



The Methodist Church

Newark and Southwell Circuit (22/26)

Circuit Website: www.newarkandsouthwellmethodist.org.uk

Circuit Plan December 2024 to February 2025

“In Jesus’ name... encouraging, exciting and enabling churches to deepen faith, offer faith to all and transform communities.”

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Circuit & District Dates:

Circuit Meeting
Wednesday 26th February 2025
7:30 pm - Long Bennington

Circuit Safeguarding Officer:

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Please note:

It would be very helpful if you could notify Nick Fairfax of any changes or amendments AS THEY OCCUR. Indications of spelling and other mistakes would also be welcome, by e-mail to Nick at: nsmcircuit@outlook.com

All Telephone numbers are (01636) unless otherwise stated

Letter from the Superintendent

Newark, 7 November 2024

Dear friends,

As I sit to write this letter, I know that tonight will bring news from the Stationing Matching Group which has been meeting to try to match Circuits with appropriate Ministers for September 2025. I don't know if we have been successful or not at this point, and even if we have been successful in being offered a match, the visit of any nominated candidate is the more important part of the process, when the presbyter and the Circuit both have to assent to the match being suitable and holding.

We have also just witnessed the election of Donald Trump for the Presidency of the US, and the next round of climate change discussions, COP 24, is meeting next to look at how to pay for energy solutions globally to avoid raising the planet's temperature even further, both reminders that change and uncertainty are very much present in our world. And our own country seems to be mired in uncertainty, misinformation and general hopelessness.

Turmoil is omnipresent, and at times it is hard not to despair: but the wise words of Myrilla Cuthbert to Anne Shirley in *Anne of Green Gables* echo their truth down the years: "To despair is to turn your back on God!"

We don't always understand what God is doing, but we do know that he is always creating new circumstances and new opportunities. We do not like perceived threats and disasters on our horizon, but we do trust in a God who has declared a repeated intention to shake things up. We do not always see the work of God in the changing landscape of the world, but we are consistently reminded that this God is with us.

In all things – Immanuel – God with us. In all circumstances – Immanuel – God with us. In all challenges – Immanuel – God with us. In all opportunities – Immanuel – God with us!

This is our Christmas faith – we trust in a God who was born a child in order to be with us. We follow a Rabbi who called us to the disciple path "to be with him". We follow a Saviour who promises to be with us forever and we live in his Spirit who is with us in every situation we encounter. If this God is for us, who can be against us?

There is a Jewish proverb that says "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." As we celebrate again the coming of The Light of the World, let's allow his light to burn in our hearts and lives, enlightening the darkness around and within us, with it being extinguished by that darkness.

Grace and peace,

Dave

PS On a personal note it would be a great help if all emails could be addressed to me at supernands2326@outlook.com. I'd be grateful if you would delete my former and personal email addresses from your contacts (dave.bonny@methodist.org.uk & dave57bonny@outlook.com). I have a new Mobile no also: 07828 335343. Many thanks.

Active Local Preachers:

1975 Glennis Hobbs, 494280
1977 Philip Holmes, 01623 861330 #
1982 Ruby Beech, 650402
1985 Ian Mathews, 703834
1989 Ian Thompson 830410
1994 Liz Blatherwick, 700883
1994 Leah Turner, 613936 #
1999 Jennifer Winnington, 361641
2001 Rachel Dalby, 07711 182997
2002 Duncan Smith 07394 325675
2002 Andrew Trowbridge, 705926
2005 Ros Smith 07491 408615
2007 Jenny Hardy, 686344
2008 Melanie Ward, 672937
2010 Kate Trowbridge, 705926
2013 Trevor Pailing, 921748
2014 Marilyn Membery, 07765151194 #
2021 Tracey West, 07863 352880

Retired Local Preachers:

1962 Terry Pearce, 830029 #
1968 Stanley Chapman, 812832 #
1970 Marian Mason, 892453 #
1979 Ted Gascoyne, 01400 283184 #
1988 Barbara Brown, 677730 #
1990 Joan Morley, 893912 #
1996 Sylvia Cozens, 610933 #
1999 Val Beckett, 813613#
2001 Edward Adams, 830686 #

Local Preacher not taking appointments

ON TRIAL:

Bridget Castle, 688973 #

Preachers are reminded that it is their responsibility to find an accredited substitute when they are unable to fill an appointment.

When arrangements have been made, please advise the church concerned, and the Superintendent Minister.

Thank you

Worship Leaders:

Rosalyn Beasley (North End) 678122
Colin Beckett (Southwell) 813613
Godfrey Cozens (Charles St.) 610933
Martin Cray (Southwell) 814437
Jean Dando (Southwell) 815363
Bob Evans (Southwell) 814989
Janet Fincham (Hope) 681014
Colin Jackson (Hope) 703728
Jill Meakin (Hope) 610476
Jeff Proctor (S-O-T) 07784 512464
Stephanie Melrose (Hope) 640678
Janice Walters (North End) 672349
Sue Watson (Balderton) 708100
Jan Wright (Hope) 651260

Visiting Preachers:

Alistair du Plessis (Release International) c/o Ian Mathews
Rev Andy Fyall (see Chair of District above)

Available Song Books:

Balderton HP, MP, JP, StF
Charles Street HP, SoF 1-6
Collingham HP, StF HP, SoF 1-4
Hope HP, MP, JP, StF
Long Bennington StF, HP, SoF 1-6
North End HP, StF HP, SoF 1-4
North Muskham HP, StF, SoF 1-2, MP
Southwell HP, SoF 1-2
Sutton-on-Trent P, StF, SoF 1-2

Key:

HP Hymns and Psalms
LP Let's Praise
MP Mission Praise
JP Junior Praise
StF Singing the Faith
SoF Songs of Fellowship

