡 After the service, stay for a bring &amp; share lunch — a joyful chance to connect and enjoy good food together.</p> <p>💡 <i>Everyone is warmly invited—come along if you can!</i> 💡</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Events around the Circuit

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| Hilton's Events                           | <p><b>Christmas Fayre - Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 10am - 12 noon</b></p> <p>This will take place in the Upper room of the church. Come along for a festive day of seasonal treats, handmade gifts and crafts, and community cheer!</p> <p><b>Carol Service - Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 3.30pm</b></p> <p>At Laprishas Café, Derby Road, Hilton, opposite Alpha Construction. Come and sing your favourite carols, share the joy, and celebrate the season together!</p> <p><b>Carol Service - Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 4.30pm</b></p> <p>The choir will be singing at this event! Come along with family and friends to enjoy music, light, and the true meaning of Christmas.</p> |
| Trinity's Christmas Fayre                 | <p><b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 10.30am - 1.30pm</b></p> <p>There will be a delightful array of stalls and warming refreshments as you browse.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Ticknall's Christmas Snowman Drive        | <p><b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.00pm</b></p> <p>Same principle as a beetle drive but with a snowman instead! Refreshments and a raffle will be available too.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Barton's Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning | <p><b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am - 12 noon</b></p> <p>Come along for a festive day of seasonal treats, handmade gifts and crafts, and community cheer!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| Newhall's Christmas Coffee Morning                                | <b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am - 12 noon</b><br>There will be festive bacon, brie and cranberry cobs on sale plus a raffle, hot drinks and lots of cakes!                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Church Gresley's Events                                           | <b>Sat Lunch – 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 12 noon</b><br>Not to be missed! Various soups & rolls and hot puddings! Contact Christine Chandler or Kay Holman for further details. Suggested donation of £6.00<br><br><b>Christmas Miscellany - Leaside Singers - Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b><br>at 7pm. An uplifting concert of music and choir! No tickets required, donations welcome. |
| St Thomas's Carols & Cake afternoon                               | <b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm</b><br>A festive afternoon with cuppa & cake, raffle & sing-a-long to favourite carols. Tickets are £5 per person incl raffle ticket - contact Gill Bentley on 07989568979 for tickets.<br><br>This one off event will replace the Saturday coffee morning on that day.                                                                           |
| The Fairer Choice Shop & Oasis's 15 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party! | <b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - 10am - 12 noon</b><br>They have been offering a sanctuary in Swadlincote for 15 years! Come along and celebrate with them for hot and cold drinks and lots of cake!                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Uttoxeter's Events                                                | <b>Christingle Service - Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4pm</b><br>Join for a joyful tradition celebrating Jesus, the Light of the World, with music, candles, and community warmth.<br><br><b>Carol Service - Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 4pm</b><br>Come along to sing, celebrate, and share the joy of the season!                                                                   |
| Stretton's LA Carol Service                                       | <b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 6pm</b><br>A joyful act of worship celebrating the birth of Christ through song and scripture!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Regular Events around the Circuit

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| <b>Monday</b>  | OASIS Music Group<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon of the month                             | Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote                                 | 6pm - 8pm    |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | OASIS                                                                             | Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote                                 | 10am - 1pm   |
|                | Fellowship<br>Every fortnight                                                     | Church Gresley Methodist Church<br>Next date: 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 2pm - 3.30pm |
|                | New Bible Study Group led by Rev Manoa<br>Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month | Barton Methodist Church                                            | 7pm - 8pm    |

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| <b>Wednesday</b> | OASIS Music Group<br>Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of the month                  | Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote                                 | 10am - 12 noon    |
|                  | OASIS Games morning<br>Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month                | Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote                                 | 10.30am – 12 noon |
|                  | OASIS Just Sing<br>Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month                    | Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote                                 | 1.30pm - 3pm      |
|                  | Oasis's Creative Space<br>Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month             | Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote                                 | 1pm - 3pm         |
|                  | Connections<br>Every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month    | Church Gresley Methodist Church<br>Next date: 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 1pm - 3pm         |
|                  | The Stream – an online time of communal discussion based on 'The Upper Room' | Zoom Online<br>These will be the usual details.                    | 2pm               |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | CAMEO with craft/knitting group                                              | Stanton Methodist Church                                           | 10am – 12 noon    |
|                  | Tea/Coffee, Cake & Chat                                                      | Ticknall Methodist Church                                          | 10.30am - 12.30pm |
|                  | Carers OASIS<br>Last Thurs of the month                                      | Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote                                 | 10.30am - 12.30pm |
|                  | Julian Meetings -<br>Contemplative worship, last Thurs of the month.         | Stanton Methodist Church                                           | 6.30pm            |
| <b>Friday</b>    | OASIS                                                                        | Unit 6, Market Street, Swadlincote                                 | 10am - 1pm        |
|                  | Come and Chat!                                                               | Etwall Methodist Church                                            | 10.30am - 12 noon |
|                  | Cameo Soup & Roll & Drinks                                                   | Etwall Methodist Church                                            | 12 noon - 1.30pm  |
|                  | The Stream Online Prayer meeting                                             | Zoom Online<br>These will be the usual details.                    | 3pm               |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Coffee Morning,<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sat of the month                          | St. Thomas's Methodist Church                                      | 10.00am - 11.30am |
|                  | Coffee Morning<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sat of the month                           | Newhall Methodist Church                                           | 10.30am - 12 noon |
|                  | Light Lunch usually on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat of each month                 | Stanton Methodist Church                                           | 12 noon           |

## Worship Online

The Stream

Online on Zoom every Sunday at 10.30am:  
Meeting ID: 691 907 7079  
Passcode: 886382

**For safeguarding reasons these details should not be posted on social media.**

## District/Other Events

Church and Community Outreach Worker vacancy

**Mickleover Methodist Church is seeking a committed Christian** with a mature faith to serve as Church and Community Outreach Worker, building relationships across all ages and backgrounds in both church and community. The role is 25 hours per week for an initial 3-year period, involving some evenings, weekends, and at least one Sunday morning a month. Applications close Thursday 4th December 2025, with interviews on Monday 15th December 2025; for full details and an application pack, please email [office@derbymethodists.org.uk](mailto:office@derbymethodists.org.uk).

### Christmas Services across the Circuit

#### Christmas Eve

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|--------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| Barton                                     | 6.30pm | Rev'd Manoa Ratubalavu |
| Draycott                                   | 7.00pm | Rev'd Rachel Wood      |
| Etwall & Hilton<br>Joint Service at Hilton | 7.00pm | Mr John Cumpstone      |
| The Stream                                 | 7.00pm | Rev'd Rachel Moss      |

#### Christmas Day

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|----------------|---------|------------------------|
| Barton         | 11.00am | Rev'd Manoa Ratubalavu |
| Church Gresley | 10.00am | Local Arrangement      |
| Etwall         | 9.30am  | Mrs Denise Hancock     |
| Hilton         | 10.30am | Rev'd Rachel Wood      |
| Newhall        | 10.00am | Rev'd Rachel Moss      |
| Short Street   | 9.30am  | Rev'd Manoa Ratubalavu |
| St. Thomas     | 10.00am | Rev'd Sue Rolls        |
| Uttoxeter      | 10.00am | Mrs Paula Whitley      |

To add a regular or one-off event to the Circuit notices, please email:

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