



# Cole Street Methodist Church

## June Newsletter

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part of the Dudley & Netherton Methodist Church Circuit

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1st June 2020  
'Pentecost'

'A warm welcome awaits you at our Church.'

### Welcome

Welcome to our monthly Newsletter. Although Lockdown is slowly being lifted, we still can't meet at church, as a church, but we can still be a church, and a circuit, which is relevant and alive utilising technology and communication. Take a look in this 'June Lockdown' edition to see what is still happening in the life of Cole Street and in the Dudley & Netherton Circuit.



### Join us online



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someone else to read?

### Let us pray...

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### From the Methodist Church of Great Britain website

Lord, I will try to praise you. Through gritted teeth,  
I will try to praise you.  
I will try to remember that you have created all things, and this virus is part of your creation.  
I will try not to hate it but seek to mitigate its harm.  
I will try to keep myself and others safe. I will work to pray for them.  
and seek to help in whatever way I can.

Lord, when I cannot pray or worship, help me be aware of all your people  
and your saints and angels, hovering around me, lifting me up.  
When I feel alone, let me feel you near me,  
even if only for a moment that enables me to go on.  
Let me hear you say, "Peace be with you".  
Lord, I will praise you.  
Let all the peoples praise you.

*The Revd Kenneth Howcroft*

### Birthdays, Celebrations & Congratulations

A very happy birthday from all of the Cole Street family to all of the following people who are celebrating their special day during June (date in brackets):

Betsy Drew (8<sup>th</sup>), David Moss (9<sup>th</sup>), Ellie Mae Bove (9<sup>th</sup>), Maria Moss (19<sup>th</sup>), Glenda Drew (25<sup>th</sup>) & Cassie Whitehouse (27<sup>th</sup>).

A very happy birthday, as different as it may be, and God Bless you all.

A special mention to Jade Willetts who is 21 on the 14<sup>th</sup> and Jasmine Willetts who is 18 on the 17<sup>th</sup>; both sisters celebrating milestone birthdays this year. We hope you have a fantastic day!

### Please remember in your prayers...

Dot Grainger, baby Ellie-Piper, Lillian Pallett, Richard Taylor, Lewis & Marion Cooper, Elaine Poolton, Bernard Hickman, Mark Kelly, Charlie Cowley, Hazel Owen, Don Ralph, Jean Lavender, Mark Wood, Roslyn Grainger, Jordan Priest, Alice Parker & Joan & Tony Oliver.

Please also continue to pray for all Key Workers returning and continuing to work despite the huge pressures and risks which presently exist. Please ask for their sacrifice to be valued and protect them, and their families, as they continue to serve.

Please pray for all those known to us individually who are ill or in need at this time.

## We love Thy house, O God

Work to maintain our building and grounds has continued through May. Our five-yearly Quinquennial Inspection (survey of the premises) was completed on 18<sup>th</sup> May. The surveyor was very impressed with the premises finding no urgent or major issues on the day. We now await the report which should make for very pleasing reading. This is testament to everyone who helps to improve and maintain our building.

David and Gary have completed work to identify all of the electrical circuits in the building and what they feed. This has been a job which has needed to be done for some time and with the church not being used it has afforded the opportunity to get it completed otherwise it would have been very disruptive. Other work completed includes the sealing and polishing of the Main Hall floor, improvements to the CCTV system (our thanks to Adam from Tiger Security), weekly checks on systems and security and general maintenance of the outside grounds.

## Offering & Finances

During these unprecedented times, we have begun to live and learn what being 'church' is, in the confines of our own home. Watching and listening to services on the T.V, radio and social media as well as keeping in touch with one another through the medium of phone, text, email and cards.

However, whilst we are continuing to worship in our homes, we still have bills to pay and premises to upkeep at our beloved church. In a recent email from Jan Robinson (Circuit Treasurer) we are being encouraged to continue putting aside our weekly offertories until we're able to be back at church. I appreciate for some, you may not feel comfortable keeping too much money at one time. For those who are able to continue giving during these times we are now offering alternative ways for you to give:

### Online/Bank Transfer

Account Name - Cole Street Methodist Church

Account Number - 00090387

Sort Code - 30 - 95 - 87

### Cheque

All cheques are payable to: Cole Street Methodist Church

Please then post these to Tiras directly who will cash them in at the bank. (Contact Tiras for the details)

### Envelope Scheme

For those who wish to continue putting money to one side in the envelop scheme and would like Tiras to pick them up and take them to church, contact him directly - 07812 516059.

