



# The Methodist Church



**Northampton District**  
**Hinckley Circuit** **23/11**  
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## Information for Church Stewards / Publicity Officers

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## **Car Parking For the Circuit Meeting**

For those attending the Circuit Meeting at Stoke Golding Methodist Church, 7:30pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, car parking will be available at St. Margarets Primary School in the village on High St, CV13 6HE. There is a short walk from the school to the church



## **“Samaritans Purse” Christmas shoebox scheme**

Newbold Verdon have a number of flat packed “official” shoe boxes for this scheme, which they no longer require. If any church still supports Samaritans Purse, and can use them, please get in touch with the Circuit Office or Jenny Bolton at Newbold.



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## **Circuit Office email**

Although the problems reported in this newsletter on 20<sup>th</sup> February have been solved, you will be asked to verify your email by clicking a link the first time you send a message to [office@hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk](mailto:office@hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk). This is perfectly fine, and not a scam. Once you have done this, the system recognises that you aren't a bot (!) and your message will be sent. You should only have to do this once.

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## **What is happening around the Circuit?**

### **Well-being Walks at Bradgate Park**

#### **Dates for the Spring**

31st March

14th and 28th April

5th and 19th May

2nd and 30th June

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

Walk starts at 10am and lasts 90 minutes.

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



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## Claire Sutcliffe's Leaving Event

We will be having a leaving do' for Claire at  
Burbage Methodist Church

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. 7pm - until 8.30pm

It will be a bring and share tea - drinks provided, so please  
come along!!

(If you would like to make a gift to Claire - please give  
money to Rachel Cobb or send it to the Circuit Office by  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May).

For more info - Contact Rachel Cobb -  
repooolehcar@hotmail.com or 07930 628011

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# Weekdays Around the Circuit

## Monday

**BARWELL Play and Stay** for parents and young children under school age each week on Mondays from 9.30am to 11.00am - £1 entrance fee.



## Tuesday

**BURBAGE "CONNECT" Drop-in** Tuesday mornings 10am to 12noon during term time. Drop in for coffee; chat; meet a friend; play a board game; do a jigsaw; bring your knitting or a newspaper. All welcome to come and connect.

**EARL SHILTON Bookstall, Mini-market and Coffee Morning** every Tuesday morning. **The Ark** Every Tuesday 3pm to 4.30pm @ Earl Shilton Methodist Church, Wood Street. Family friendly. Come and share coffee, cake and snacks. A place to meet people

This café does not charge for any of its services. We will accept donations if you are able to.



## Wednesday

**BARWELL community lunches** are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 11.45am to 1.00pm – cost £3.50 per person to include soup, roll, cake and drink. Wednesday **prayer service** each week from 10.00am to 10.30am followed by a **coffee morning**, usually until around 11.30am

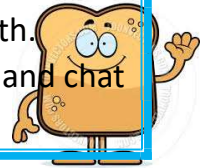
**BURBAGE Forget-Me-Not Café** 10.30am - 12.00noon 4th Wednesday of each month. Followed by lunch. A friendly and relaxed environment for those living with memory loss, their carers and loved ones to meet and share with others who understand, and a place to find out information on support services in your area.

**SAPCOTE Café Worship** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

**HIGHAM craft group** meets Wednesday afternoons 2 to 5 pm



**Thursday HIGHAM** coffee morning 1st Thursday of the month. Meeting Point 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month at 12:30 – soup, dessert and hot drink for £5  
**NEWBOLD VERDON 'Toasty Thursday'** at Newbold. We're open Thursday from 10:30am – 2:30pm. Warm and friendly welcome guaranteed!  
**STONEY STANTON Coffee Morning** last Thursday each month 10to11:30  
**STOKE GOLDING Messy Church** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month.  
**Chatty Chairs** every Thursday 12noon to 1pm in Cameo. Refreshments and chat followed by seated exercise. Free sessions run by H&BBC.



## **Friday**

**BURBAGE** Messy church-held on the 4th Friday of each month 4.30–6pm.  
**SAPCOTE** Friday Family Fun 5 to 6:30pm

**Saturday BARWELL** coffee morning 10am to 12noon weekly, and



**Blokes Breakfast Club** 8.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month

**BURBAGE Farmers' Market** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9am-12noon. The Church is open for coffee, cake and Fairtrade. **Connect at Breakfast** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month

(except December). Every breakfast donates £1 to charity by way of a token given to the customer to choose from three collection pots.

**NEWBOLD VERDON Mens Munch** breakfast @ the church, 9am to 10:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Cost: £5. Must be booked in advance at church hall or email [cyril.fennell@gmail.com](mailto:cyril.fennell@gmail.com). **Coffee morning** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month. Hot drinks, teacakes, stalls to browse

**HINCKLEY** coffee morning every Saturday 10am to 12 noon

**EARL SHILTON** free **Community Breakfast** on the first Saturday of each month starting at 9:30



**STOKE GOLDING CAMEO Café** 10:30am to 3pm Tuesdays and Fridays. Drinks, home-made cake, hot and cold meals. Gluten & dairy free catered for. Craft Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday each month from 10am.

