

Circuit News

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Calendar

September

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| 7 | Keyworth | 7:30pm Circuit Meeting |
| 14 | | Local Preacher's Meeting |
| 23 | Keyworth | 10am Mabel's Market |
| 28 | Radcliffe | Circuit Exec Meeting |

October

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| 7 | Bradmore | Drumming for All |
| 17 | St John's Carlton | MWiB District Day |
| 21 | Keyworth | 10am Charity Card Sale |
| 27 | Keyworth | 7:30pm Travellers' Tales |

November

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| 11 | Keyworth | 10:15am Christmas Fair |
| 18 | Keyworth | Boots Orchestral Concert (Keylink) |
| 24-26 | Southport | 3generate Weekend Ages 8-23 |

Please send any articles, dates and other information for the December to February 2017/18 Circuit News to Nikki Geeson by **Friday 27th October** via email nottinghamcircuitnews@gmail.com

The next edition is expected to be available in churches on **Sunday 19 November**.

Would you like to get the Circuit News up to a week earlier?

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From the Superintendent Minister

Happy New Year!! Like the school year, the Methodist Church year begins in September. Although it may not be celebrated with all night fireworks, this is often an important time for new beginnings in the life of the church. It is the month in which ministers move (unless God has other ideas) and can be a good month for new ventures to start.

If you look carefully at the preaching plan you will find a number of places where new things are being tried. Among them is the circuit's Bible month, where through September and October there will be a particular focus on the book of James. It's not possible to do this everywhere, but in a number of the churches there will be themed preaching. There will also be invitations to join study groups at various places. The plan is only part of the story. I am excited by the way that God is

working in this circuit. People are finding new ways of growing in faith, new ways of sharing faith and new ways of engaging with our communities. This quarter alone I know we will see the start of a Messy Church at West Bridgford and a new Saturday group for parents and children at Bradmore. In November we will send a party of nearly 30 children, young people and helpers to Southport to 3generate, the huge annual gathering of Methodist children and youth. There are other new things I don't have space to mention, some I'm sure that I don't even know about and of course this is all on top of the many, many good things that are already going on in our churches.

It does all make me feel like setting off a few fireworks!
So Happy New Year!!

Mark

News from around the Circuit Clifton

CLIFTON SHUTDOWN:
Monday August 14th to
Wednesday 23rd August

Clifton has been storing its boxes
and books,
On shelves and in cupboards,
tucked into nooks,
And crannies and corners, till room
is no more!
So with holidays arriving, it's time
to restore,
Some semblance and order, to
storage and floor!

The skip has been ordered; a plan
has been made;
Rosie's the manager, she must be
obeyed!!
We plan to declutter what we no
longer use;
The missing piece jigsaws continue
to bemuse;
And glue sticks without lids that no
longer hold
Two sheets of paper, however
cajoled!

The chairs that are wobbly and no
longer safe,
We'll chop up the wood in the skip,
to save space.
Tucked in a corner is an old
wooden box,
With tools that are rusty and
woodwork it mocks.
So all is a-waiting for our summer
makeover,
As spiders and cobwebs prepare
for disclosure!

The aim of our Shutdown is to give
a fresh start,
To make our church building all
shiny and smart!
While we know that church is more
than a building,
A lick of new paint will feel like a
gilding,
Of love and encouragement, to
spur us all on,
To look forward in ministry, for all
to be done

News from around the Circuit Clifton

In this place, at this time, for
people to know,
Of the love of our God: we're called
to go,
To reach out and invite, as church
in this place.
We echo St Paul as we continue
the race,
Of discipleship, of challenge, of
loving our Lord;
And our building revamped means
our hearts are restored.

So, we're grateful for offers of help
on the days,
Many hands make light work -
there are plenty of ways,
That you will be welcome - we'd
value your time
With lifting and shifting, and
washing away grime!
Monday the fourteenth to
Wednesday twenty-third,

Of August, these are the dates we
preferred.
And a 9 o'clock start for those who
are keen,
Who rise with the lark and still look
serene!
We'll have cakes a-plenty and
biscuits galore,
Cups of tea and of coffee, your
strength to restore!
These are our thank you's, we'd
like to pay well,
But the Parable of the workers, as
Matthew did tell,
Reminds us that offers both large
and both small,
Are equally valued for one and for
all.
So we hope that we'll see you to
join in the fun,
And you'll hold us in prayer 'till all
the work's done!

