



Northgate News



News and events for
November, December 2025 and
the New Year 2026
at



Warwick Methodist Church, Northgate
and
Whitnash Methodist Church

***Our Sunday services are
at 10:30am***

***Coffee, tea are served
after the service***

Further details of special
services will be in the weekly
notices,
on the website,

and in this
newsletter!



Be Joyful,

Be Prayerful,

***Be
Thankful***

***Check out the website for
latest news and
information
[www.warwickmethodist
church.org.uk](http://www.warwickmethodistchurch.org.uk)***

Rev Sally Jones

**Minister of the Warwick,
Wellesbourne and Whitnash
Methodist Churches
01926 740846**



Prayer Circle



There is a quiet corner by the 'Prayer Net',
where there is a box for
confidential requests for prayer.

Or you can contact the prayer circle through

Rev Sally 01926 740846 or Ann 01926 774734

Do you want latest news and information?

please check out the website, it is updated every Friday

www.warwickmethodistchurch.org.uk

The next edition of Northgate News will be for events for :-

FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2026

Don't forget you can advertise and share your news for
dates and months **beyond** those in this newsletter -

Please send any articles/contributions by the
Deadline date of Sunday January 18th



To:- noelle_trevor@hotmail.co.uk

Have a chat to me at Church
or contact me on 07962232158



TLC - Tuesday, Laughter and Chat
Every Tuesday from 10.30am - 12:00 noon

*Come along and enjoy refreshments ,
fellowship and chat!*

All are very welcome.



PRE LOVED SHOP
In the Church Community Centre

First Saturday each month 10:00 - 1pm

Ladies, men's and children's clothes
Household items, Toys, puzzles, books and plenty more.....

Offers of help during the morning would be very welcome

Please see Dave Mann

***And do come along and enjoy a
welcome break from your shopping,***

***Refreshments of tea, coffee
and hot chocolate available***





Bread Church



Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Come along to enjoy fellowship and friendship

We start baking bread from 10:30am and at 12 noon,
after a short reflection and prayer -
a lunch of soup and scones are served, all freshly made!!!

Lunch and Fellowship are free ,
donations welcome - but optional

Please do come, why not invite a friend?

*This is an important outreach for Northgate, it provides an opportunity to
invite someone you know to an informal and fun activity in a warm and
friendly environment.*

**Do join us, come in the morning or just for lunch,
the choice is yours**

ADVENT

Bread Church will meet weekly throughout
Advent

November 25th, December 2nd, 9th and 16th

There will be a reflection and prayer at 12 noon before
the freshly made soup and bun lunch,

All are welcome



Looking for Hand made cards for all occasions?

Jane Betts makes cards for Birthdays,
thank you cards, blank for your own messages,
Speak to her at Church, she also goes to
Bread Church and TLC on Tuesdays.

CHRISTMAS FAIR.

**Saturday, 22nd November
10am-1pm**

**Warwick Methodist Community Hall
Barrack Street
CV34 4TH**

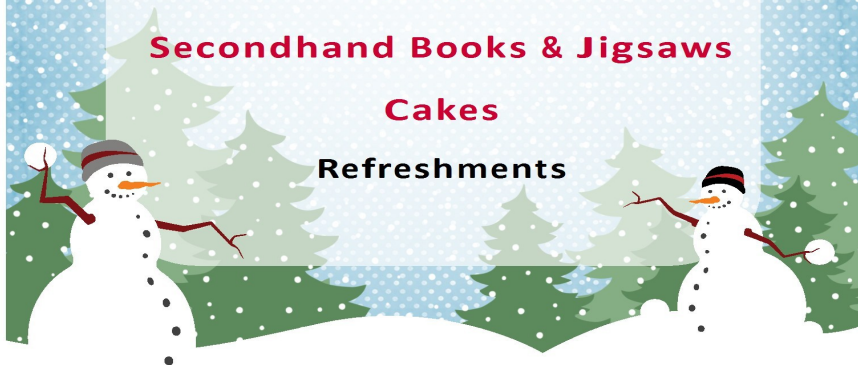
Christmas Cards & Gifts

Crafts

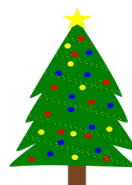
Secondhand Books & Jigsaws

Cakes

Refreshments



Come along for a festive
morning!!!



From the Leadership Team.....



The most exciting news is that Rev. Sally is staying with us for a further five years from September 2026. It was a privilege to read the submissions from a variety of members when I canvassed opinions as to whether Sally should be invited to stay; there was no doubt that all were in favour! We are truly blessed that Sally wanted to stay and that she has been invited to do so.