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## **Circuit Meeting Secretary Vacancy**

Our lovely Circuit Meeting Secretary, Gwen, will be stepping down following the Circuit Meeting on Thursday next week. We are very grateful to Gwen for her service to the Circuit over the past few years.

The Primary role of the Circuit Meeting Secretary is to support the Superintendent in preparing for and conducting the Circuit Meeting, working closely with the Superintendent and the Circuit Administrator. Meetings are usually twice a year, March and September with occasional extra meetings. Some of the administrative duties of the Circuit Meeting Secretary have been delegated to the Circuit Administrator therefore liaison with the Circuit Office will be required.

A knowledge of the mission and ministry of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit is essential, and the person appointed must be a member of the Methodist Church, well organised and an effective communicator. Previous experience as a Church Council or Circuit Meeting Secretary would be useful.

Appointment is by the Circuit Meeting for one year, for a maximum of 6 successive years.

Contact the Circuit Office for a role description, or speak to the Circuit Superintendent if you are interested in this role. We are hoping to appoint someone at the forthcoming Circuit Meeting next week

The role is unpaid, but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

**Please consider prayerfully whether God may be calling you to this role.**



*If you would like to be part of the Creation Care group speak to Rosemary (Burbage), Annette (Newbold) or Chris at the Circuit Office.*

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## What is Wishcycling?

**Definition:** Wishcycling is the practice of putting items in a recycling bin without being certain they are actually recyclable, often with the hope that they will be processed.

### Why it's a problem:

- Contamination: Non-recyclable items can contaminate the entire recycling stream, making it unusable for processing.
- Increased waste: Contaminated recycling often ends up in landfills instead of being processed.
- Difficult sorting: Wishcycling makes it harder and more expensive for recycling facilities to sort and process materials.

### Examples of common wishcycling items:

- Plastic bags, wrappers, and cling film
- Food-contaminated containers
- Foil pouches
- Styrofoam
- Coffee pods
- Batteries
- Certain types of plastic packaging

### How to avoid wishcycling:

- Check local recycling guidelines: Ensure you know what materials are accepted in your area.
- Rinse containers: Make sure containers are clean before placing them in the recycling bin.
- Be aware of common contaminants: Avoid putting non-recyclable items in the recycling bin.
- If in doubt, throw it out: If you're unsure whether an item is recyclable, it's best to dispose of it in the rubbish.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council provide information about local recycling rules on their website [HBBC recycling](#). If you ensure about any item, you can send an enquiry via the HBBC contact page.

## **Rejoice and Sing LIVE, Methodist Central Hall, Coventry, May 3**

The United Reformed Church is running a service and celebration, Rejoice and Sing LIVE, at Methodist Central Hall, Coventry, a free event celebrating the 35th anniversary of our hymn book, Rejoice and Sing, on May 3, from 12pm.

It's a service filled with lots of hymn singing for all, talks, a panel discussion with Steve Tomkins, Editor of Reform magazine, poetry and a new hymn, written by the Revd Dominic Grant. An exhibition and cafe are available from 12noon, and the service starts at 2pm. We're also putting together a scratch choir, and choirs and individuals are invited to take part (lunch will be provided).

Tickets are free and are available from [www.bit.ly/reform-live](http://www.bit.ly/reform-live)

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**Get your free tickets to Rejoice and Sing LIVE, a hymn-filled celebration of 35 years of our hymn book, *Rejoice and Sing*. May 3, Coventry:**

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## **Foodbank Warehouse Stocktake**

Please be aware that the foodbank warehouse is closed to **incoming donations** on the 31st March 2025.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards, *Gemma Cisneros*

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**Hinckley Christian Community Action**

**The Food Bank Charity - Hinckley Christians serving our Community**

**Incorporating Hinckley Area Foodbank**





## News from The Vine Book and Coffee Shop, Hinckley

Easter is coming and we have plenty of Easter cards still in stock in packs and as singles. Easter cards are becoming more popular to send amongst the Christian community and it is a simple way to witness to family and friends at this time of year. The majority of our cards have a Bible verse and an Easter message but some are a little more subtle for those sending to someone who is not a believer while others are more openly Christian. We also have plenty of Easter books, especially titles for children but also for those who are seeking. As a child I was always given an egg and a book at Easter that helped me in my faith journey - do consider this for the children in your life. We have the popular Real Easter Egg in stock for those who want to give an egg with more of a Christian message and a few other fairtrade Easter chocolate goodies. We still have a small selection of the £1.00 books that we had in for World Book Day so grab a bargain before they disappear. We've recently had new stock in our gift section, including jewellery, prints and even a cuddly bunny, which we are trialling! Do let us have your feedback.

God Bless, *Jessica Harrison*

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