

MONTHLY Circuit News

September 2025

New Circuit details

From Sept, when we are part of the new West Midlands District our circuit number will be 3/8
3 for the district, 8 for our circuit.

John 3:8 makes it memorable "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit!"

40 years ordained Together - The Methodist Church

Pauline Warner and Stuart Jennings have celebrated 40 years since their joint ordination with a service at Woodside Avenue Methodist Church in Coventry.

Pauline Warner and Stuart Jennings both grew up as residents of Glenfield in Leicestershire but, despite being from the same village, the pair knew little of each other's path to ordination.

"As far as we can remember, we did not even meet on the day itself at the Reception into Full Connexion when we would have been at the same lunch and in the same church, Birmingham Central Hall," says Pauline. "The first time that we actually spoke to each other was when Stuart rang me a couple of years later to discuss health concerns about a mutual colleague. During our careers, our paths have rarely crossed."

Stuart and Pauline are finally going to become colleagues, at least for a year, with Pauline a chaplain at Coventry University and Stuart a chaplain at University of Warwick.

[Click here to read the article on the Methodist Website](#)





Welcome Service of Rev Becki Stennett on Thursday 4th September

It was a huge delight to worship with so many, online and in person, from around the circuit, led by the Coventry City of Culture Orchestra, as we welcomed Rev Becki Stennett, and her family and friends, into the circuit. We were grateful to Our Chair of District, Rev Novette Headley, for bringing God's word and also greetings from our new West Midlands Methodist District. Becki will serve at Central Hall and across the circuit supporting our children's and youth work. She can be contacted at revbecki@covnunmethodist.org.uk Welcome Becki!




Events happening around the circuit


 heritage open days





TIMINGS
SATURDAY 13TH SEPT 11AM-4PM
SUNDAY 14TH SEPT 11AM-4PM


St Mary and All Saints Church, Fillongley- "Fillongley Now and Then"
 Church Lane, Fillongley, Coventry, West Midlands, CV7 8EW


 Explore a stunning 13th-century medieval church with its historic bell tower and eight bells, which in 2019 celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Anglican and the Methodist Churches.


 Family History Help – trace your local roots with the Nuneaton & North Warwickshire Family History Society.

 WWI & WWII Memorial Display – in the Lady Chapel.

 Children's Treasure Trail – win a prize!





 Second-hand books & Knit & Natter crafts.

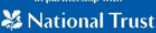

 Refreshments – hot drinks & homemade cakes.

 Toilets available.

A weekend of history, heritage & community – all welcome

Find out more: www.heritageopendays.org.uk

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EVENING SPEAKER EVENT
EDDIE SMALLWOOD
SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
7PM FOR 7.30PM START
THE HISTORY OF
HATTING IN
ATHERSTONE



ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH
FILLONGLEY
TICKETS £10 INCLUDING CHEESE AND WINE
CELIA PARKER 07774 710837
HELEN BILLINGTON 07341 419513
AGENDA MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Harvest Festival Brunch
Sat. 13th September
Ryton Methodist Church
 Rugby Road Bulkington CV12 9JG
10am to 11.30am Brunch
11.30am Harvest Songs of Praise
All Welcome
NO CHARGE
But Donations Welcome

ARLEY METHODIST CHAPEL PRESENTS

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
BOTTOMLESS TEA AND
TOAST SINGALONG

Sing along to all your favourite Assembly Songs

10p mix tuck shop

Unlimited tea, coffee, soft drinks, toast and toppings and biscuits

Saturday 20th September
3.00pm - 5.00pm
£5.00

School Uniform Optional

Carole 07460257151

Events happening around the circuit continued



TWO CROSSES OF NAILS

IN COVENTRY TO REMEMBER THE BLITZ
IN WROCLAW TO REMEMBER AUSCHWITZ.

AN EVENING EXPLORING THE STORY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF EDITH STEIN, SISTER
THERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS OCD

The story of Edith Stein is only now becoming well known in this country – mainly because her works have only recently been translated into English. Fascinatingly, her life covers so many positions – born into a Jewish family on the feast of Yom Kippur itself, becoming a brilliant atheistic student of philosophy who was not allowed to teach because she was a Jewish woman, inspired by reading the mystic Theresa of Avila she converted to Christianity and entered the Carmelite Order and then refused their offer of escape to England when the Nazi regime threatened her life, choosing to be taken to Auschwitz in August 1942 'to be with my people'.

