

The Methodist Church



Black Country Circuit Notices Wednesday 13th December 2023

Season's Greetings

As this will be the last circuit notices before Christmas and the New Year, I am privileged to write a message to you all.

Thank you for all your hard work over the past year as churches and as a circuit. It has been a year when we have seen God at work in our circuit and He has richly blessed us, as we enter the next calendar year, we eagerly await what He has for us next.

Now is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, to take time to pause and take a breath and to look forward to the future.

However you are celebrating Christmas this year, may you be aware of God's close presence to you.

Every Blessing

Rev Denise



Black Country Circuit Office

Christmas Holiday Closure

The Circuit Office will close on Friday 22nd December 2023 and will reopen on Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Tipton Green Methodist Church

Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 16th December 2023

10.30am – 4.00pm

Free Admission

Refreshments, Tabletop Sale and Model Railway



Wesley Methodist Church

Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 16th December 2023

10.00am – 1.00pm

Viewing of Christmas Trees





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Full-Time Children and Families Worker

The Black Country Circuit seeks to appoint a full-time Children and Families Worker, working 35 hours per week, days to be agreed with some flexibility needed.

Salary: £22,104 - £26,376 depending on qualifications/experience (*Please note: this includes the rise in the National Living Wage, implemented immediately rather than waiting until April*)

We are looking for a full-time Children and Families Worker to support the vision of the Circuit in engaging with children and families in the church and wider community.

Applicants should:

- Be able to work collaboratively as part of a team
- Be a committed, practising Christian who is willing to understand and engage with Methodism.
- Have excellent interpersonal skills with people of all ages
- Show awareness of issues concerning Safeguarding
- Be willing to be flexible with regard to working hours, including some evenings and weekends as necessary
- Have relevant experience of children or families work in a paid or voluntary capacity
- Be educated to A-level Grade C (or equivalent) or above

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 15th January 2024.

Interviews will take place on Wednesday 31st January 2024 in the early evening.

For further details (including job description and full person spec) and an application pack contact Rev Ruth Childs at revruthchilds@gmail.com or 07456 268771.



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The Black Country Circuit – Being Christ in our Community



BLACK COUNTRY CIRCUIT ADVENT BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

If someone observed an average day in your life, how would they see you spend your time? How much of your time is given to TV, Facebook, YouTube, podcasts, hobbies, and housework? How much time do you devote to Bible reading?

The challenge to you is that during Advent you undertake to read the whole of the bible!

Advent this year Starts on Sunday 3rd December and lasts until Sunday 24th December—that's 22 days.

It takes the average reader 74 hours to read the whole bible so to undertake the full challenge means devoting just over 3 hours a day to the task. That may seem a lot, but the average person in the UK watches TV for 4 hours and 28 minutes a day. We all say there's nothing to watch but we still do. Why not press the off button and devote your time to the challenge!

Not enough time? Too busy? Don't cop out!

If you can't undertake the full challenge, try this...

Undertake to read the Gospels and Acts during Advent.

It takes the average reader around 17 hours to read the Gospels and Acts ...that's less than an hour a day during Advent.

If you can't take the whole challenge, why not design your own Bible reading challenge for Advent.

ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE?

***Let us know your personal
challenge for Advent***

Email us at:

BCCBiblechallenge@outlook.com

To say you are accepting the challenge.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!

Email again on New Year's Day and let us know the resolution you have made to read the Bible in the New Year.



Central Wives Wednesday Every Tuesday at 2.00pm

Each week we have a different theme and different speakers who sometimes bring their crafts that they have made with the opportunity to purchase them.

New Road Methodist Church Thursday time

Come and join us for tea/coffee and treats

Between 2.00pm and 3.30pm

Every Thursday

All welcome, including children

Free refreshments and activities



Hill Top Methodist Church

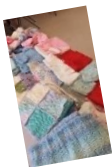
**Coffee morning and place of welcome every Tuesday
10.00am – 11.30am**

Everyone welcome to join us for free tea & coffee, a quiz and fun bingo



Roseville Methodist Church

**Coffee morning the 3rd Wednesday of the month 11.00am –
3.00pm**



Come and join us for coffee, craft and a chat





Hallam Street
Knit & Natter. Thursdays 10.30am-12.00 noon
Why not stay for lunch.



Central Methodist Church
Cinema Club last Thursday of the month

Supporting Black Country Tourism

Call 0121 556 0420 for tickets



Circuit Notices

**The next edition of the Circuit Notices will be sent out on Wednesday 10th
January 2024**

If you have anything you would like included in these notices, please send them to
blackcountryad@gmail.com by Monday 8th January



Circuit Website

If you have any news items that you would like to be put on the circuit website please
send them to blackcountryad@gmail.com

You are welcome to include photographs



Circuit Newsletter

The Circuit newsletter is an opportunity to share your church's successes and the things
that you have celebrated.

The next edition will be sent out on 06.03.2024.

If you have anything you would like included in the newsletter, please send them to
blackcountryad@gmail.com by Wednesday 28 February 2024

You are welcome to include photographs of your successes and celebrations.