



Welcoming, loving and caring for all

NEWSLETTER

June 2025



MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Dear siblings in Christ,

Celebrating Pride: A Reflection on Inclusion and Sexuality

As you will be aware, each of my reflections in this newsletter for this Connexional year will focus on all aspects of our inclusion as a church. This month we consider the ninth, and final, aspect of the Inclusive Church statement – sexuality.

June is internationally recognised as Pride Month—a time to celebrate the lives, identities, and contributions of LGBTQ+ people. Here in Nottingham, our city celebrates Pride on July 26th, and as a Methodist community committed to justice and inclusion, we are invited to stand alongside our LGBTQ+ siblings in faith, love, and solidarity in our Pride Praise service on July 27th at 6pm. The Inclusive Church Statement declares: *“We believe in inclusive church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.”* This vision aligns deeply with our Methodist calling to be a Church of open hearts, open minds, and open doors. As followers of Christ, we are reminded again and again that God’s love knows no bounds. It embraces each of us—regardless of sexuality, gender identity, or relationship status.

Pride offers us a moment to reflect on how well we are embodying that love. It invites us to ask: is our church truly a safe space for LGBTQ+ people? Are our welcome signs matched by the warmth of our relationships, our language, and our theology?

As part of the Methodist Church in Britain, which in 2021 made historic decisions to allow same-sex marriages and affirm diverse understandings of relationships, we give thanks for progress—but we also acknowledge there is more to do. Inclusion is not a box we tick but a posture we adopt: of listening, learning, repenting, and growing.

So, whether you’re intending on joining me and marching in the parade, praying in solidarity, or quietly offering welcome to others, know that your witness matters. Love is holy. Diversity is a gift. And in Christ, we are one body—beautifully diverse, wonderfully made.

This Pride season, may we be a Church where every person is truly known, celebrated, and affirmed as a beloved child of God.

God of love, thank you for the beautiful diversity of your people. We give thanks for LGBTQ+ lives and the gifts they bring to your Church.

Forgive us when we have excluded others, and help us to be a truly welcoming and inclusive community. As we mark Pride, may we stand for justice, celebrate love, and reflect your grace in all we do. In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Yours in Christ's service,

Jason

SERVICES FOR JUNE

AWSWORTH

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

1 st	10.30am	Rev. Nicola Briggs (Holy Communion)
8 th	10.30am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley (United Service)
15 th	10.30am	Local Arrangement
22 nd	10.30am	Deacon Julie Morton
29 th	10.30am	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

3 rd	Deacon Helen Snowball
10 th	Mrs Jane Lewis
17 th	Rev. Richard Byass (Holy Communion)
24 th	Deacon Julie Morton

NUTHALL

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

1 st	10.45am	Deacon Julie Morton
	4.00pm	Rev. Raymond Borg – District Testimony Service for Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley
8 th	10.45am	Local Arrangement
	6.00pm	Mr Marc Williamson (Youth Service)
15 th	10.45am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley (All Age Worship & Communion)
	6:00pm	Mrs Catherine Smith
22 nd	10.45am	Mr Ian Wood
	6.00pm	Rev. Richard Byass (Holy Communion)
29 th	10.45am	Conference Worship live stream - Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley
	4.00pm	Ordination live stream - Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley

STEWARDS REPORT

Thank you so much to the myriad of people who work so hard to make our church such a wonderful place. We would particularly like to thank all those who took part in the Big Church Tidy Up (such a transformation!), and to the Choir for adding so much to our services and events and for their generous donation to Church funds.

June is a very busy month this year –

- We are looking forward to Jason's Testimony Service, 1st June at 4pm with tea to follow, please let us know if you can donate cakes by signing up on the noticeboard (thank you to our Catering Team for organising this). This will take the place of the usual evening service.
- Our AGM will be held on Monday 9th June, a fish and chip supper at 6.30pm, AGM at 7pm and Church Council to follow. There will be a sheet on the noticeboard to order your supper.
- Then Jason's Ordination on Sunday 29th June, tickets and places on the coach are still available – sign up on the noticeboard or see a steward. The services will be livestreamed at church – Conference Worship at 10.45am and Ordination at 4pm. There will be no evening service.