The second celebration is for the completion of our major project to refurbish the facilities in our Community Centre, so that we can raise funds through lettings, and offer it to charity groups to help them fulfil their purposes. The kitchen and adjacent toilets are looking superb, and the entrance has been greatly improved with the new internal doors. The porch, corridors and stairways are going to be redecorated at the end of October into November, and we think we have enough funds to refurbish the toilets on the lower level too. This work would not have been possible without the support of our members, through fundraising and donations, and the efforts of Trevor Blades who has project managed and applied for grants. We must say a big thank you to the following organisations who have provided the grant funds that have helped to enable the refurbishment to take place. They are:-

The King Henry V111 Endowed Trust

Warwick Town Council

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Birmingham District of the Methodist Church

Also, to Sainsbury, who allowed the builders to use the car park!!!

We are very grateful to you all. We will have a small celebration of the new facilities after the Civic Service on November 23rd, when the Mayor of Warwick will say a few words and we will have a special cake with our coffee.

We look forward to all our Christmas activities:



Saturday 22nd November Christmas Fayre 10am - 1pm *see page 5*

November 29th Immanuel's Ground Quire Workshop @ 2pm and Concert @ 7pm
see pages 12/13

December 7th at 10.30am Gift Service

December 14th at 3.30pm Christingle service for families and our friends from the learning-disabled community (morning service at Whitnash Methodist Church)

December 21st at 3.30pm Carol Service (no service in the morning).

December 24th 11.30pm Midnight Communion service

December 25th @ 10:00am Christmas Day Service

2026

11th January 10.30am Covenant Service

Do look out for further details in the notices, on the website and in this newsletter!

We launched our Five-year plan in the spring to focus our energies on what we need to do to grow as a church. One aim is to further develop what is going well, this includes Bread Church and Holiday Club. We also hope to see more people at TLC on a Tuesday morning, with people dropping in for fellowship with their church friends, just as they used to on a Saturday morning. Bread Church is an excellent opportunity to introduce your friends to our fellowship. We would like our members to join us on these mornings to help welcome the new faces that join us.

The Pre-Loved shop continues to meet a community need for low-cost clothing and household goods on the first Saturday of the month, and also the opportunity for people to drop in for refreshments and fellowship.

As we approach the time of Advent and Christmas, please help us boost attendance at regular and special events by inviting your friends and neighbours.

Anne Oliver

Senior Steward

Our Ministers Letter



*Dear friends,
My warmest greetings to you all.*

At our recent Harvest Festival, we touched on the theme of abundance. The season of Harvest is the perfect time to be thinking about the abundance of God's love and care for us, and the abundance of God's provision for us in the world. Those of you who were there will remember that we discussed some of our favourite foods, there was a huge variety! We live in a country where most people (sadly not all) have access to an incredible variety of food, and this was apparent in the many different answers from the congregation. Most of them I thoroughly agreed with, although I am still just a little uncertain about a fried egg and cheese sandwich.....

We also took time to ponder the abundance of God's love for us, as we rejoiced with Ken and Beatrice who were celebrating fifty years of marriage, their Golden Wedding! It was lovely to be able to welcome their family into church and have them join us for lunch. We focused on 1 John 4, which contains some wonderful truths. Verse 11 reads 'Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another'. Beautifully simple in intent, but not always easy to achieve. There are so many memorable verses in this passage, another of them being 'God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them'. What greater wonder could there be? The God of everything choosing to abide in us, as sinful and self-centred as we are? Abiding in us, and loving us, no matter what? Astonishing!

Autumn time is another opportunity to marvel at and celebrate the abundance of God's love for us, as demonstrated in the glory of the beauty that surrounds us. We recently celebrated this on the WhatsApp group by posting different autumn photos that we had taken. Even on a dull day, the colours of the trees or the abundance of shiny berries tells of the glory of God. When John Keats wrote of 'Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness' he describes scenes of sensory overload, a glorious, literal fruition of labour and creativity.



So, when Jesus says 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly' (John 10:10), by looking at the party of Autumn colours, and the richness of the season, we are able to glimpse a little further into the nature of God's love for us as shown in the person of Jesus Christ. Christmas is coming, when we will celebrate the abundance and depth of God's love for us in God's choosing to join us here on earth as a human being. And even if we apparently lose the vibrancy of Autumn and settle into something quieter and more still, Winter reminds us that with God, we always inhabit an abundance of potential.

I recently had a conversation with someone who had been praying for another person to come to faith. The person who was praying had been praying for this for many years. This idea of abundance was in my head when I replied. We cannot ever fully appreciate the scale, the depth, the overwhelming completeness of God's love for us. The abundance of it seeps into every situation. Psalm 139 asks:

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

God is not just with us; God is *abundantly* with us. I realise that not might make grammatical sense, but hopefully you will grasp what I mean. God is not with us wishing to be somewhere else, or with us looking wistfully in the other direction. God is with us and for us and pours out the holy presence upon us. This is why Christmas is so special, because we can see the abundance of God's love for us given in a form that we can readily understand: a beautiful baby who grows to be the kindest, most gracious, most holy, most loving demonstration of love that there ever was or will be. So, we can leave every situation we come across in God's hands, knowing that we, and the people we pray for, are loved beyond our imaginings.