Rev Pauline Warner, Free Church Chaplain at Coventry University became interested in her story and writings when the University opened a campus in Wroclaw. She found out that St Michael's, the church of Edith Stein's baptism and memorial chapel, has a cross of nails in honour of the victims of Auschwitz. A mirror image of Coventry's cathedral of St Michael and the cross of nails of peace and reconciliation work.

She has visited Wroclaw and is now part of a nationwide movement to share the significance of Edith Stein. She (and others) will be speaking on the Feast of St Michael **29 September 2025** at ST MARY AND ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH, 52A RAGLAN STREET HILLFIELDS CV1 5HG from 5.30 pm to 8pm.

Contact: ac6476@coventry.ac.uk /07907893739

TWO CITIES WITH A CROSS OF NAILS AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2029

When Coventry University opened a campus in Wroclaw, Poland (formerly the city of Breslau) in order to maintain a foothold in Europe after Brexit, Pauline Warner their Free Chaplain discovered the story of one of its most significant citizens – Edith Stein born into a Jewish family, becoming a brilliant student of philosophy barred from teaching because she was a Jewish woman, converting to Christianity becoming a Carmelite nun as Sister Theresa Benedicta of the Cross and eventually refusing the chance of escape from Nazi Germany choosing 'to be with her people' and be sent to Auschwitz in 1943. Now recognised as a saint and one of the patrons of Europe, she is still not well known in this country. With pictures of the city and reflections on the feast of Yom Kippur, Pauline will introduce her story.

At St Mary and St Benedict's church, 52a Raglan Street, Hillfields, CV1 5HG from 5.30pm. to 8pm. Contact for further details Revd Pauline Warner on ac6476@coventry.co.uk or Father Aloysius Bukenya at the church

Welcome to
Thursdays
at the
Methodist Church
Open 10:00 to Midday

Quiet Space:
For rest, respite and reflection.
Private Prayer or Just a Chat

"Just walk in and find a seat"

There's Chat and Craft
in the Back Room
Free Tea, Coffee and Biscuits

Ryton Methodist Church (Bulkington)
24 Rugby Road CV12 9JG

TRINITY CHURCH
COLESHILL ROAD
ATHERSTONE
CV9 1BW

Friday 19th September 2025
10.00-12.00

there will be a 'Pop-up cafe
Entrance, drinks and cakes have no charge.

Friday 7th November 2025
10.00 - 12.00

there will be a fashion sale: clothes being
modelled and then put up for sale.
No entry fee, but refreshments will be on sale
for the whole of the morning.

Eco News from across the Circuit



Please have a look on the Circuit Website at the Eco page.



Autumn Recipes

In the next few editions of Circuit News, Christine Welham will be sharing a vegetarian recipe for you to try. We know that eating less meat is good for the environment. We welcome new ideas.

Circuit Gathering outdoors at Coombe Abbey, Saturday September 20th . Meeting at 11am . Bring a picnic. A gazebo will protect us from all weather and there will be opportunity for games.

Great Green Gathering



Come and join us at this circuit outdoor event on
Saturday 20th September 2025

Join us from 11:00 am
at the beautiful
Coombe Abbey

Bring a picnic,
the right clothes,
and a readiness to try something
different

Coombe Abbey Outing

Let's meet together outdoors!

We hope you can make it to meet up, celebrate and share time together as a circuit.

We will picnic together at midday. You are, of course, welcome to arrive earlier, we will be there from 11:00. There is plenty to explore and it may get crowded, and be more difficult to park, later in the day.

Please let us have a contact number, on the email below, so we know you are coming. On the day we will send you our location, via WhatsApp or with a Google maps picture. If you don't have a smartphone, we can text you. If you don't have a mobile phone let us know and we will make time and place arrangements.

As you can see on the webpage Coombe Abbey is a beautiful place.

<https://www.coombeabbey.com/about/park-overview/>

However, there is open water and wild areas (trees, fallen logs, stinging nettles!). Remember, you are responsible for children you bring.

Most places can be accessed by a gravel path suitable for pushchairs and wheel chairs. There are plenty of benches to stop and admire the view. Do let us know if you have any issues with accessibility and we will see if we can help.

The park is located to the east of Coventry, off junction 2 of the M6, but not always well sign posted. Postcode is for SatNav CV3 2AB

There is a large car park and visitor centre with café, toilets and baby changing facilities.

It costs a maximum of £7 to park your car for the day. We are happy to cover the cost of parking, if necessary, but please try to car share!

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