



Cardiff Methodist Circuit

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WERE YOU THERE?

On Sunday 15th June, 250 people from churches all around the Circuit gathered together for worship. With ample parking, regular buses, and a brilliant multi-use hall, St Teilo's High School is the perfect venue.

During the service we heard from the young people who attended 3Generate last year, sang with the brilliant Circuit Band, and enjoyed being part of a worshipping congregation much larger than any of us are used to.

Our District Chair, Rev'd Andrew Charlesworth, shared a sermon that was both comforting and challenging, focusing on the theme of compassion and reminding us that Jesus called his disciples to both pray and act.

The picnic tables at St Teilo's were put to good use following the service, with a lot of people taking advantage of a sunny day and the chance to enjoy one another's company.

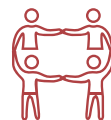
The calling of the **Methodist Church** is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through:

Worship

Learning and caring

Service

Evangelism



CONGRATS!
£757.25

Raised for St Teilo's School charity, Puffins.

Thank you to everyone who donated.

WHAT HAPPENED AT CIRCUIT MEETING



The most recent Circuit Meeting took place on Wednesday 17th June, 7.30pm at Wesley, Canton.

Opening devotions were led by Rev. Cathy on the theme of compassion.

The appointment of the Circuit Mission Enabler was ratified following the Extraordinary Circuit Meeting on 21st May. The main discussion had been regarding the permanence of the post. As with all appointments there will be an annual review, including a review of appropriate responsibilities.

The Stationing Briefing meeting was held at the end of May, and the committee met soon after. Rev. Evelyn has requested a 3-year extension. Soundings will begin immediately with responses required by 8th July. The meeting was asked to hold in prayer all those involved.

Heather spoke to her Treasurers' Report. Two assessment offers and Mission grant figures are still to be ratified by Church Councils. With this proviso, the meeting accepted the offers.

Llandaff North expressed thanks for their Mission Grant for chairs.

The Circuit Service collection for 'Puffins', the school charity, was £757.25. This figure will be rounded to £1000, with the balance given to school, since staff had prepared the hall.

The Cathays Music Missioner Steering Group would be enhanced by a representative from the wider Circuit.

Churches were asked to encourage anyone with experience in lay employment or with a passion for music, to consider this post.



Circuit Away Day
25th July, 9.30 - 1.30,
at The Holiday Inn, Cardiff Central

All the Circuit Leadership Team will be present, and each church needs to send a representative who is able to speak for the Church and bring back ideas and information to their congregation.

The discussions will be around:
'How we might change Circuit dynamics towards more lay ministry'.



The next **3Generate** takes place at the NEC, Birmingham, 2nd - 4th October.

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people aged 8-18 to join with Methodists across the country in learning more about their faith, and having fun while doing it!

The District and Circuit pay a portion of the cost, and churches were asked to consider assisting families to pay the balance.

For more information Contact Cathy, Lisa or Laura.

Steve referred to the Property Report. Approval was given for the Caerphilly scheme to move forward, now that it has been fully investigated. Churches were reminded to complete their Carbon Footprint analysis and submit them to Steve or Sarah (Circuit eco representative).

The Taffs Well building has been up for sale for almost a year without any reasonable offers. TMCO have agreed that we can go to auction and this will happen in July with a reserve price of £160,000.

The Local Preachers Meeting Report was received. It has been decided that there will be no Bible Month this year. However, the excellent Philippians material would be suitable for group study. It was also decided that Sunday 13th September would be 'Creation Sunday' and that churches would be encouraged to take the opportunity to address eco issues. The meeting was delighted to hear that David Adams has now progressed to the 'on trial' stage of local preachers training.

Gareth Knowles spoke to the meeting about his work as Circuit Youth Worker. He described the type of activities enjoyed by the young people. Gareth asked that churches talk to their young people, get them involved whenever possible, and encourage them in discussing discipleship.

Cathy updated the meeting on the work of the Trinity Centre. The building project is now complete, and the Centre is regaining its day-to-day functioning. An Executive Committee Away Day had been held for an 'Evaluation Consultation' leading to defining plans for future sustainability.

Lisa has MHA magazines available for churches. Further information on the management of records is still awaited. In the meantime, One Drive should be used.

The next Circuit Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th September at Conway Road.

We are going to trial materials from:

The Vine (thevine@twelvebaskets.co.uk) for the 2026-7 church year. This resource provides everything required for a service, should there be a last-minute requirement for worship materials, or for use during Local Arrangements. The Circuit will purchase a trial licence for one year, with each church to be given a password, allowing access to the materials.



CHURCH ONLINE

Several churches in the Circuit hold worship that is accessible online.

On Zoom:

Weekly from Radyr Methodist: contact radyrmc@gmail.com

On Facebook Live

Weekly from Wesley Methodist, Canton: www.facebook.com/wesleycardiff

On YouTube (Live)

Weekly from Church of the Resurrection, St. Mellons.