Rach

News from around the Circuit

West Bridgford

Our Young People's hopes for the future with youth work at WBMC

Since our Church Vision Day in March, we have been exploring further our ministry to young people and their families. It is excellent news that the last Church Council meeting saw approval given to seek to employ a Youth Engagement Worker (YEW!). Our young people are excited about this, seeing it as a positive development and the moving forward of the youth work at WBMC.

We asked the young people for their thoughts and thought the wider circuit might enjoy hearing from our young people too.

Daniel wants to see more young people his age associated with the church, including having a good youth club. Cody and Liam also say that a good youth club is important to them, where they can do fun things and also be a part of the Church. Daniel says he wants to be encouraged in his faith even though he already feels confident about his faith and to tell his friends he is a Christian.

All the young people want to be able to invite their friends along to a thriving youth club; all agreed

they would prefer youth activities to take place at the weekend as they and their friends do other things during the week. While young people often know what they don't want, it can be harder for them to articulate what they do want ... our young people would all like to see fun activities; to have a youth fellowship like other churches and to be able to go on Christian camps like 3 Generate, Greenbelt and Cliff College Festival. We look forward to helping to facilitate these opportunities.

We also asked the young people what qualities a Youth Engagement Worker might need ... working with all ages and with a particular focus on teenagers, you'll not be surprised to know that our people thought it important the youth engagement officer has a sense of humour and is good fun! Please pray for the church, for our young people and the potential employment of a YEW as we continue to journey alongside our young people, helping them to discover their own faith in Jesus and to express that commitment in the life of the Methodist Church.

Andy Harris

| | September 2017 | | | | October | |
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| Cycle of Prayer | Clifton | Gotham | ROT | Cotgrave | Tollerton | Keyworth |
| | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 1 | 8 |
| Service Times | | | | | | |
| West Bridgford NG2 7PQ | 10.30 Crawford HC 3.00 Faith & Light 5.30 | Ward. B Soul Café @ 5.30pm | Ward WT (T1) | Mellor (T2) | Barker (T3) HC Faith & Light | Ward H (T4) Soul Café @ 5.30pm |
| Clifton NG11 8AU | 10.30 Ward. HC 5.00 | Farrow | Heard | Ward H (T1) DYS | Mellor (T2) | Farrow (T3) |
| Gotham NG11 0HW | 11.00 | Collinson | | | | Lees |
| Radcliffe on Trent NG12 2AG | 10.00 Barker HC | M Blyth | Robena HF WT | Collinson | Roberts | Foulds WT |
| Cotgrave NG12 3JR | 10.30 Roberts HC 6.00 | Foulds WT | Geeson (T1) | Barker (T2) | L Blyth (T4) | Robena HF WT |
| Tollerton NG12 4EA | 10.30 Johns 3.00 US Ministry | Roberts HF | Roberts | Rose HC | Lees | US St Peter's |
| Keyworth NG12 5AH | 8.30 10.15 4.00 6.30 | Rose HC Wilcockson (T1) TTP | Rose HC US Curtis (T2) | Johns (T3) Ward | Rose HF HC T4 | Geeson TTP |
| Ruddington NG11 6EF | 10.30 Kerr 6.00 Rose | Rose HC | Smith | Clark | Horler Beaumont | Rose HF HC |
| Bradmore NG11 6PE | 10.15 US Bunny 10.30am | Johnson | Rose | Roberts HF HC | US Bunny 10.30am | Wilcockson |
| Lectionary readings | Deuter 2: 1-10 Romans 12: 9-21 Markov 10: 31-33 | Exodus 12: 1-14 Romans 13: 8-14 Matthew 18: 31-33 | Deuter 16: 18-21 Romans 14: 1-12 Markov 18: 31-33 | Deuter 18: 2-10 Phileppans 1: 21-30 Markov 20: 1-10 | Deuter 17: 5-7 Phileppans 2: 1-10 Markov 21: 21-22 | Deuter 20: 1-4 Phileppans 3: 18-19 Markov 21: 31-32 |