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I'm not sure if this is what Keats intended, but when he wrote
*Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;*

it reminds me of all sort of things: Autumn – a time to see God in the amazing store that is the season of Harvest; a desire to seek and see God; and a small child in the shelter found for the holy family 'because there was no place for them in the inn'.

This beautiful blessing is by Avis Palmer:-

*May Christ come close to you:
in the rich riot of autumn colour,
in the kicking of crisp and crunchy leaves,
in cobwebs festooned with diamond dew,
in the first frost's glistening stillness.
May you know thrill and wonder and joy.*

Amen

And I pray that the abundance of God's love for you will become more and more obvious to you as you journey through the seasons of life.

May God bless you, those whom you love, and those you are called to love in God's name,

With my love and prayers,

Sally



In our time of Prayer - please hold in your prayers

Our housebound friends,
for those alone,
in care homes, for those who are bereaved,
for those in poor health,
anticipating or recovering from surgery,
sick, troubled in spirit,
For those seeking care and strength,
making life changing decisions.

Amen

*Lord, thank you for the promise of your peace
as companion in this life, staying with me
Regardless of circumstance,
in wind and storm, in calm and plenty
Your peace enfolds
And holds me still.*

Amen

Speak in the stillness, God, we pray
come to our hearts and meet us here. Bring us your peace for each new day
- the gift of grace to earth from heaven.

When, in the anxious rush of days, we lose our hold on faith and you,
reclaim us with your calm embrace -
the gift of grace to earth from heaven.
So may we be renewed in love, held and sustained by you alone.
Strengthened by you that we may prove
a gift of grace to earth from heaven.

Gareth Hill Singing the Faith 511

Richard Baskerville



A thanksgiving service in memory of Richard Baskerville was held at Northgate on Thursday 18th September, led by Rev Sally Jones.

Richard died on 2nd September.

Our love and prayers go to John Baskerville and all Richard's family at this time

Come and Sing West Gallery Music Carols and join in with a concert

A "Taster Day" led by "Immanuel's Ground"

Warwick's own West Gallery Quire



Saturday 29th November 2pm- 5.30pm At
Northgate Methodist Church, Barrack Street,
Warwick CV34 4TH

All music provided along with light refreshments.

Cost £12.50

The workshop will be followed by a concert at 7.00 pm

Tickets available separately £10 from Ian Meddoms at the church or on the door. Bring your friends and family to enjoy!

For more information email Hello@immanuelsground.com

Register at <https://bit.ly/4nYmf85>



'Come and Sing West Gallery Carols' a 'taster day' with Immanuel's Ground Quire on Saturday 29th November 2pm - 5pm

£12.50 including a music booklet and light refreshments.

Booking essential, see the posters for online booking details or contact Ian Meddoms

Don't be put off if you have never sung with a choir before or a long time ago - it isn't essential to read music as the choir teach the parts line by line and there will be quire members singing beside you giving friendly encouragement and an instrument playing your line. All you need is to readily pick up a tune and sing out joyfully with everyone else. It's a one-off for fun; you won't be committing to any further involvement. The carols are meant for community singing and not too difficult to learn; in some Derbyshire villages they still do it in the pubs, but they originated in church. If you're not sure if your voice is soprano, alto, tenor, or bass you can change round until you find a pitch register you are comfortable with. Everyone will have a booklet of words and nicely laid out music so, if you are a music reader, you will also be completely at home with these unique and joyful carols.

And from 7:00 p.m. to about 9:00 p.m. on the same evening in the church: A concert of seasonal words and music by Immanuel's Ground Quire. Included for people who sign up for the taster day and only £10 if you are just coming to the concert.

Evening ticket proceeds for the church - towards our community hall improvements.

Come and bring your friends to the concert, support our fund raising and welcome the coming Christmas season. **Tickets from Ian & Barbara Meddoms** or pay on the door. Interval tea and coffee and biscuits will be available - collecting basket also for church funds.

'My mate has a
Quality Street chocolate
stuck in his windpipe'

'The purple one?'

'Yes, that's him.'

Pre internet chat room using
An old version of windows...



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Churches Together in Warwick



Prayer Breakfasts - are open to all
and take place on the first **Saturday** of
each month at **8am**,

for 30 minutes of reflection and prayer,
followed by a simple breakfast.

They are led and hosted by each church in turn making them all different .

All are very welcome .

Next Prayer Breakfasts are on:-

November 1st at Warwick Methodist Church, Northgate

December 6th at Castle Hill Baptist Church

January 3rd at Redeemed Christian Church Of God

Date for your diary:-

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be from
Sunday January 18th - Sunday January 25th

PILATES

Are you looking to keep fit?

