



Welcoming, loving and caring for all

NEWSLETTER

September 2024



FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Our Journey Together: Inclusive Church

Happy new Connexional year!

Here we are at the beginning of September (already!) The Methodist Church year runs from September – August and so it seems appropriate to begin with wishing you a happy new Connexional year!

You may well be aware that at our June General Church Meeting and the Church Council which followed it, we voted overwhelmingly in favour that Nuthall Methodist Church should join the Inclusive Church Network. After that meeting I began the application process, and I am pleased to say that as of mid-August we are now a registered inclusive church. You can find out more, and see our listing on the Inclusive Church website here: www.inclusive-church.org

As a result of this major step forward in our commitment to inclusivity, our church will be working hard (particularly in this first year) to review what we do and how we can become more inclusive for all people – in our life, worship, and witness together. I hope to set up an inclusive church monitoring group which will focus on this aspect of our church life and make suggestions for ways in which we can adapt what we do, where appropriate, to assist us in our commitment to become more inclusive. If you feel that this is something you would be interested in participating in, please do let me know.

In our joining of the network, we had to consider the 'Inclusive Church Statement' and agree that we felt Nuthall Methodist Church should adopt it as ours, too. As a church, we have agreed that:

“We believe in inclusive church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.

We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.

We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel

afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.”

Nuthall Methodist Church already does a lot of what is mentioned above very well. However, we are always learning and as a church we have committed ourselves to continue reviewing what we do so that we can always celebrate and affirm every person, without discrimination. That is a challenge, and it is something which we need to participate in together – it requires us all to consider what we do and say.

We have registered our church so that it can be a visible sign that we are a safe place of worship for all people. Sadly, this is not the case in all churches, but I am pleased that NMC is a safe place. Now it can be known to those searching for a safe place before they even step in our building. As part of our commitment, we will celebrate Inclusive Church Sunday each year where the focus of our worship will be on inclusivity. In addition, there will be opportunities for further study in an inclusive church book club that I hope to coordinate shortly.

All in all, this journey has just begun, and together we will walk the path to full inclusion for all in the name of Christ, who calls us to love God and love our neighbours as ourselves. But we can have confidence that we journey ahead in the direction which our church vision calls us to be:

“A visible community presence, actively welcoming, loving and caring for all and God’s creation.”

My reflections in this newsletter for this Connexional year will focus on all aspects of our inclusion as a church. If you would like to discuss anything that has arisen for you out of reading this, please do get in touch. I would be very happy to talk with anyone who wants to know more or ask a question.

To finish – a prayer at the start of this new year:
Loving God,

As we mark the beginning of a new year in our Methodist tradition, we come before you with grateful hearts. We thank you for the blessings of the past year and for your steadfast presence in our lives. As we embark on this new journey, we seek your guidance and wisdom.

Lord, grant us the strength to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead. Help us to grow in faith and love, to serve our neighbours with compassion, and to share the light of Christ in every corner of our community. May we be instruments of your peace, fostering unity and understanding among all people.

As we renew our commitments to you and to one another, inspire us to be inclusive in our outreach, bold in our witness, and faithful in our service. May the lessons learned from the past guide us as we strive to embody your love in all that we do.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Yours in Christ's service

Jason



SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

AWSWORTH

Unless otherwise indicated services are held each Sunday at 10.30am in The Youth Wing, The Lane NG16 2RQ

1 st	10.45am	Mr David Blount (Church Vision Service)
8 th	10.30am	Service at St Peter's
15 th	10.30am	Mr Emmanuel Ofori
22 nd	10.30am	Rev Jason McMahan-Riley (Church Vision Service & Holy Communion)
29 th	10.45am	Service at Nuthall

ASPLEY

Unless otherwise indicated services are held each **Tuesday** at 2.30pm in St. Teresa's Catholic Church Hall, Kingsbury Drive NG8 3EP

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| 3 rd | Deacon Helen Snowball Mrs Susan Johnson |
| 10 th | Rev Jason McMahon-Riley (Church Vision Service) |
| 17 th | Rev Jason McMahon-Riley (Church Vision Service & Holy Communion) |
| 24 th | Rev Richard Byass (Harvest Festival) |

NUTHALL

Services are held each Sunday at 10.45 am and 6.00 pm.
Junior (ages 7-11) and Primary (ages 3-7) Sunday School meet at 10.45am (except on Family Service Sunday). Late Risers (11+) meet at 6.00pm.

