# Messenger

## Solihull Methodist Church

November 2026




# We are 'On The Way'

32 young people and 10 leaders attended **3Generate** at the NEC on the first weekend in October.

**3Generate** is the Methodist Church in Britain's annual youth assembly, taking place every October at the NEC in Birmingham. It brings children and young people aged 8 to 18 together for worship, activities, friendship, and to explore their faith, and it gives them opportunities to express their views and influence the wider church.

The 2026 3Generate theme, **"On the Way,"** framed faith as a lifelong journey of discovery and growth, inspired by Jesus describing himself as "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." It encouraged children and young people to explore their relationship with God, ask questions, and take the next steps, emphasising that the journey continues beyond the event itself.

Please take a look at our photos and come to the service of sharing on **Sunday 1st November** to hear what we learnt and how we spent our weekend.

It remains only for me to say, as I have before, how deeply proud I am of our young people from Solihull. I am so privileged to watch them grow up and how grateful I remain to be working alongside such kind, generous and wise leaders. What a team we make.

Abi Godfree

*The group from SMC*










For all the group events, everyone was encouraged to go back to their tents as shown in the top 3 photos. SMC's 3 groups sat around with a leader, each, and discussed the challenges they had been given, how they might travel on the pathway with Jesus and what it feels like once we leave 3Gen and go home to our normal lives.



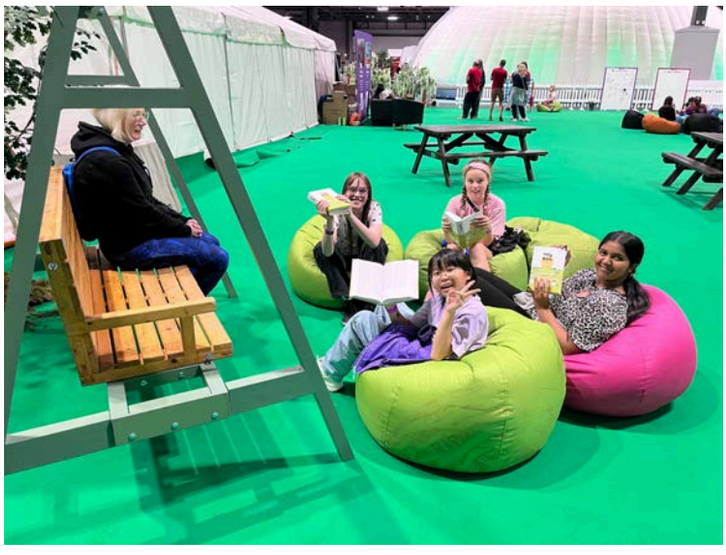
Music session



Face masks at a pamper session

A giant puppet was part of a performance which explored how we develop relationships with people who are different from ourselves and our shared responsibility to care for the environment

Relaxing session





# Minister's Message



Dear friends,

My oldest school friends, Andrew and Justin, and our first family pet, Squidge, are three of the names that are engraved in my memory. If I asked you to, could you remember those names too? Do you have similar names that are easy to recall, perhaps because they are associated with long standing shared experiences or relationships?

One or two people have kindly commented over the last few weeks that they think that I'm doing quite a good job at learning and remembering people's names. Your cooperation in wearing name badges on a Sunday, and the photobook you produced, have been an enormous help in this regard, thank you.

We recognise the importance of memory. Many of us lament a deterioration in our memories and sadly in some circumstances the loss of being able to recall names or recognize and identify friends or family can become very distressing.

The month of November offers us several opportunities to "Remember".

I'm sure, like me, many of you can still recall the old poem which began, "Remember, remember, the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot," which we used to recite to help us understand why we were creating scarecrow-like figures of Guy Fawkes, building bonfires and letting off fireworks.

At the same time, we will notice people wearing little red poppies on their clothes, then a little further into November as a nation, on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, we are encouraged to stand and declare, "We will remember them!" as we pause for our two minutes silence and acknowledgement of those who have died in the service of their country. Guy Fawkes Night, Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday are community, rather than individual acts of remembrance. I think it's tremendously helpful sometimes for us to remember together. It helps us not to forget, it keeps the memories alive and can pass their meaning and significance on to others. There's something special about remembering together.

A few days ago, my parents celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary and after a celebratory meal together, out came the official wedding photo album. Of course it was lovely to be shown the pictures, and, whilst they might have struggled on their own, between them, mum and dad were able to recollect, not only all the names, but also which faces they belonged to and, in some cases, a bit of a story about them. There's something special about remembering together.