You can join from their website www.cotr.org.uk



PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

FOR PEACE, FOR JUSTICE, FOR UNITY

Heavenly Father,

God of every nation, we bring before you the burden of injustice in our world and the need to protect the vulnerable. We lift before You all who suffer from war, conflict, oppression, poverty, displacement, injustice, and climate-related disasters. Only You, God judges fairly. Your Divine authority is absolute. We pray for peace, justice, and unity. May Your love bring hope where there is fear and light where there is darkness.

Holy Spirit, hear the cries of the vulnerable. Comfort, strengthen and grant resilience to those facing hardship. Guide world leaders and decision-makers to act with wisdom, compassion and courage, promoting policies that protect creation, care for the poor and uphold human dignity.

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Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

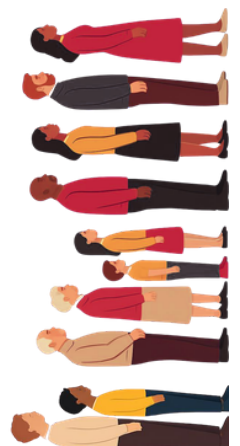
As we reflect on Matthew 9:35-10:1, remind us that prayer must be accompanied by action. Forgive us when we remain passive in the face of suffering. Empower us to be part of the answer to our prayers by serving others, advocating for justice, caring for the environment and working for peace.

Help us to be Christ's hands and feet in our communities, fostering understanding, kindness, and reconciliation. Call us to move beyond words into faithful actions. Help us, as individuals to be instruments of peace within our own communities. May we defend the weak, uphold the rights of the poor, and faithfully pray and act according to Your will.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.
(Psalms 82:8)



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CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

CAMPAIGNING FOR CARDIFF COUNCIL TO SIGN UP TO THE FOSSIL FUEL TREATY INITIATIVE

A good news story and a story of faith in action!

Several of our congregations have been involved over the last 18 months in campaigning for Cardiff council to sign up to the Fossil Fuel Treaty initiative fossilfueltreaty.org. We are delighted that on 26th March a motion was passed by the council to sign up to this. They are the first council in Wales to do this!

The fossil fuel treaty initiative is a global roadmap for the fair and just transition to phase out fossil fuels. Nations, governments, councils, faith groups, businesses and individuals can sign up. The Methodist Church of Great Britain has signed up and the Joint public issues team (JPIT) asked congregations to campaign for their councils and members of parliament to sign up to this in June last year.

Congregations and junior churches at **Radyr, St Andrews, Conway Road and Llanishen** have been involved in hosting Eco events, writing letters, making posters, praying and meeting with local councillors. Several members of the Circuit Eco church group have also been campaigning alongside other churches in Cardiff, as part of Cardiff Eco churches connect. A key breakthrough was getting the support of Councillor Bethan Proctor (Labour councillor for Llanishen and head of climate emergency response), at the **Llanishen** Eco day in September 2025. Bethan took the motion to the council. Many of the councillors had already been made aware of the issue from all the letters and campaigning and were in support of this.



Members of Cardiff Eco churches connect at Cardiff council chambers

This shows how powerful the church can be in the local community and how by engaging with our councillors we can make a difference. Well done Cardiff Methodist Circuit! We even made it into the connexional news! See here for the link: www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/methodists-help-persuade-cardiff-council-to-end-the-fossil-fuel-era/

It is such a great witness to have churches campaigning together for change. It shows the local community what we care about, that church is relevant and that together we can make a difference. God was definitely in the process bringing together the activities, events and the people from all the churches at the right time.

The treaty calls for a just and fair transition away from fossil fuels which as well as caring for God's creation means we are advocating for social justice for all. Working together in the Circuit as Methodists and ecumenically with other Eco churches has been fantastic. Huge congratulations to all who have been involved in whatever way. Next step is getting the Welsh government to sign up!

REDUCING YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Did you notice the red Methodist orb on our social media platforms turn green for Lent?!

Throughout lent the Circuit Eco church group ran a campaign to help bring about awareness of how we can all reduce our carbon footprint. Slides and newsletter articles were sent weekly to each of the churches along with prayers and action tips, which were also put on the Circuit social media platforms. We hope you found them interesting and they inspired you to reflect and take some steps, even if they were small, to reduce your reliance on fossil fuels and reduce your carbon footprint.



CIRCUIT CREATION SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026

As agreed at the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit has designated Sun 13th September as 'Circuit Creation Day'. All churches, and preachers planned for this date are being encouraged to hold an Eco-themed service focussing on issues of the environment, climate change, creation and social justice. More details and resources to follow soon!



CARDIFF METHODIST CIRCUIT AT PRIDE!



On the 13th June, a small but mighty group of us took to the streets to represent Cardiff Methodist Circuit at Pride Cymru 2026. From Westgate Street to City Hall, we marched and paraded alongside numerous organisations, including our friends at The Gathering.

And then following on from that, we continued our fellowship at Pillar's for some well earned lunch!

From allies to LGBTQIA+ folks, young to old, male to female, faith-filled to questioning, we each celebrated the diversity of God's creation, that ALL are made in God's image and that Love in God unites us.

Dates are yet to be announced for Pride Cymru 2027 but watch this space, get your trainers ready and join with us! Let's share the message of God's inclusive love with the rest of our wonderful city!