Requests for the next Plan (March—May 2025) should be submitted by 10th January 2025

Newark & Southwell Methodist Circuit Plan 01/12/2024 – 23/02/2025

		1st Dec Advent Sunday	8th Dec 2nd of Advent	15th Dec	22nd Dec	29th Dec 1st of Christmas	5th Jan 2nd of Christmas	12th Jan 1st in Ordinary Time	19th Jan 2nd in Ordinary Time	26th Jan 3rd in Ordinary Time	2nd Feb 4th in Ordinary Time	9th Feb 5th in Ordinary Time	16th Feb 6th in Ordinary Time	23rd Feb 7th in Ordinary Time
Lectionary Readings:	OT Psalm NT Gospel	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30	Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38
Balderton	10:30 am	Bonny HC	A Trowbridge	LA Carols / 3 pm	Hardy	Bates	Bonny CS / US	K Trowbridge	Bates	Hart	Bonny HC	LA Cafe	R Smith	Bates
Charles Street	10:30 am	Hobbs	Hibberts	Hart HC	Hart	A Trowbridge	Mathews Th	Bonny CS / Th	West Th	L Blatherwick Th	Hardy Th	Taylor LA Th	Bonny Th / HC	Mathews Th
Charles Street	6:00 pm	Hart HC	Hardy	Hibberts	Bonny Carols		Ward	Mathews	Bates HC	Hart	Bonny	Bates	Hardy	Bonny HC
Collingham	10:45 am	Hart	Ward T	4:30pm. D Smith Carols	Hibberts HC	Parish Church US	LA	Hibberts CS / HC	D Smith	Bates	Gibson	K Trowbridge	Morley HC	Winnington
Hope Community	10:45 am	Gibson HC	West	Winnington Breakfast	Bonny	LA	Thompson	Hart	Winnington Breakfast	Bonny CS / HC	Memory Worship LA	Hart	Winnington Breakfast	Bonny HC
Long Bennington	10:30 am	Winnington	K Trowbridge	3pm Bonny Carols	Parish Church Carols / US	Bonny HC	Balderton US	L Blatherwick	Bonny CS / US	Hibberts	Ward	Bonny HC	D Smith	Hobbs
North End	6:00 pm	Bonny HC	Ward	Hart	Ward Carols		Bonny CS / HC	Hart	Mathews	Bates	West	Hibberts HC	Bonny	Hart
North Muskham	10:30 am		Morley HC		LA Carols			Gibson		Winnington		Bates HC		Ward T
North Muskham	2:00 pm	Hibberts Cafe / TS		Hobbs		Bonny Cafe	Hibberts Cafe / CS		Hibberts Cafe		Hibberts Cafe		Hibberts Cafe	
Southwell	10:00 am	Hibberts HC	Gibson B Ch	Bonny Carols	Nativity LA	Hardy	Hibberts	A Trowbridge	Hibberts HC / CS	Hobbs	Hibberts HC	LA	Hibberts	Hart
Southwell	4:00 pm		Hibberts Ch		Reindeer Pub Carols / 6:00 pm									
Sutton-on-Trent	10:30 am	LA	LA Breakfast	Hibberts Carols HC	LA US / PC	Hibberts HC / CS	Fyall	LA Breakfast	Morley HC / US	LA US / PC	LA	Hibberts 9:00 BC and 10:30 HC	Thompson US	LA US / PC

Service Codes:	HC - Holy Communion	PC - at Parish Church	B Ch - Blue Christmas	Breakfast - Breakfast Church	Cafe - Cafe Church	Carols - Carol Service	Carols - Carol Service	CS - Covenant Service	LA - Local Arrangement	Th - Themed Preaching	TS - Toy Service	T - Transport Required	US - United Service
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Christmas SERVICES & EVENTS

Balderton Methodist Church

5th December, 3:30-5:30pm. Messy Church

15th December, 3pm. Carol Service

Christmas Eve, 12pm. Service with light lunch

Christmas Day, 10:30am. Led by Kate and Andrew Trowbridge

Charles Street Methodist Church

22nd December, 6pm Carols by candlelight led by Rev Dave Bonny

25th December, 9.30am. Family service

Collingham Methodist Church

Christmas Day, 9:30am. Service led by Rev Barrie Morley

Hope Community Methodist Church

Christmas Day, 9:30am. Service led by Rev Dave Bonny

Long Bennington Methodist Church

15th December, 3pm. Carol Service with Mince Pies led by Rev Dave Bonny

North End Methodist Church

22nd December, 6pm. Carol Service

Christmas Day, 10:30. Service led by Rev Dave Bonny

North Muskham Methodist Church

1st December, 2pm. Cafe Church & Toy Service led by Rev Peter Hibberts
(Collecting new toys for Salvation Army gift Appeal)

Christmas Eve, 5:30pm. Christingle service led by Rev Peter Hibberts

Southwell Methodist Church

5th-7th December, 10-3pm. Christmas Tree Festival

6th December, 7:30pm. Christmas Craft Evening (Booking essential)

22nd Dec. 6pm, Reindeer Pub, Southwell. Curry and Carols (Booking essential)

Christmas Day, 10am. All Age Worship led by Rev Peter Hibberts

January 5th, 10am. Epiphany Party and Fuddle (Bring and Share Lunch - RSVP)

Sutton-on-Trent Methodist Church

1st December, 10:30am, 'Christmon' Service

7th December, 10am-11:30am, The Old England. Christmas Coffee Morning

7th December, 4:30pm, The Old England. 'Sutton's Festive Get Together'

8th December, 9am. Christmas Breakfast Church followed by Tree Festival

15th December, 10:30am. Christmas Carol Service with HC Led by Rev Peter Hibberts