Not just in November, but throughout the year in the life of our church family, we engage in an act of corporate memory sharing. In fact, it probably breaks all sorts of records for including the largest number of people and for having continued for the longest length of time. I'm referring to our celebration of Holy Communion. Like fireworks and poppies help us to remember events that took place years ago, so too, symbols of bread and wine, help us in our remembering of, and bringing into the present, a hugely significant part of our shared salvation history. Knowing that we don't remember on our own but do so today with believers across the globe and following the example of generations before us for 2000 years, surely makes the act of remembering all the more powerful.

Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me".
Think about this next time we share bread and wine. There's something special about remembering together.

Now, can you remember? Without looking back to the top of the page, what are the three names of my two school friends and first family pet?

God bless

*Andy*

## Remembrance Sunday

**Sunday 8th November**

**10.30 am Morning service with Holy Communion**

to be led by

**Rev Andy Moffoot**



# Church Family News

## Deaths



We share the sad news of the sudden death of **Pete Richmond**, a church member who served faithfully throughout his many years here. Pete passed away due to a ruptured aneurysm of an artery in his abdomen which led to multiple organ failure. He was surrounded by family in his last few days.

We hold his wife Ruth, and children Mark and Anna in our prayers.



It is with sadness that we have been asked to share the news that **Mrs Sandy Green** has died recently.

Sandy was a member of the church family here until a few years ago when, due to deteriorating health, she moved to be nearer family. Her son, Kevin, has shared the news that there will be a private family funeral for Sandy, being held in Surrey, on **Friday 13th November at 2:00 pm**.

The service will be live streamed so that those who would like to pay their respects by attending the service on-line can do so. The link will be available in due course from the church office.



Sadly **Rebecca Lo,** having lived with cancer for some time, died peacefully on 9th October. it was fortunate that her mother and brother were able to come from Hong Kong to be with her.



We have recently learnt of the death of **Colin Price** in the summer. Colin moved to Bradford on Avon just over a year ago to be near to his son Chris, because of failing health. He will be remembered in the church for having been Akela for the cub section of the 11th Solihull Scout Group in the 1970s and 80s. After his wife Audrey died he was a regular member at the Men's Coffee Morning.

## Prayer Box



We give thanks that Sarah Tall has completed her chemo treatment and pray for her continuing recovery

We pray for all those who are grieving at this time, remembering especially

- the family of Colin Price
- the family of Sandy Green
- the family of Rebecca Lo in Hong Kong and her friends here in the UK
- David and Sian Spiby on the death of David's father
- Ruth Richmond, Mark and Anna on the sudden death of Pete Richmond



# A Message from your Treasurer, Caroline

## Are you wanting to use the gifts that God has given you in the best way for our church?

You may be aware that I am coming to the end of my term as Treasurer (6 years next June). Treasurers can continue longer but I believe it is better for all concerned that a role like this moves on. We are therefore looking to see who God may be encouraging to consider this role.

## What skills would I need and what would be the first steps?

I am not an accountant although of course that would help! I was a Science teacher and the skills I have used have been closely related: Mathematical and IT, with an eye for detail and a willingness to learn. You will be expected to become a member of the Methodist Church if you are not already. It does take time and requires the post holder to use their initiative when the need arises but for much of the year things are flexible and can be fitted around other activities. (I have had holidays in Canada and Croatia this year and have continued as a CIE A'level examiner all the time I have been treasurer).
The first step would be to approach myself, a steward, or one of the Ways and Means Committee and we can discuss things in more detail. You will get the chance to ask your questions and get to know some of the team. Through discussion you will be able to judge if this is the right step for you.

## What are the plus points?

You will be supporting the smooth running of the church and facilitating others in their ministries. You will see what God is doing through the church in a whole new way and find you are supported by some lovely people.

Caroline Hinchliffe

# Church Council News

At the church council meeting on Monday 12th October, the council:

- Agreed the terms of reference and membership of all the committees with the amendment that anybody on the community role of the church can be on a committee, apart from the Pastoral Committee, as long as they have the correct skills for it.
- Agreed that the Children's, Youth and Family worker could be a voting member of the council.
- Approved Felix as a member of Church, Life and Mission.
- Heard how we ended the year with a surplus of £9,592. The council then agreed to give circuit an extra £6,000.
- Agreed the Finance Assistant could be a permanent contract.
- Approved 5 more hours a week for the Lettings Officer.
- Heard that the Community Hall and Room 3 development work had come in below the budget of £192,000.
- Heard that the property committee is looking at commissioning a piece of artwork for the stage and possibly for Room 3.
- Heard that the new key fob system for the MW room and Room 3 is in place. Anyone needing a fob needs to fill in a safeguarding form and contact NewDoors@Solihull-methodist.org.uk. They are also available on Sundays after church.
- Revd Andy Moffoot, on behalf of himself and Sheila, thanked everyone for their warm welcome and the preparations that were made before their arrival.
- The next church council meeting will be on Monday 8th February 2027.