If you are struggling financially at the moment for any reason, please let one of the stewards or Tiras know and we will do our best to support you through these difficult times. Thank you for your continued support.

## Keep safe at home

With a good majority of us spending more time at home than usual, now would be a great time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms if you haven't already.

When did you last check your alarms?

If you need help to test them, or need new batteries, contact David who will be happy to help you.



## Collections for the Black Country FoodBank

We are continuing to run a Food Bank collection every Sunday morning, 10.10am - 10.40am on the car park at Cole Street. Social distancing rules are adhered to and all items are placed directly into the boot of Tiras' car. If you are able to buy an extra item or two when shopping and bring it on a Sunday morning, it would be gratefully received. We appreciate for some, getting extra food isn't possible as someone else is shopping for you, and the Food Bank is also receiving monetary donations which they then use to purchase food.

For those who are unable to leave the house, you can also donate online to their Just Giving page:  
[www.justgiving.com/blackcountryfoodbank](http://www.justgiving.com/blackcountryfoodbank)

**BLACK COUNTRY  
FOODBANK**  
 LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

Thank you for your continued support. We have donated over 1 ton of food and in excess of £500 in monetary donations as a Circuit.

## Terracycle

We continue to collect crisp packets and bread bags which helps raise funds for Mary Steven's Hospice. These can be left at church on a Sunday during the Food Bank Collections.

## Join us on Instagram...

You can now join us on Instagram.

Give us a follow and see what we've been getting up to.



## Lockdown Selfies

We'd love to see what activities you've been getting up to during lockdown! Why not send us a selfie which we can form part of a video collage once we're back to church so we can share what the church community have been up to. Send any pictures, which you are happy to have displayed, to the church email listed on the front page by the end of July 2020 (or around when church reopens!)

## TERRACYCLE

Raising money for Mary Stevens Hospice  
 across the Dudley & Netherton Methodist Circuit



### Waste that is not accepted

- Popcorn bags
- Crisp tubes
- Pretzel bags
- Meat snack bags
- Baguette packaging
- Bread roll packaging
- Crumpet packaging
- Teacakes and scones packaging



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## Circuit Support

If you need any help or support from the circuit over the coming weeks, please use the contact details below.

A circuit telephone number has been set up: 07703 814106 and an email:

[dudleyandnethertonmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:dudleyandnethertonmethodist@gmail.com)

Circuit staff will check these regularly.

## Virtual Coffee Morning

Although phoning, texting and emailing are great ways to keep in touch with one another, we continue to offer a weekly Virtual Coffee Morning using the online conferencing platform, 'Zoom'. Although we appreciate not everybody has access to internet at home, and we continue to think of ways to keep in touch and engaged for those who do have internet and a device with a camera, you're more than welcome to join us.

We continue to meet each Thursday morning at 11am for a cuppa and a catch up. It is a blessing to share in fellowship with each other during these testing times. Please do join us if you're able and when you're able. Contact Tiras for the details.



## Worship @ Home

On Pentecost Sunday (31/05/20) the Circuit staff team will be hosting our first Worship @ Home using Zoom. These services will be held every Sunday at 6pm and will last around 30 minutes including some prayer, hymns and a short reflection. To join these services please email: [dudleyandnethertonmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:dudleyandnethertonmethodist@gmail.com) or get in touch with Tiras.

For those who don't have access to the internet, we will also be printing hard copies of each Order of Service for you to follow at home. We would encourage you to join in at 6pm and though we cannot be together physically, we can be together in fellowship and worship spiritually.



**Dudley & Netherton Circuit**

God's Heart in the Black Country

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***You are invited to...***

**WORSHIP @  
HOME**

***D&N Circuit will be hosting  
an online service, via Zoom  
every Sunday @6pm***

**To join, email:**

***[dudleyandnethertonmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:dudleyandnethertonmethodist@gmail.com)***





## Take care, stay safe

Please continue to follow the advice issued by the Government.

Please utilise the support of family, friends, neighbours and your local council if you are in need of help or support.

Please use the contact details issued above if you require support or help from the Circuit.

### God is with us

Lord God, you are always with me. You are with me in the day and in the night.

You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad. You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.

You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.

Today I am feeling *(name how you are feeling)* because *(reasons you are feeling this way)*.

Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today. Amen.



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## Mindfulness Colouring – be calm and aware of the moment

