



**East Staffordshire & South Derbyshire**  
**Methodist Circuit (22/16)**  
**December 2024 – February 2025**  
**(Charity No. 1133721)**



Contact details for Ministers, Lay Staff, Circuit Stewards, Local Preacher's and Church Contacts are available on the printed version of the plan and from the Circuit Office – [office@essdmethodistcircuit.org](mailto:office@essdmethodistcircuit.org)

Hello,

I'd like to thank Laura (our circuit administrator) for her help in putting together this circuit plan. It's not the easiest thing to do even when you have experience, but it was the 1<sup>st</sup> thing she was asked to do when she started on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

Thanks also to local preachers and ministers for offering dates to help fill the plan – our local preachers and supernumerary ministers, are volunteers, and I am so thankful that they continue to live out the call to preach they received. Some of our preachers, are no longer able to offer dates due to age / health or family commitments, and we remember and give thanks for them as well. We remember the family of one of local preachers John Jay and the folk at Barton, who will miss him after his death in August – he truly was a good and faithful servant! We also give thanks for the mission and ministry of Boylestone Methodist, following the final service which was held on 27<sup>th</sup> October. Although mission has been accomplished in that place, please remember to pray and give thanks for all those who are affected by this, and for the Circuit Leadership Team, on behalf of the circuit

At the July circuit meeting, it was agreed to continue to use the MWOL (Methodist way of life material) and also to arrange some “other” events around the circuit, now that all circuit services and meetings will be held at (and live streamed) from the Well – There has already been a pudding party and a prayer breakfast and coming up during this plan, are a Christmas Craft Day (7<sup>th</sup> December) and a circuit quiet day (11<sup>th</sup> January) . More details will be available through the weekly notices and on the circuit's social media channels. Please do keep an eye out and come along if possible.

I know some local churches have a lot on, but it's important to support the circuit as well, and get to know our siblings in faith. A plea to those of you who receive the weekly notices – please do ensure that events are advertised within your churches – even if it's something you might not be interested in! I often hear people say, well I didn't know that was on, but would have liked to go.

Finally this plan covers Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, and the circuit ministers are looking at how we can offer reflections and prayers during this time, again please do keep eye out for more details. In the meantime, I wish you a very happy Christmas, and a peaceful new year.

May God bless you all.

*Rachel Wood*

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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](mailto:office@essdmethodistcircuit.org) or call 01283 217168 with any questions/problems. Please send all dates by 20 January 2025

## The Stream Zoom Details

**The Stream Zoom details used for all The Stream activities i.e. Friends Together (Wednesday 2pm), Prayer Meeting (Friday 3pm) and Worship (Sunday 10.30am) except when Rev. Stella Mills is leading the service – please contact [peter.thestream.essd@gmail.com](mailto:peter.thestream.essd@gmail.com) for further details about The Stream.**

**The Stream Zoom details are also used for all Circuit Services and Circuit Meetings.**

**For Safeguarding reasons they MUST NOT be posted on social media.**

## Circuit Notices

Notices from churches are published each week via email.  
To be added to the mailing list email [office@essdmethodistcircuit.org](mailto:office@essdmethodistcircuit.org)

## Christmas Services

### Christmas Eve

The Well

8.00pm

Christmas in Bethlehem Service  
(Live streamed using The Stream  
zoom account)

### Christmas Day

Barton

10.30am

Rev. Robert Russell

Church Gresley

10.45am

Dr Terry Root

Etwall

10.30am

Rev. Stella Mills

Hilton

10.30am

Mr Graham Mizon

Newhall

10.30am

Rev. Mike Redshaw

Short Street

10.00am

Rev. Manoa Ratubalavu

St. Thomas

09.30am

Rev. Rachel Moss

Uttoxeter

10.00am

Rev. Rachel Wood

### Readings for Christmas Day

Any of the following sets of readings may be used on the evening of Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day.

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Luke 2: 1 – 14 (15 – 20)

Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Luke 2(1-7), 8 - 20

Isaiah 52; 7 – 10, Psalm 98, John 1: 1 - 14

### Ministers Availability

Please note that Ministers are generally unavailable on the following days – please contact the circuit office or another minister in an emergency.

Rachel Moss

Monday

Manoa Ratubalavu

Monday

Mike Redshaw

Tuesday

Rachel Wood

Monday

## Advent Events

Circuit Service – Signs for Worship	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec, 10.30am	The Well, Midway, Swadlincote and live streamed using The Stream Zoom details
Action for Children Event	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec, 7.30pm	Boylestone Village Hall
-Christmas Arts & Crafts Workshop	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am – 3pm	The Well, Midway, Swadlincote
Christmas Coffee Morning	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Newhall Methodist Church
Swad CtG - Carols & Brass	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 10.30am - 12	The Delph, Swadlincote
Christmas Carols & Cake	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 3pm	St. Thomas's Methodist Church, Tickets £5 available from Stewards
Nativity Sing-a-long for All	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 3pm	The Well, Midway, Swadlincote
Christmas Coffee Morning	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am – 12noon	Stanton Methodist Church
Oasis Carols	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 12noon	OASIS, Unit 6, The Delph Centre, Market Street, Swadlincote

## Upcoming Events

Circuit Quiet Day	11 <sup>th</sup> January, 10.30am	Church Gresley Methodist Church
Circuit Meeting	26 <sup>th</sup> March, 7pm	The Well, Midway, Swadlincote and live streamed using The Stream Zoom details

## Information for Churches in East Staffordshire & South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit

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