Please send all requests for the next Plan to the Superintendent Minister by 6th October

| October 2017 | | | November 2017 | | | |
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| Ruddington | Bradmore | WB | Clifton | Gotham | ROT | Cotgrave |
| 15 | 22 | 29 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| | | | | Remembrance | | Christ the King |
| WT Beaumont | Ward | Foulds | Ward HC Faith & Light | Heard WT P | Ward - COM | Johnson |
| 5pm Rainbow Service | | | | 5pm Memorial Service | | |
| Ward (T4) HC | Morley | Roberts | L Blyth | Ward P HC | Smith | Farrow |
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| Rose CA | Roberts | Horler | Geeson | Roberts HC WT | Johnson | Roberts |
| Barker HC(T3) | Clark | Mellor | Roberts | M Blyth | Beaumont | Kerr |
| Crawford | Roberts HC | Collinson | Curtis | Clark | Roberts CA HC | Johns |
| | | | | | 23 November | |
| Rose HC US @ St Mary's | Farrow HM Roberts | LA | Rose HC | Barker TTP | HC Roberts US Rose | Lees Rose HC |
| Johns | Mellor | Curtis | Crawford HC Rose | Rose US @ St Mary's | US Keyworth | Ward |
| Morley | Smith | Rose CA HC | US Bury 10.30am | Kerr | US Keyworth | Rose HC |
| Obed 22: 2-10 Philippians 4: 2-9 Mark 22: 2-14 | Obed 22: 22-22 1 Thess 2: 2-10 Mark 22: 22-22 | Deuteronomy 22:2-22 1 Thess 2: 2-9 Mark 22: 22-22 | Luke 2: 7-17 1 Thess 2: 9-12 Mark 22: 2-12 | John 22: 1-24, 26-28 1 Thess 2: 22-28 Mark 22: 2-12 Remembrance Sunday Luke 22: 2-9 or Isaiah 22: 7-12 Rev 8:21-22, 27-28 or Revelation 22:2-3 Mark 2:1-12 or Mark 2:13-18 or John 12:8-17 | Judges 6:1-7 1 Thess 2:1-11 Mark 22: 22-22 | Gen 24: 22-22, 22-24 Ephesians 2: 12-22 Mark 22: 22-22 |

Key

F&L = Faith and Light

FS = Family Service

HC = Holy Communion

US = United Service

HM = Home missions

T1, T2, T3, T4 = James themed preaching

LA = Local Arrangement

Soul Café = Contemporary café-style worship

TTP = Teatime Praise

WT = Worship Together

COM = Community

DYS = District Youth Service

News from around the Circuit Bradmore

OPEN GARDENS - We rejoiced with a big crowd of happy and very generous people at our Open Gardens. The final total raised for the main charity, PINNT, is £2370 – a record total for us. Mark and Jackie say: *“Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who made the Open Gardens day such a great success, the co-ordinating personnel, all those who made donations, all those who attended, and we were blessed with great weather. PINNT have asked us to convey their delight in raising awareness of artificial nutrition. Thanks again to everyone; we have always known that Bradmore was a compassionate community.”* PINNT’s aims are to bring together the wider community of people involved in artificial feeding, and to be a voice to health professionals to bring about change and understanding of needs, making lives a bit easier and better. They provide support through an online magazine, Facebook and their own website, enabling people to

contact each other, ask questions and share solutions. Other charities with their own stalls at Open Gardens were: Riding for the Disabled (£77), Friary Drop-In Centre (£190), Macmillan Cancer Support (£136.60), Bunny Fabric Fund (£17.15), Spire Room carpet fund (£92.50), Community Hall Toilet Twinning (£10.31). Several reported “best ever” results. Many thanks, from the stall-holders and charities.

So looking forward, we are already planning another popular “Drumming for All” session on Saturday 7 October, 2-4:30pm, led by Jude Winwood of Beat Feet Ltd, and including musical instruments and crafts. To book, please contact Andy Proffitt. We are also looking at the possibility of running a new Toddlers & Dads/Carers group in the village; please remember us in your prayers as we plan for this.