**Come to a Pilates Class on Wednesday mornings
10:00am - 11am in the Community Centre.**

*Pilates improves and helps to retain our mobility and balance,
(use it or lose it), in a fun and relaxed environment.*

*Men and women of **ALL** ages are welcome.*

Why don't you try it, you won't regret it!

For further information please contact Elaine.

Homewood Christmas Fayre



At Dale Street Methodist Church

Saturday November 29th
11am to 1:30pm



Refreshments, various stalls

Organised by the Friends of Homewood. The Friends of Homewood raise money to pay for activities and outings for the residents.



A very Happy Birthday to Pearl Adkins
who celebrated her **90th** birthday on 9th October.

Congratulations Pearl, we hope you had
a lovely day!!



FLOWER MINISTRY

**Would you like to contribute to the beautiful
fresh flower decorations that grace our sanctuary
each week?**

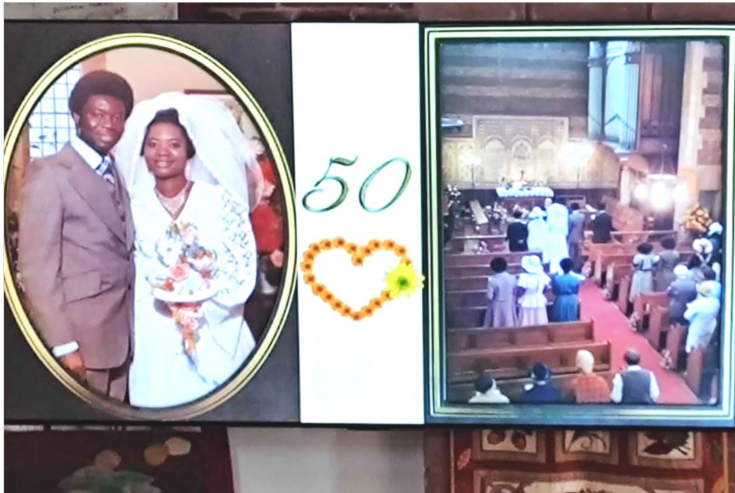


You may like to donate towards the cost, perhaps for a special date
in your calendar, help arrange the flowers,
or even do your own arrangement one week.

Did you know there is a calendar of dates on the Church Noticeboard
in the foyer for any special date
particular to you.?

See Sylvia for more details

GALLERY



Many Congratulations to Ken and Beatrice Nortey, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on September 27th.

Family and friends came to the service the following day, and a special cake was shared and enjoyed by all! They were married at Northgate, both pictures were taken at the church. Tear your eyes away from the handsome couple(!) and you will see the church as it was 50 years ago!



On Sunday, 5th October, it was Chaplaincy Sunday -

and Karen Scarrett gave us an update of her training and work with the the West Midlands Ambulance Chaplaincy team. The photographs were taken on July 7th at Brierley Hill, West Midlands Ambulance Service. The occasion was a 'Meet and Greet' with the Chief Ambulance Officer, Anthony Marsh, and fellow Chaplains.

Our best wishes to Karen, and thank you for the photos !



A Happy Event!!

Many of you will remember the Reverend Ken Broadhurst and his wife Margaret. Earlier in the year one of his son-in-law's got in touch with us to ask for proof that one of Ken's granddaughters, Margot Black, was baptised at Northgate, as she was getting married in a Greek Orthodox church in Thessaloniki.

Margot was the daughter of Ken's youngest daughter who sadly died five years ago; Clive still lives on the Stratford Road. The wedding took place in July, and Margot and Alex live in Greenwich. I bumped into Clive at Prayer Breakfast in October and asked him for some photos of the happy day, as I thought many of you would remember the family and enjoy seeing them. Margot's sister, Fabia is in one of the photos, she played an important role in the wedding, putting the rings on the happy couple's fingers, as is the custom in that tradition. It looks to have been a very happy day.



Anne Oliver



This photo was sent by Pauline Parker on 9th October. In Warwick museum there was a display about British Blind Sport which includes a contribution by her son Martyn and his ten pin bowling trophy.

Warwickshire sporting journeys

The case below features two athletes local to Warwickshire who have been involved with British Blind Sport in their sporting journeys.



Melanie Barratt

Melanie is a local blind swimmer with an outstanding career in competitive sports. She's won multiple Paralympic medals for Great Britain at the Paralympic Games, alongside many European and World titles.

In 2024, she became the first blind woman to swim across the English Channel.



Martyn Parker

Martyn Parker is the Community Engagement Officer for Warwickshire Vision Support, the primary provider of charitable and rehabilitation services for blind and partially sighted people in Warwickshire.

He has taken part in many different sporting activities and is a member of British Blind Sport. In particular he is a keen tenpin bowler.