TRINITY CENTRE

Just letting you know about a new volunteering opportunity we have at Trinity Centre. We're looking to create a team of Garden Volunteers to regularly maintain our front garden.

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help maintain and nurture our front garden!

What you'll do:

Plant, weed, and prune garden areas

Water and care for plants, trees, and shrubs

Help keep the path and garden area tidy and accessible

Why join us?

Spend time outdoors and connect with nature

Gain Tempo Time Credits for your time

Be part of a team making a positive impact on our environment and community

If you're interested in finding out more, please get in touch with Fflur on manager@trinitycentre.wales.

Thank you for your support for the Trinity Centre



With grateful thanks to our funders, including:



CYNCOED METHODIST CHURCH



When I started getting involved with Eco Church, I knew that I wanted to do something with the land that we are so lucky to have as a part of our church grounds. I had a couple of ideas on what we could do but I had no idea on how to go about it.

It was during our church AGM when a member of our congregation told us about Keep Wales Tidy's Local Places for Nature Scheme. I could not believe how perfect it sounded. We could apply for a garden package and, if successful, we would get a free garden installed on the church grounds as long as we provided volunteers to help install it. We jumped on this opportunity and gathered some people together to start working on an application.

We knew that we wanted to use the garden as a way to interact with the wider community and the many groups that use our church building so we chose a food garden package. The food garden comes with equipment to grow a variety of fruit and vegetables and we felt this would be a fun

and engaging activity for the community to get involved with.

After consulting the various groups we thought would like to get involved and writing about how we thought the garden would help the community, we put our application in and waited with bated breath!

A good few weeks later, I received an email saying that we had been successful in the first stage of the application and a site visit would be arranged and from there we would find out if we would get our garden. When the site visit came round, I couldn't quite believe it! The Keep Wales Tidy officers were wandering around the grounds saying where things were going to go and asking about site access etc.

We've now received the confirmation that our application is successful and our garden installation is going ahead in August. We're beyond thrilled to see this start to take shape and the possibilities that this garden will give us are endless! I hope that this time next year I can write about all the amazing things that the community has grown together!

Heather



To find out more, visit:
<https://keepwalestidy.cymru/nature/home/>



Then back to Copleston Road where we had a wonderful breakfast together, before the Easter service began.

LLANDAFF NORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Our 40th anniversary of meeting at the waterfall on the Taff Trail to see the sun rise as we share prayer and celebration for the risen Lord.



WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, CANTON

Our joining with the community of Canton for Easter started with 32 children, up to year 6, and their adults, enjoying a fun "crafty" morning at Wesley where they created with playdough, did colouring and made baskets, cards and decorated crosses. They also decorated biscuits with the open tomb and had an egg hunt. The morning rounded off with Easter story time.

On Easter Sunday we had a lovely all age service with Rev Cathy followed by a walk of witness to nearby Victoria Park, handing out eggs and cards which was very well received, returning to the church to enjoy a bring and share lunch.





WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, CANTON

For the last few years, we at Wesley, Canton have supported Christian Aid week by holding a jumble sale, plant sale and giving the proceeds of our monthly coffee morning in May. The indoor and outdoor plants are grown and donated by a few of our church members, along with the delicious home-made cakes. The jumble sale went well with help and customers from the community. On the plant sale day the weather was kind to us and we had a very successful morning, with many local people calling in for plants and cake. All together we raised £611.50. We sent some pictures to Christian Aid to show what we'd been up to, and they asked if they could be included in an article to the local press, here's a link to the article.

<https://herald.wales/south-wales/cardiff-south-wales/methodist-church-canton-raises-more-than-600-for-international-communities-living-in-poverty/>



LLANDAFF NORTH METHODIST CHURCH

We have this year started to hold Messy Church on a monthly basis rather than the previous ad hoc sessions. We meet on the afternoon of the last Sunday in the month and as a result of this have found an increase in the number of families attending.



Our afternoon is focused on a religious theme, introduced to the children by Rev. Cathy or Rev. Anna through a variety of ways. A range of different activities then take place all based on the biblical theme. Much fun and laughter is shared during the afternoon and we always share food together around the table which is really enjoyed and appreciated by all the families.

We give thanks for this Christian outreach which is also a good ecumenical venture carried out with our local Church of Wales friends.

YOUR CHURCH NEWS GOES HERE



Email me at laurajevans@me.com
with your stories by Monday 14th September

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, CAERPHILLY

Wesley have once more taken part in the Caerphilly Flower Festival. Our theme this year was children's stories and we chose "The Scarecrows Wedding," "The Tiger Who Came to Tea," "The Snail and the Whale," and "Superworm, Stickman and Tiddler."

See if you can match the photo to the book.



The weekend proved very successful with lots of visitors to enjoy both the displays and the home made cakes with tea and coffee. The festival brings many people into the church who would not otherwise step inside.



CONWAY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

On Sunday 21st June we enjoyed our annual Church Family picnic.

Rounders and Tug-of-War are a tradition, and the competition was intense! It was lovely to spend time together having fun in the sun, eating, sharing and playing games.