



The Methodist Church



Northampton District
Hinckley Circuit **23/11**

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The **calling** of the **Methodist Church** is to respond to the **gospel** of **God's love** in **Christ** and to live out its **discipleship** in **worship** and **mission**.



'I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry'. Psalm 40: 1



Sunday services are live streamed each Sunday from 10.30 from Burbage Methodist Church. If you would like to join the worship, the link is:

www.youtube.com/@burbagemethodistchurch/live

Office Update

After 4 months in post, Marcus and Angie now have a tidy, warm office and are understanding the tasks on our list to support the Circuit.

Please help us to help you by the following:

- The newsletter will be going out fortnightly. It is cascaded through church representatives and added to the circuit website. To ensure that your event or information is included, please email the office in good time, preferably a couple of weeks ahead.
- Information needs constantly updating. For example, contacts included in the circuit directory. Please email the office of any changes so that we can keep records up to date.
- Consider who queries need to be discussed with. Please telephone or email us if your query is something that we can help with. If we do not have an answer we can pass on, or suggest someone who does.
- It is wonderful having visitors to our office. To ensure that we hear your knock (we may be in a different part of the church) and to ensure the person you wish to see is here, it is helpful if you make an appointment with us. Please email or telephone the office.

*Thank
you*

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The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18 to 25 January.

The theme this year is based on Ephesians 4:4:

'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called...'



Lord Jesus Christ,
You bring us together in all our diversity,
as family and church.
In the face of so many situations on earth,
where hope has given way to despair
and hearts are wounded and emptied by
disappointment,
renew our strength and unify us.

Help us to share Your hope wherever we find ourselves.

You are the true Light,
who casts out the darkness of sin,
despair and brokenness,
who shines into our hearts, releasing the joy
and the true hope of Your eternal love for all.
Amen.

ECO Church

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth ... God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

Genesis 1:1, 31:5

As Christians, we believe that God created the world. We believe in the inherent goodness of creation, and we believe that God is active and present in the world – sustaining creation from moment to moment. As people made in the image of God, we believe we are called to reflect God's nature in being present and active in caring for creation.

"Closing our ears to the voices of those most vulnerable to climate change would be nothing less than giving up our claim to be disciples of Christ."

Hope in God's Future

There will be more information included in the circuit newsletter in the coming months on how to support our churches to work toward net zero by 2030.



Big Garden Birdwatch

Spend an hour between 23-25 January watching the birds in your garden for the Big Garden Birdwatch. Now in its 47th year, this vital survey monitors UK bird populations. Last year 592,265 people took part, and spotted 0,095,355 birds. The house sparrow came top, followed by the blue tit, and the humble woodpigeon muscled out the starling for the third year place. Log

birds you see within your chosen hour on the RSPB's website.

For more information and to register: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

A message from Rosemary (Burbage Church):

We are gearing up for the January bird count taking place over next weekend. Hope you all have fun with this.

By the by, the Circuit is hoping for an Eco - champion representative for each church. We are doing quite well with this and I appreciate your encouragement at all levels.

The Creation Care group first meet- up of the year is the Monday afternoon following the bird count for any who can make it.

Date/ Time : 26th Jan at 2 p.m.

Venue: Lowe's Coffee House at Greenacres' garden centre (along from 'Gates').

This is an informal gathering rather than a 'meeting'

Let me know if you can come.

Rosemary

The Next Wellbeing walks at Bradgate Park



Monday 2nd February

Monday 16th February

Meet 9.45am to 10am at Bradgate Park Newtown
Linford Car Park.

Car Parking charges apply.

Walk starts at 10am prompt and lasts 90 minutes.

2 walks take place - a gentle stroll along the carriageway or a ramble into the Outer Park.

Sapcote Methodist Church

Roots will take place next on Sunday 25 January 2026



Worship in a relaxed way at



ROOTS is held on the
4th Sunday each month at
Sapcote Methodist Church.

We **start at 4pm** with
coffee (and tea) **cookies**
(and cake).

- There is a live band with contemporary upbeat songs and a prayer time
- We have a story from one of several puppets and a speaker
- Every session we have 'ice-breakers'
- Some months we have a testimony slot

*What do others think of
ROOTS ...*

**Not stuffy, great
music and fun**

**A safe place to find
HOPE**

SPRING
**Sing Praise Rejoice In
the Name of God**

***Give us a try** this month
and see for yourself!*

If you want to know more information then please
contact **Keith or Elizabeth on 07708 120 362.**
We would love to have you worship with us.

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Hurricane Melissa Appeal Update

January 19, 2026

Update on the Hurricane Melissa Appeal, run jointly with the Methodist Church in Britain.



Through our partners in the region, your support is ensuring that essential services are available for remote and hard to reach areas of Jamaica, impacted by the hurricane.

The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA), a long-standing Church partner of All We Can and The Methodist Church in Britain, is providing 1,000 hygiene kits, to be distributed across three parishes in Jamaica. In addition, the money is enabling MCCA to provide tarpaulins for homes and schools to help provide emergency cover where building repairs are yet to take place.

Food security needs are being met through the provision of breakfast meals and access to water is being facilitated through the provision of water tanks for water distribution. These comprise MCCA's multi-faceted response.

In recent years, All We Can and The Methodist Church in Britain have supported MCCA to improve their ability to mobilise response to emergencies, recognising the importance of the church for action for such a time as this. The local church is already present in, and known by, communities. As such, the local church maintains a privileged position to contribute to local community response.



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We're also working with Water Mission, who are arranging water trucking to hard-to-reach communities in Westmoreland, St Elizabeth and Trelawny parishes, coupled with the distribution of jerry cans so families can safely store clean water at home. The work of Water Mission is complimenting the work of MCCA and vice-versa.

Your kindness is making a real, tangible difference. Thank you for standing with these communities. We look forward to being able to share more updates soon.



DISTRICT ORDINAND'S TESTIMONY SERVICE

6PM

SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026

CELEBRATE WITH US THE TESTIMONY OF THE
REV'D SUE JACOBS

AT

DAVENPORT ROAD METHODIST CHURCH
WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE OX28 6EJ

Please contact the District Office if you would like to
attend:

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All Age Worship



District Training Day for Preachers & Worship Leaders



10am-3pm
Saturday 21st February 2026



at

St Andrew's Methodist Church
Harlestone Road, Northampton
NN5 6AB



Please let the District Office know if you would
like to attend, on:
office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk



Methodist Women in Britain

**Swanwick Residential Weekend : 10th to 12th April 2026
at The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire DE55 1AT**

“Where Power meets Purpose: Small Acts that Change the World”

with Carolyn Godfrey



Carolyn Godfrey has been the Regional Officer for Safeguarding for both the Darlington and Newcastle Districts since early 2015. Before this she worked in education and has a background in pastoral care and special needs, mostly focused in the primary sector. She feels strongly that a good safeguarding culture is central to our calling to be a growing, inclusive, evangelistic and justice seeking church.

Carolyn served as the Vice President of the Methodist Conference 2024-2025.

**Come & join us for a weekend of Faith, Fellowship & Fun
Worship & Workshops, Women Working & Wondering**

**Booking opens 5th January 2026
on our website www.mwib.org.uk**

Conference cost: £210

Book by 2nd February with £100 deposit only

Balance due by 20th March

A limited number of Bursaries are available

Bursary applications must be submitted before 3rd March

Contact: Swanwick.mwib26@gmail.com

Conference will also be on zoom – book online