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| 1 st | 10.45am | Rev Jason McMahon-Riley - All Age Worship / Holy Communion |
| | 6.00pm | Rev John Wiseman |
| 8 th | 10.45am | Mrs Susan Johnson - Church Vision Service |
| | 6.00pm | Mr Marc Williamson – Youth Service |
| 15 th | 10.45am | Rev Jason McMahon-Riley All Age Worship / Harvest Festival |
| | 6:00pm | Hymns and Readings (No Service) |
| 22 nd | 10.45am | Dr Cathy Milne (Church Vision Service) |
| | 6.00pm | Rev Richard Byass (Holy Communion) |
| 29 th | 10.45am | Mr Marc Williamson (Church Vision Service) |
| | 6.00pm | Rev John Wiseman |



STEWARDS REPORT

We would like to thank Jackie and Rachel for all their hard work as senior stewards over the past year. They have led us through some interesting times with grace and love and the church is flourishing.

Alison will be stepping down from her role as steward due to personal circumstances and we thank her for all she has done over the year. Jackie will be taking on her role in the interim.

There have been many lovely events over the summer, including the wonderful Pride Service where we saw many new faces and made new friends, the Teddy Bears' picnic and the Hymn a Thon.

At the last Church Council, it was agreed to seek admission to the Inclusive Church Network where churches, groups and individuals unite together around a shared vision – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. It enables everyone to find a church near to them and we look forward to welcoming new worshippers.

The next Christmas Tree Festival meeting will be on September 2nd at 7pm at church. If any group was unable to send a representative to the last meeting, please come along as there are still some choices available.

The Harvest Festival will take place on Saturday 15th September and will be followed by a Faith Lunch. Please see the list on the noticeboard for contributions to the lunch.

As we go into the new Church year, we are asking everyone to consider how they could help. A new group of 'Meeters and Greeters' will be formed to take the place of the Door Stewards and help make everyone welcome in our church, please see a steward if you are interested in this. Volunteers are needed on the flower rota and serving teas and coffees after Sunday morning services, please sign up! If you have any other ideas, please let us know.

Stephane and I look forward to working with you all as Senior Stewards, serving our church over this next year.

Pat Corah for the Stewards.

Pastoral Meeting

There will be meeting of pastoral leaders on Tuesday 10th September at Janet's house. The meeting will start at 7.00pm and not 7.30pm as recorded in the minutes. Please let Janet Wilson have your report if you are unable to be present.



MacMillan Coffee Morning - 28th September 2024

Jo and Janet B are hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 28th September, 10am – 12pm, to raise money for cancer support. Please come along and support this worthy cause. If you would like to donate a cake, please speak to Janet or Jo or bring a cake on the day.

Foodbank

We must continue to thank Doug and Margaret for their unceasing work delivering our food contributions to the Foodbank. I last provided details of our giving at the end of February Since then you have given 503 items in March including 83 Easter eggs, 581 in April and May, and 339 in June and July. There have been cash donations of £221 and £50 from Women's Fellowship as well as the direct debits that some of you give. Please remember that the Harvest gifts that you donate will go to the Foodbank. If you need ideas there is a list of their essentials near the Foodbank donation box in the entrance hall. Many thanks. Please continue to help.

Keeping Church Supplies Going

Do you ever wonder why we don't run out of tea, coffee, biscuits and squash? It's because Ann Pounder checks the supplies every week and replenishes them. Many thanks to her!

Anonymous

Thank You

Beverley and the family would like to say a huge thank you for all the messages, cards, flowers and plants received following the death of her mum. "We feel really blessed to be part of such a loving church family."

GIFT AID

We shall soon be submitting our claim through the Gift Aid scheme for 2023/24 financial year. If you are already a member of the scheme, please let me know if there are any changes to your circumstances which need to be noted: change of name, address, etc. Thank you to all members who are part of the Gift Aid scheme. The tax we reclaim through this scheme provides a considerable amount of church income. The scheme is open to anyone who pays income tax. If you would like to join the scheme more information and declaration forms are available in the foyer at Nuthall. The government web pages are also useful: www.gov.uk

If you need any further details please do get in touch. June Gorton



Sponsorship

James Wakefield (John Wakefield's Son): Cycling for our Mums



In September James will be cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats (1050 miles) in memory of Beryl Wakefield and Rosemarie Dunk to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. If you want to give a donation or sponsorship towards this event and charity you can donate:

CASH - give your sponsorship money to John Wakefield. James will make sure your donations are given to the Alzheimer's Society via JustGiving ONLINE - Go to JustGiving and search for 'James Wakefield: Cycling for our Mums'. Thank you for showing in an interest in sponsoring James.