News from around the Circuit Ruddington

We held a plant and cake sale on 20th May, which raised £575 for Christian Aid, and shared a very enjoyable tea at the end of the Circuit walk on the following Saturday, when it was good to welcome and chat to friends from around the circuit, who had provided a wonderful selection of food to share! The first meetings of the newly formed 'Explorers' group, studying Mark's gospel under Simon's guidance, have taken place. After an unsuccessful attempt to hold 'Pentecost on the Green' with St. Peter's and the Baptist Churches (apparently the date clashed with the local Beer Festival on the Green!) a United Service was held at the end of June instead. This took place on a sunny, breezy morning on the lawn behind St. Peter's; a lively service, with many small children running happily about, was followed by an enjoyable barbecue, complete with bouncy castle; it was good to meet up with friends from the other two

churches to share worship, food, laughter and a lot of talking! Our Summer Coffee Evenings are about to get under way at the time of writing, giving another opportunity to meet up with members from our own church and the other churches for friendship and refreshments while raising money for a variety of good causes. During August some of us will, hopefully, be supporting our friends at Clifton in their clear-up and refurbishment. The three Ruddington Churches are running a Holiday Club at the beginning of September. The various Church groups (Women's Fellowship, Men's Fellowship, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, Tuesday Toddlers and First Steps) will also be starting up then. Our Harvest Festival will be held over the weekend of 7th and 8th October, with a lunch and entertainment on Saturday leading to a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday.

News from around the Circuit Radcliffe on Trent

Our Junior Church raised over £300 for the House of Joy, Uganda on their sponsored walk in May and in June, Leah Woodford came to talk to the children to show them pictures and tell them about life there.

We have just had our village carnival and our float won 1st prize - thanks to all who put in so much hard work to make this a success. Can you spot the "editor" in the photo below?!

We also had a stall which gave us a real presence at the event, and showed the joy and fun side of the church.

Mark has now run two "First impressions count" workshops which were well attended and provoked much thought and discussion. Suggestions were

forthcoming on how to deal with both short term and longer term issues.

Our Harvest festival will take place on Sunday 17th September and will be led by Rev Mark Roberts. This will be preceded on the Saturday by workshops to prepare drama etc. for the worship on Sunday.

The weekend of October 14/15 will be our Church Anniversary weekend when there will be a Barn dance on Saturday evening and the Anniversary service on the Sunday morning.

As we start up again after the August holidays we are looking forward to what God has planned for both our church and the circuit.



News from around the Circuit Keyworth

The Bridge Singers will be performing "A Christmas Carol" at Keyworth Methodist Church in December. Please see the poster for details.

A word from the Director.....

This version of "A Christmas Carol" is especially written for the Bridge Singers with my brother Trevor and

is a kind of radio broadcast for choir, actors and musicians, who not only tell the immortal tale but create the effects which accompany the action. Having been a 'groupie' follower of the Bridge Singers for 30 or so years, it has been a delight and privilege to be able to work with them in this way.

Director - **David Griffiths.**

3GENERATE

3Generate 2017 will take place from 24th to 26th November at Pontins, Southport.

3Generate is an action-packed and inspiring weekend for hearing the voice of children and young people across the Methodist Church, focussing on fun, faith and friends.

We have a group of young people and leaders from our circuit who will be attending this event.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us already. Please pray for all those who will be going.

I'm sure we'll have lots to share on our return!

THE BRIDGE SINGERS

Leader: Lynne Holland

present

A Christmas

Carol



A STORY IN WORDS AND MUSIC

edited and compiled by David & Trevor Griffiths

based on 'A Christmas Carol'

by Charles Dickens

with

Phil Hawyes as 'Scrooge'

Roger Wilson as 'Dickens'

Keyworth Methodist Church,
1 Selby Lane, Keyworth, NG12 5AL
on Sat. 2nd (7.30pm) & Sun. 3rd
December 2017 (3pm)

Tickets £8 (available from 14th October) including refreshments
from Graham Payne or Clive & Lynne Holland (Proceeds to 'Self Help
Africa')

ND District
event for
young people
aged 8-23,
parents and
youth leaders



**Sunday 24th September
at Clifton Methodist Church**

Rivergreen, Clifton, Nottingham NG11 8AU

3:30pm SPORTS/GAMES/ACTIVITIES

**5pm YOUTH-LED PRAISE & WORSHIP
with PIZZA at 6pm and 7pm FINISH**