Helen Banks
Church Council Secretary

# Church Project News

## YOUNGMiNDS

***YoungMinds aims to stop young people's health reaching crisis point.***

***Every young person whose mental health ends up in crisis is a young person who has been failed. The earlier young people can access the right help, the more likely it is that they avoid reaching crisis point.***

## Do you have a Sparks card?

If you do, **YoungMinds**, our church project for this year, could be your chosen charity.

Click on the link

**https://www marksandspencer.com/charity** to choose them.

If you do so, M&S will donate 1p to the charity every time you use your Sparks card.

Every little helps this amazing charity. If you need help to do this email churchproject@solihullMethodist.org.uk




## Puzzle Corner

Glen Mullineux will be raising funds for the church project by selling another Puzzle Book in time for Christmas.

Here is a taster with one of Glen's puzzles below

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**Path to Perfection**

Complete the path that goes from point A (4,5) to point B (4,5,2,2,4). In each small square it enters, the path either goes straight across or turns through 90 degrees. Four pieces of the path are shown. The path does not cross itself. The numbers above and to the right of the grid indicate how many squares are occupied by the path in each column and row respectively.

## Dates for your 2027 diary

**Saturday 27th February**

Night of Escape Rooms

**Escape Rooms**

**Saturday 17th April**

Quiz Evening with supper

**?**

Always good fun

# 2026 CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS CARD




It's time to think about sending Christmas greetings to your friends in the church family by making a donation via the Church Family Christmas Card, from which the profit will support this year's church project:

YOUNGMiNDS

Contributors' names will be added to the Christmas card which will be circulated with the December Messenger.

You can donate via cash, or cheque, or with a bank card via the church website.

***(Deadline for inclusion - Sunday 15th November)***

## TO DONATE WITH CASH OR CHEQUE

Brown collection envelopes will be on church chairs on Sundays in **November 1st, 8th and 15th**

Cheques should be made payable to 'Solihull Methodist Church'.

Enter your name(s) on the front of the envelope as you wish them to appear in the Christmas Card.

Don't forget to tick either Yes, or No, box as to whether Gift Aid can be collected from your donation.

## TO DONATE WITH A CARD VIA THE WEBSITE

(*www.solihull-methodist.org.uk*)

1. Click 'DONATE TO THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD' half way down the homepage – *Takes you to a page of guidance.*
2. Click 'DONATE' again when you have read the guidance.
3. Select 'CHRISTMAS CARD' from the list of donation funds.
4. Choose a fixed donation amount, or 'Other Amount' - enter amount and click 'DONATE'.
5. You will be asked to confirm your donation – click 'CONFIRM'.
6. IMPORTANT - ***DO NOT SKIP***!
   Enter your name(s) in the message box as you wish them to appear in the Christmas Card, eg. *John & Mary Smith*. Then click 'DONATE'
7. Enter your card details in the usual way and click 'DONATE'.
8. Answer any prompts about GiftAid as required to complete your donation.

Entering the link below, or scanning the QR code, ➢➢➢ will take you direct to the guidance page – (2) above.

*solihull-methodist.org.uk/christmas-card*

# Carol Singing Dates for your Diary

All Welcome.

**Carol Singing in the Care Homes**

Meet at SMC Car share where possible due to limited parking at most venues

Please get in touch with Diane Webb, networking@solihull-methodist.org.uk for more details.

Thursday 3rd December
Blossomfield Rose Care Home Meet SMC 10:30am

Tuesday 8th December
Fountains Care Home Meet SMC 10:30am

Wednesday 9th December
Blythe Rose Care Home Meet SMC 11:00am

Wednesday 9th December
Hampton House Meet SMC 2:00pm

Wednesday 16th December
Heathview Rose Care Home Meet SMC 2:00pm

Thursday 17th December
Royal Star and Garter Homes Meet SMC: 11:00am

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**Solihull Hospital**

Wednesday 2nd December 2:00pm

**Carol Singing at the Station**

(In aid of Birmingham Christmas Shelter)
Meet at SMC Community Centre 4:15pm

Tuesday 22rd December
Wednesday 23rd December
Thursday 24th December



# Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2026



"Teams4U is all about drawing alongside children, showing them someone cares about them and believes in them. We want to be dream-makers, the kind of people that challenge these often forgotten-about children and ask them what they want to be, what do they want to do?

We are about helping remove the obstacles that can prevent these children from achieving their hopes and plans (such as our education programmes in Romania and Develop with Dignity programme in Uganda) but we want to go deeper than that. We want to help these children believe in themselves; sow that one seed that says they can achieve what they want to achieve."