Prayer Chain

Many of you will know that we have a Prayer Chain at Nuthall. Requests for prayer are sent out by text message or email. Each quarter a summary of the requests and any updates is distributed by email.

If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain or have any prayer requests, please contact Cathy Milne on cathym.milne@gmail.com.



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Christmas Tree Festival

This will be held on 4th, 5th, 6th December for the local schools and 7th and 8th December for the wider public.



Planning is well underway for this but we need lots of volunteers for various jobs.

We need volunteers for

1. Helping with the children during the school visits
2. Help with refreshments during the school visits
3. Help with catering on Saturday and Sunday
4. Help with a children's activity area on the Saturday and Sunday

Even if you can only spare an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated.

If you feel you can help in any way speak to Jackie Dent or Sandra Langford or any Steward

Thank you in anticipation.

CIRCUIT SHARING DAY

An opportunity to spend the morning together sharing your church's hopes and dreams, sharing fellowship and sharing refreshments provided by Pulp Friction

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 16th November 2024

10.00am - noon

Bestwood Park Church

Elmbridge, NG5 5PF



Harvest Festival and Faith Lunch - Sunday 15th September

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday morning, 15th September, to be followed by a Faith Lunch.

Please bring your harvest gifts to the front during the first and second hymns of the service. These will be taken to the Food Bank as usual. We would also like to decorate the church with plants and flowers. If you have any potted plants we could borrow, please bring them to the Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th September. They can be collected after the service in the morning or the 'Harvest Hymns' in the evening or on Monday morning by arrangement. Alternatively, if you wish, they can be donated to Acer Court which we will arrange.

All are welcome to stay for the Faith Lunch after the service. There is a notice in the Coffee Lounge to enter your contributions. Thank you to Sarah, Wendy and the Catering Committee for arranging this. If you can help with serving, especially teas and coffees, please let a steward know.

There will be no formal service Sunday evening, but all are welcome to join us in singing 'Harvest Hymns We Used to Love' at 6pm. If you have a favourite Harvest Reading or Poem, please let a steward know and we will try to include it.

Election for Conference Representatives

The Methodist Church Nottingham and Derby District 2025 Conference (Telford)

For June 2025 there are four places to be filled by lay people. If you would like to apply for one of these places, please ask one of the stewards to email you a copy of the nomination form. Alternatively, there will be paper copies available in the coffee lounge. These need to be completed and returned to the Synod Secretary, Revd. Nicola Briggs, by Monday 9th September.

Children and Families Update

Thank you to all the families who came to our Teddy Bears picnic last month. 🐻

We had so much fun eating, chatting, making bear ears and bubbles and storytelling and singing together with friends.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers for all their help. These holiday events wouldn't be possible without your assistance.

Youth Choir will run again from Monday 9th September 4-5pm. Please encourage any young singers to come along and try it out. It doesn't matter if they need to turn up late or leave a little early.

It would be great to have a few more voices to build up to a performance nearer to Christmas. We need to guarantee that this choir has enough members to viably continue next year too. Volunteers are always welcome, especially those with DBS. Please let me know if you can help. Cafnmc@gmail.com

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SOCIAL MEDIA

If there is anything you'd like putting on our Facebook/X page regarding events or groups please let the communications team know on: communicationsnuthallmeth@gmail.com

Please follow/like/share and interact with our social media channels. The more likes and reposts we get the wider audience we can reach. You'll find us on:



Facebook - @NuthallMethodistChurch



Twitter/X - @NuthallMChurch



Instagram: NuthallMethodistChuch

ECO-CHURCH NEWS

You've hopefully spotted the phrase "caring for all and God's creation" as part of our Nuthall Methodist Church vision- there are many ways the church are supporting this statement and at our upcoming EcoChurch coffee morning we'd like to share with you the work of the EcoChurch group and hear your own commitments and ideas of how to care for God's creation. The coffee morning is on **21st September 10am-noon**. There will be lots to get involved in for all ages as well of course the opportunity to try some Fairtrade baked goods. Our coffee morning falls during Fairtrade Fortnight (Sep 9-22nd) a two-week annual event dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of fair trade practices. Fairtrade promotes fair wages and working conditions for farmers and workers globally. Buying Fairtrade means choosing an ethically sourced product and the Fairtrade Fortnight is a great time to extend your own Fairtrade commitment with retailers and brands often offering special promotions. You can find out more at <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

