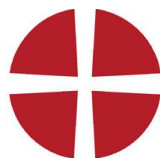


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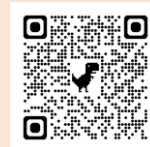


WEEKLY UPDATE 12th July 2026

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Worship.

Our service this morning will be the last time that our Minister, Rev Jonathan Haigh, will be with us. Our service will include Holy Communion. For communion we use gluten free bread and non-alcoholic wine. At the appropriate time in the service the elements will be brought to you in your seats. After the service please stay for coffee, tea and biscuits, which will be served in the Hall.

At 17-30 this evening we will be hosting the "Songs of Praise Service" as part of the Dore Festival. The service will be led by Rev Andy Patrick and Rev David Willie. Please come along and enjoy singing some favourite hymns which have been chosen by members from both churches. Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the service.

Our service next week, 19th July, will be led by Rev David Willie, and the following week we will welcome Rev Prof Frances Young.

This week's Activities.

Monday 13th July

10-30 Bible Study at the home of Ann and Peter Smith.

Wednesday 15th July

10-30 – 13-00 Our Welcoming Space will be open in the hall. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits available plus a light lunch, as well as opportunities to play board games, read newspapers or just chat to new or longstanding friends.

We still have some seats available on the Transport17 mini-bus which brings some people to the Welcoming Space. We do have to make a charge of £5-00 for this service. If you know of anyone locally who would like to use the bus, please speak to Jackie Bailey.

13-30 The Church Leadership Team will meet in the Hall.

Fire Drill.

Thanks to everyone who took part in the fire drill that we held last Sunday after the service. We managed to vacate the worship area in the time set by the Fire Brigade. Comments were made that it was difficult to hear the fire alarm in the worship area and advice is being taken from our specialist contractors to discover how we can increase the volume.

Tuesday Group.

Thank you to everyone who made and donated cakes or helped in any way towards the well dressing

tea last Sunday. We had a busy and successful afternoon when £363.50 was raised for Support Dogs Sheffield. It was a pleasure to be joined by the couple who brought dog-in-training, Otis, to our meeting in January when he showed us the skills he had learned so far. Those who met Otis then will be pleased to learn that, when qualified, he will go to enhance the life of an autistic child. Further donations are still welcome.

Circuit Farewell Service.

A reminder that the Circuit Farewell Service for the Ministerial Staff leaving the Circuit this summer, will be held on Sunday 19th July at 15-00 at Handsworth Methodist Church.

Methodist Conference.

The Methodist Conference met in Telford at the end of June and amongst other business, elected the President and Vice President for the coming year.

The new President is Rev Mark Slaney and the Vice-President is Caroline Stead.

The Revd Mark Slaney currently serves as Chair of the Scotland District and the Shetland District. Mark preached his first sermon at the age of 15. Prior to his ordination 24 years ago, Mark served 10 years in youth work plus jobs as a builder's mate, cleaner and van driver.

Mark says that what matters to him most as a Methodist is the three-letter word 'ALL' meaning everyone, everywhere, everything, the scope of Gospel and Kingdom, and therefore worship, mission and ministry.

Mark's story includes formative mission, study partnerships and placements with the Church of South India and the Methodist Church Sierra Leone, Interfaith Forum support.

The Revd Mark Slaney says, "I am delighted and I feel honoured that the Conference has chosen to designate me as President for 2026. I am really looking forward to meeting as many Methodists and ecumenical partners as I can, as well as representing the Methodist Church in Great Britain and abroad."

Caroline Stead is a local preacher in the Yorkshire West District, where she is also the Synod Secretary. She is also an accompanist to a minister in training, serves on the Discerning Ordained Vocation (DOV1) Committee and on Chairs' nomination panels.

A former maths teacher, Caroline was also a Lay Stationing Representative for 11 years. She has been a representative to the Conference since 2008, including six years on the Business Committee.

Caroline is passionate about inclusivity and ensuring that people are welcomed and safe within Methodist Church and supporting volunteers within the Church.

Caroline Stead says, "I am humbled and excited that the Conference has chosen to designate me as Vice-President for 2026. It is a privilege to serve the Church in this way and meet new and old friends around the Connexion."