

MK Methodist Circuit – Monthly Newsletter - August 2023

Circuit Meetings and Fellowship Diary August/September 2023

- **Sunday 20th August, 2.30pm – Welcome service for Revd Dave Haseldine and Revd Edson Dube**, at Newport Pagnell Methodist Church. All Welcome.
- **Tuesday 5th September, 7.30pm : Local Preachers Meeting** at Queensway Methodist Church, Bletchley
- **Thursday 7th September, 7.30pm : Circuit Leadership Team Meeting** at Newport Pagnell Methodist Church (*note change of date*)
- **Saturday 9th September : Autumn District Representative Synod** at St Andrews, Leicester Forest East.
- **Tuesday 12th September, 7.30pm : Circuit Meeting** at Newton Longville Free Church
- **Sunday 17th September, 2.30pm : Circuit Service to include the Commissioning of Circuit Stewards and Local Preachers and the Thanksgiving for Worship Leaders and Local Preachers** at Queensway Methodist Church, Bletchley – **see below**
- **Tuesday 19th September, 7.30pm : Circuit Safeguarding Leads Meeting** at Newport Pagnell Methodist Church

Circuit Service – Sunday 17th September

The Circuit Service on Sunday 17th September 2023 for the Admission of Local Preachers (Jackie Commey and Richard Adjei) and Commissioning of Circuit Stewards, will now include the Thanksgiving for Preachers and Worship Leaders. This development means that the service planned for 22nd October will not take place.

Everyone is invited to attend this service on 17th September.

More upcoming events can be found here - <http://mkmethodist.org.uk/events/>

Circuit News

We said goodbye and thank you to Rev Nicola Martyn-Beck at St James, New Bradwell in July. It was a joyous service with the Bradwell Silver Band playing and afternoon tea provided afterwards. We are having a plaque made to put on a bench Nicola and Carol can sit on in their garden at their new home in Cornwall.



News from our Churches

Zimbabwe Day

On Sunday 16th July Freeman Memorial Methodist Church held a well attended Zimbabwe Day planned by the MKZF - Milton Keynes Branch. This was to show case the Zimbabwe culture, food, music and to embrace diversity in its membership.

Those who attended included members of Freeman, MCZF and the Circuit Superintendent, Revd Edson Dube. The highlight was the dancing, singing, sharing food and laughter.



Woburn Sands Methodist Church

Plant Sale and Local Art Exhibition - We held a very successful community event on Saturday 17th June. The plant stall situated in the church garden attracted lots of customers and was nearly sold out by the end of the morning. The church was very welcoming with the exhibition of art by the very talented Local Art group. There was a steady flow of people wanting refreshments; the bacon rolls proved to be very popular as were the homemade cakes and Linda and Doreen's cards. The Rangers had a stall which raised money for our local Malawi charity that sends sports and educational equipment to schools in Malawi.



West End United Church

Charity collections by our congregation in July, during Communion services and at coffee after Morning Worship will be donated to Sight Savers, an international organisation that works in developing countries to treat and prevent avoidable blindness, and promote equality for people with visual impairments and other disabilities.

Stony Stratford Methodist Church

Here are a couple of photos from the Church Anniversary service at Stony Stratford Methodist Church. We traditionally start by praying and singing at the Wesley Tree in the Market place before retiring to our premises in Silver Street, and then finish with tea and cake!



Queensway Methodist Church

The Tea Dance in July was a great success. Lots of people came from the community to enjoy live music by Fenny Stompers Jazz Band and a delicious array of cakes and scones. The event raised £256.80 for Air Ambulance Milton Keynes.

Eco Church Matters: The bric-a-brac stall at the Community Café and in Church has raised £430.20 since January this year from the sale of donated items such as baby items/books/cards/clothes/puzzles, etc. We recycle items that have not sold by taking them to community charity shops.

QUEENSWAY TODDLERS



Queensway Toddlers

Small World Play
Stories
Role Play
Singing
Messy Play
Fun
Laughter
Chatting
Making Friends

Babies to preschool

Thursdays 10.00 to 11.30 am
at Queensway Methodist Church Hall
Sessions are FREE (£2.50 for registered childminders).
(donations welcome)

For more information contact:
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Connexional New Year Resources: You can prepare for the Connexional Year 2023/2024 now and order all the essential resources that you will need for your mission and ministry from Methodist Publishing. Click [here](#).

Conference Business Digest 2023: The Conference 2023 Business Digest is ready to be read online. Read what happened at the 2023 Conference. Click [here](#).