Finally, please see Jason or one of the stewards if you feel called to the role of Steward in our church.

Thank you.
The Stewards.

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Circuit and District News

The Circuit Summer Newsletter 2025 is now available, please ask a steward for a copy.

The next Band of Brothers meeting is at the T20 on Wednesday June 11th. See Nigel for details or ask a steward.

Heritage Weekend – Saturday 31st May at Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum (contact the director at engleseabrook.org.uk; Sunday 1st June Mow Cop Castle Camp meeting (contact mowfire@outlook.com).

District Safeguarding Conference Saturday June 7th 10 am to 1.30pm at Nuthall Methodist Church. The topic is “Forget Me Not”, A Sensitive and Supportive Response to Memory Loss and Dementia. See the poster on the noticeboard for details.



Aspley Church Anniversary

We celebrated this at the end of April with Rev John



Children and Families Update



Buggy Walks – Get Moving & Connect!

Join us on our **monthly buggy walk** (weather permitting) on the **4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM**, starting at Basil Russell Park and finishing with a warm drink at Paws Community Café. Volunteers welcome!



Upcoming dates:



June 26



July 24



Please sign up via the QR code so we know numbers.
Volunteers welcome!



Youth Choir – Mondays 4-5pm (term time)

All children welcome – come and sing with us!
Spread the word or volunteer to support (DBS preferred)



Please note that there will not be a rehearsal on 30th June

Dates for Your Diary



Teddy Bears' Picnic – Wed 13th Aug, 12–2 PM



Card Craft @ Take Time Together – Thurs 21st Aug (helpers needed!)

ECO-CHURCH NEWS

Can we count on you?

June 7th – 15th are the dates for two important national campaigns. “The Great Big Green Week” and “Churches Count on Nature”. As part of both of these the EcoChurch team are holding our annual **Church Grounds Survey on Saturday 14th June, 9-11am**. All are welcome – come along and what plants and other wildlife are living on our land, how our grounds management plan is supporting this and whether there is anything we need to change. As this runs alongside coffee morning refreshments will be available.

The **Great Big Green Week** is organised by a group of organisations caring for the earth who have formed The Climate Coalition and is the UK’s biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. This week will see 1 million people from communities across the country swapping together for good to protect and restore nature, lessen the impact of climate change, strengthen our communities and demonstrate to politicians that they need to step up and play their part. What swaps could you make in your life to support this campaign?

Churches Count on Nature is a joint initiative run by the charities Caring for God’s Acre and A Rocha UK (who run the EcoChurch scheme) together with the Church of England and the Church in Wales. This focuses on the wildlife living on church land and encourages us to record this.

June is a busy month because it also includes **World Bike Day on June 3rd** and in the **UK Bike Week is 9th-15th**. Cycling is good for your health and our planet, being a sustainable way of travel without causing any carbon emissions. If possible, can you replace any car journeys with a bike ride? Remember we have our cycle racks at church if you are able to cycle to any services or events here!



PRIDE PRAISE

JULY 27TH



AT 6 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Nuthall Methodist Church

Nottingham Road, NG16 1DP

A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE WORSHIP SPACE FOR ALL





ORDINATION!

SAVE THE DATE(S)!

After being recommended unanimously by the regional Probationers' Committee, our very own minister Revd Jason is to be ordained Presbyter by the President of the Methodist Conference (Revd Gill Newton) in **All Saints Parish Church, Wellington, Telford** on Sunday 29th June 2025 at 4pm.

All are invited!