2 nd	7.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival Meeting
3 rd	10.30am	Creative Corner
9 th	4.00pm	Children's Choir
10 th	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship tea and chat
10 th	7.00pm	Pastoral Meeting
11 th	10.00am	Pause for Prayer
15 th	12.00pm	Harvest Festival Faith Lunch
16 th	4.00pm	Children's choir
16 th	7.00pm	BPFA AGM
19 th	2.00pm	Take Time Together
21 st	10.00am	Eco-Church Coffee Morning
22 nd	7.00pm	Finance & Property Meeting
23 rd	4.00pm	Children's Choir
24 th	10.30am	Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning
25 th	10.30am	Pause for Prayer
28 th	10.00am	MacMillan Coffee Morning
30 th	4.00pm	Children's Choir

DUTIES AND ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER

CHURCH FLOWERS

September	1 st	Gill Maloney	8 th	Rosie
	15 th	Gill Stokes	22 nd	B Tantum
	29 th	J Horsley		

COFFEE CORNER

September	7 th	Liz & Carl	14 th	
	21 st	EcoChurch Fairtrade Coffee Morning	28 th	MacMillan Coffee Morning

TODDLERS DRINKS ROTA

September	4 th	Wendy Green & Gill Maloney
	11 th	Janet Lander & Janice Matthews
	18 th	Beryl Harris & Sue Perrett
	25 th	Mick & Margaret Sendall

SUNDAY SERVICE DUTIES FOR SEPTEMBER

Date	Duty Steward	Readers	Pianist	
1st	10.45am	S Chambrelan	Fiona Wright Howard Gray	Janet Wilson
	6.00pm	S Langford	Josie Wilcox	Janet Wilson
8th	10:45am	J Dent	David Gee Lynn Saunders	Pauline Priest
	6.00pm	G Brockway		Youth Band
15th	10.45am	I Lishman	Sarah Foster Wendy Green	Hannah Chamberlain
	6:00pm	J Furlong	Kathryn Blount	Janet Wilson
22nd	10.45am	P Corah	Val Nicholls Diana Nicholls	John Wakefield
	6.00pm	S Chambrelan	Janet Wilson	Janet Wilson
29th	10.45am	G Heffernan	Ken Twist John Randall	Lorna Paige
	6.00pm	P Corah	Caroline Lovatt	Lorna Paige

<p>Please email any items for the October newsletter to cathym.milne@gmail.com or deliver to Church by Sunday 22nd September 2024</p>

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Sunday** 10.45am Morning Worship (crèche for ages 0 to 3)
Sunday School (ages 3 to 11)
Family Service (3rd Sunday of the month)
6.00pm Evening Worship
Youth Service (2nd Sunday of the month)
'Late Risers' (ages 11+)
7.00pm Templars Youth Fellowship
- Tuesday** 10:30am Creative Corner (1st Tues. of the month)
2.00pm Women's Fellowship (2nd Tues. of the month)
7.45pm Table Tennis Club
- Wednesday** 10.00am Nuthall Methodist Church Walking Group
(3rd Wednesday of the month - contact M. Sendall
for meeting point details)
10.00am Tea, Toast and Talk
10.00am Pause for Prayer (2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month)
1.30pm Toddlers' Group
6.15pm Girls' Brigade (Explorers – age 5 to 8)
6.15pm Girls' Brigade (Juniors – age 8 to 11)
6.15pm Girls' Brigade (Seniors & Brigaders – age 11+)
- Thursday** 1.30pm Art Group
2.00pm Take Time Together (3rd Thurs. of the month)
- Friday** 6.00pm Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys – age 5 to 8)
6.00pm Boys' Brigade (Junior Section – age 8 to 11)
7.10pm Boys' Brigade (Company Section – age 11+)
- Saturday** 10.00am Coffee Corner - Come and enjoy a cup of tea or
coffee, homemade cakes & a chat with friends



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