Funding to support higher education study: There is still some funding available to support course fees for any member of the British Methodist Church wishing to study a theological subject at masters or doctoral level. Further details, criteria and application forms can be found here: [Scholarships and Funding \(methodist.org.uk\)](http://methodist.org.uk) and the closing date for applications for this year is **Thursday 21st September 2023**.

Christmas is Coming! - It's never too early to start planning for Christmas and we're delighted to launch our Advent and Christmas campaign for 2023, ***Out of the Ordinary***. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with people who don't normally attend church and who might come to a service in this period, and reach your local community at a key moment in the year. Building on the success of last year's campaign, we've listened to the feedback we received from those using the resources and are delivering more streamlined content earlier in the year, to make planning easier. We aim to have the resources ready to download and begin receiving via post during September. We're publicising details of what will be available as early as possible, so that churches can make a decision about getting involved.

TRAINING/COURSES/TALKS

Further details of the following training/courses/talks, together with how you can register, can be found on the Circuit website, Resources page – <http://mkmethodist.org.uk/https-mkmethodist-org-uk-resources/>

- **Tuesday 19th September: Christian Engagement in a Multifaith World.** St Philips Centre.
- **Wednesday 27th September: Radiate Webinar.** A time of storytelling where we will hear from Mission Partners, and about the most recent work of the World Mission Fund at the Radiate webinar. via zoom. MCB - Global Relationships.
- **Saturday 30th September: Exploring Digital.** A day online exploring the digital world for Methodist churches and communities. The Methodist Church.
- **October - Evangelism for Leaders:** new course dates. Five sessions on zoom, on Thursdays starting on 5th October. This course is for all leaders in the Methodist Church (lay and ordained, paid and unpaid).
- **January 2024 - Whole Hearted Conference:** The Evangelism and Growth team have felt for a while that we need to gather people across the Methodist Church who have a sense of the hopeful future that the Holy Spirit is leading us to. So we have created the 'Whole Hearted' weekend event on 12-14 January 2024. Whole Hearted aims to help us having some time away from our local contexts, opening us to the bigger picture of God's mission in the world today. As well as residential bookings for the whole weekend, there are also day tickets for Saturday 13 January.
- **Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th March 2024:** Three-Day Community event at Cliff College. Called '**Views from the broken middle**' it will be led by The Rev. Dr. Canon Rachel Mann whose five teaching sessions will be part of a rhythm of silence, worship and small group sharing. The Community for Spiritual Formation

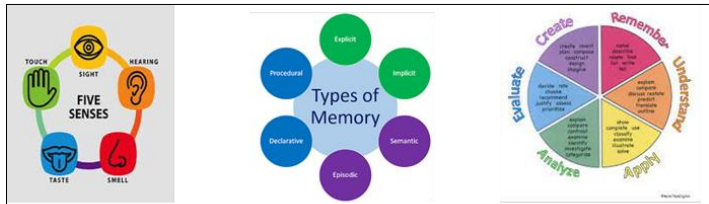
Getting Started Online is a new course from the Methodist Church exploring our place in the digital world. It's made up of [24 short videos](#). *"We are excited about the opportunity that the online world provides for us as a Church seeking to grow and reach out to all people. The digital world is a mission-field like any other and we are looking forward to discovering more about it with you over these sessions."* You can access the course on our online learning platform [MCBX](#). If you are new to MCBX, you will need to register first to make an account.

NEWS FROM AROUND MK



Do you want to help break the World Record for the longest line of food cans?
 MK Food Bank are mobilising the Milton Keynes community to gather 132,000 cans around Campbell Park, if your business, group or charity want to join, head to our website!

Entry forms here: mkfoodbank.org.uk/mk-can
 Date for diary - October 16th 2023!



Multi-Sensory Worship for people living with Dementia memory worship

First Wednesday of each month - 11am
 At Milton Keynes House of Prayer
 Manor Farm Cottage
 2 Linford Lane
 Woolstone
 MK15 0AG
 Led by Ian Pearce and Charmaine Howard
 Free of charge. A warm welcome awaits you.
 Contact: [07719968356](tel:07719968356) i Pearce@live.com



JOB VACANCIES

- **Job Vacancy: District Safeguarding Training Co-ordinator**
Closing date: Friday 11th August

More info on the above Vacancy can be found on the Circuit website, News section - <http://mkmethodist.org.uk/news/>

**Deadline for entries for the September edition of the Circuit Newsletter:
Thursday 17th August**