You may also be interested in the following other services marking this special moment:

District Testimony Service – followed by a shared faith meal

 Sunday 1st June  4:00 PM

 Nuthall Methodist Church, NG16 1DP

Reception into Full Connexion – Conference Sunday Morning Worship

 Sunday 29th June  10:45 AM (tickets required)

 Telford International Centre, TF3 4JH

Tickets are available from the stewards. If you would like to come, please speak to Pat or Steph. Your prayers and presence would mean so much as I step into this new chapter of my ministry.

For the services taking place in Telford, there will also be a live stream available which we will set up at church for those who can't be there physically. We are organising coach travel for those who would like to attend in person. If you would like to join the group from church, please do sign up **by the end of May at the latest**. All those travelling must ensure they have reserved a ticket with the stewards for the ordination service.


The **Methodist** Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

1 st	4.00pm	District Testimony Service for Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley
3 rd	10.30am	Creative Corner
9 th	7.00pm	Church AGM & Church Council
10 th	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship tea and chat
14 th	9.00am	Church Grounds Survey
19 th	2.00pm	Take Time Together
26 th	10.00am	Buggy Walk
26 th	10.30am	Women's Fellowship tea and chat
29 th	4.00pm	Ordination of Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley
30 th	7.00pm	BPFA Committee Meeting



Please email any items for the July/August newsletter
to communicationsnuthallmeth@gmail.com
by Sunday 22nd June 2025

COACH TRIP

BPFA are organising a coach trip to Gloucester Quays Christmas Market 2025 on Saturday 22nd November.
8am pickup at Church then approximately 8.15 at Woodland Drive.
More details to follow nearer the time.



DUTIES AND ROTAS FOR JUNE

CHURCH FLOWERS

June	1 st	Val Morgan	8 th	Joyce Housley
	15 th	Val & Ray	22 nd	Sandra Langford
	29 th	Marjorie Silverton		

COFFEE CORNER

June	7 th	Liz & Carl	14 th	Sylvia & David
	21 st		28 th	

TODDLERS DRINKS ROTA

June	4 th	Wendy Green, Gill Maloney & Sarah Foster
	11 th	Janet Lander & Janice Matthews
	18 th	Beryl Harris & Heather Hallam
	25 th	David Gee & Lynn Saunders




SUNDAY SERVICE DUTIES FOR JUNE


Date		Duty Steward	Readers	Pianist
1st	10.45am	S Langford	Rosie Lishman Steve Corah	Janet Wilson
	4.00pm	P Corah	Ben Jackson	Janet Wilson
8th	10.45am	J Dent	Janet Lander Esther Horsley	Lorna Page
	6.00pm	S Chambrelan		Youth Band
15th	10.45am	I Lishman	Paul Kirk Russel Foley	Janet Wilson Beverley Coleman
	6.00pm	J Furlong	Jo Lievesley	Lorna Page
22nd	10.45am	G Heffernan	Alison Reeves Philiip Owen	Pauline Priest
	6.00pm	G Brockway	Barry Langford	Janet Wilson
29th	10.45am	G Heffernan	-	-
	4.00pm	P Corah	-	-

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REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	10.45am	Morning Worship (crèche for ages 0 to 3) Risers (ages 3 to 11) Family Service (3 rd Sunday of the month)
	6.00pm	Evening Worship Youth Service (2 nd Sunday of the month) 'Late Risers' (ages 11+)
	7.00pm	Templars Youth Fellowship
Monday	4.00pm	Youth Choir
	6.00pm	Church Choir. For more details contact Rosie - rosielishman@hotmail.com
Tuesday	10:30am	Creative Corner (1 st Tues. of the month)
	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship (2 nd Tues. of the month)
	7.30pm	Table Tennis Club
Wednesday	10.00am	Nuthall Methodist Church Walking Group (3 rd Wednesday of the month - contact M. Sendall for meeting point details)
	10.00am	Tea, Toast and Talk
	10.00am	Pause for Prayer (2 nd & 4 th 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	2.00pm	Take Time Together (3 rd 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

WEBSITE

Visit the Nuthall Methodist Church website
<https://nuthallmethodistchurch.org.uk/2021/>



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

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