



August 2024 Newsletter for the Peak

Hello everybody.

I am just needing to inform you that this will be the last edition of the Circuit Newsletter, and thanks to all those who have contributed over the years.

If there is anybody out there who has been yearning to be the Newsletter creator and feels a great longing to make a start, then I'm sure Julie Letts would love to hear from you.

Do please let her know if you would like to take over the role of producing the September issue!

**Love and God bless to you all,
J xx**

DISTRICT GATHERING – HIDDEN TREASURES Saturday 14 September 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Our next District Gathering will be on the theme of *Hidden Treasures*. Everyone is welcome to this free event, whether you are coming for the first time, have attended previous District Gatherings, or are a member of our synod.

Join us for a day of learning, sharing and worship with a buffet lunch provided. *Hidden Treasures* offers an opportunity to renew existing connections across our District and meet new people.

In the morning Revd Gill Newton, Chair of the District, will be sharing some of the Hidden Treasures she has encountered during her year as President of the Methodist Conference. The afternoon will be run as a "Speed-sharing" session, where you will find out more about hidden treasures that takes place in churches from across the District, and be inspired to think what you could uncover in your context.

We are delighted once again to have Matt Beckingham from Sprotbrough leading us in worship. Matt has performed for Queen Elizabeth II, conducted London Philharmonic Choir and led worship at Greenbelt Festival, Methodist Conference and many other events.

Register now for your free tickets now at <https://buytickets.at/sheffieldmethodistdistrict/1303709>

Many thanks

Neil Harland

COAT OF HOPES



Join us to remember those killed at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Sheffield City Hall steps on Tuesday August 6th 1pm

This a joint event organised by Sheffield Creative Action for Peace and Coat of Hopes . The coat, showing responses to the climate and ecological emergency, will be in Sheffield for Hiroshima day on its walk through Britain.



The Lord Mayor will be present in her role as part of the International Mayors for Peace Network. There will be brief speeches, a message from the Mayor of Hiroshima, songs from the choir for peace and a minute's silence to remember the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Following the ceremony we will gather for a craft session. There will be an opportunity to meet the Coat of Hopes and make a shared patch for it and the Cloak of Peace which Sheffield Creative Action for Peace is making

The Coat of Hopes is a patchwork pilgrim coat, on an ongoing walk through Britain.

Made, worn and walked by many hundreds of people during and since the pilgrimage on which it was created - from the south coast of England to the gates of COP 26, the UN climate summit, in Glasgow autumn 2021.

The Coat is made up of pieces of blanket into which people have worked their griefs, remembrances, prayers and hopes for the place they call home.

It walks ever calling those who encounter it, or who share it, into the present. Supported by its warmth (love) - to bear its weight (responsibility). So each might “wear the promise that we all belong together” as we seek to respond with our whole self to the climate and ecological emergency.

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YOULGRAVE CHAPEL AND THE VILLAGE WELL DRESSINGS.



The annual Well Dressing in Youlgrave initiates weeks of hard work. The village comes together to produce as many as 6 dressings – including one from the children of the village. The Dressing boards are left to soak in the river for 2 weeks, the clay is puddled by volunteers before being inserted into the frames and the beginnings of the design being marked out on the prepared clay.

The 'painting' of the picture is completed with all kinds of natural materials. The Dressings are set up on the Saturday nearest to the anniversary of the birth of John the Baptist, and visitors from far and wide

converge on the village to view them and enjoy all the village has to offer.

The Chapel is one of the focal points of the weekend where members bake everything from scones to tray bakes and deserts. Family, friends and neighbours all come together, even to the baking of a large ham to be used in the sandwich-making by a 91 year old!

The setting up and clearing of tables and chairs involves family and friends, as does the serving of tea, coffee, soft drinks and all the delicious offerings by members of the Chapel. To culminate these efforts the Youlgrave Band played for an outdoor service and a concert too. The whole well dressing activities not only bring the village community together but also is most enjoyable for the many visitors - it also returned to the Chapel coffers a grand £2,000!

Well done Youlgrave Methodist chapel!

Sheil Travis

Goodbye!
& THANK YOU