T4U
real people making a real difference



**Have you filled a Christmas shoebox yet?**

**Last day for your shoebox to be delivered to church is Sunday 18th November**

# Award of Merit

Scouts

James Coleman stepped down as chair of the 11th Solihull Scout Group and Lawrence Day stepped down as a volunteer. Both were awarded the Scout Award of Merit.






# Green Tips



## The Scourge of Plastic Water Bottles

Recently I saw a 500 ml bottle of Evian water on sale for £1.50. That's £3 for a litre! Bought in packs to drink at home it is cheaper of course, but even the cheaper brands still cost around 30p/litre.

***Did you know that is almost 120 times the cost of high quality tap water? That's only at 0.26p/litre!***

Worse, blind tasting tests show customers can't tell the difference between tap and bottled water and at a common 2 litres consumption per person per day, it is costing each of them about £200 more each year. Worse, too, is the damage done to the environment.

Making the plastic bottles needs energy. Transporting them to shops needs energy. Because far too many are just thrown away, they cause pollution. Sunshine breaks down the plastic into fragments and these contaminate the soil and get washed away into our rivers and oceans. Of course, buying a bottle when travelling is convenient but so too is filling a flask from the tap. Even at airports, where water cannot be taken through security, an empty flask can be filled at drinking water taps on the other side, as airports are now required to provide them.

## Good News about Waste Food Recycling

Cathy Coleman has told me that Shall We Talk had a great talk given by a Council officer about recycling including details of the Council's new food collection service. I have a copy of the slides which I can pass on if wanted (email rnb221061@gmail.com).

Food contains the energy collected from the sun and nutrients (in other words, fertilizer) needed to grow crops. I have written before that early sewage works spewed their contents onto farms and grew excellent crops using the fertilizer in human waste. Later sewage works separated the liquid from the soggy mess of solids (sludge) at the bottomof settlement tanks which was then (provided it was not too contaminated) spread on farmer's fields. Later works put the sludge into what were called 'digesters' which drew off gas (methane) before the rest went to farms. The gas was then used locally (the Minworth works, which treats our sewage, is powered by the gas it produces) or is added to our gas mains. The new food waste collection service will do the same thing but the beauty is that food waste is very high quality and uncontaminated. The Council slides say that the average household wastes one in five of the bags of food it buys, and costs a family of four, £840/year.




## More Good News about using Hydrogen

Although probably worsened by an exceptional El Nino effect, our long dry summer gave a worrying insight into what global warming will bring if World leaders don't convince their people to take faster action. What is encouraging, especially in this country, is how much is being done to reduce the use of fossil fuels by developing low carbon alternatives. You may wonder why I am highlighting an exceptionally fast car. It's the one that in August smashed a world speed record, covering some salt flats in America at over 400 mph!

- the reason it is so special is that it was not powered by petrol, diesel or even aviation fuel but hydrogen.
- When hydrogen is used the only byproduct is water.
- Hydrogen can be produced from renewables like wind farms.
- That is not all. The JCBHydromax uses a development of the engines already using hydrogen in a range of its world leading JCB diggers!



*Richard Balmer:*
*On behalf of the Greener Church Group: John and Linda Innes, Pam Beattie, Bryan Fitter, Anthony Gough, Sue Kelley, Derek Giles, Sue and Richard Balmer, Glen Mullineux, Sandra Ker, Jane Weatherup and Kevin Garnett.*

**We are proud to be a GREEN CHURCH caring for God's creation**

# Bookworms

The Bookworms group started in 2004. During the 22 years that Bookworms has been meeting we have read and discussed 150 books, covering a wide variety of both fiction and non-fiction, novels, biographies, Lent books etc. At our September meeting, we all bring a selection of books that we have enjoyed reading over the summer months. From these books we choose a selection to read during the coming year.

At our meetings we enjoy lively discussions, not always agreeing that a chosen book is a 'good read'! Members of the group do all agree though that we have read some very interesting books that we may not have considered had they not been a book group choice.
We all find our meetings to be a time of fellowship, friendship and support for one another.

We meet 7 or 8 times a year on a Monday afternoon from September to July in the Margaret Wharam room in the church.



We offer a warm welcome to anyone wishing to join our reading group. The next Bookworms meeting is on **Monday 23rd November** at 2.30pm.

The book we will be discussing is The Kindness of Strangers by Kate Adie. For more details contact Chris Cooke christinecooke5@googlemail.com

# Soupa Talks

Soupa Talks on Wednesday 14th October heard about the Nettlefolds and their garden at Winterbourne House and offered a fascinating insight into their lives and their appreciation of gardening.

"Nettlefold" is the "N" of "GKN", the industrial giant. Their speaker was Henrietta Lockhart, curator at Winterbourne. She explored the history of John and Margaret Nettlefold (née Chamberlain) and the importance of their garden, with particular emphasis on the flowers that brought colour, beauty and character to the landscape. The garden was clearly much more than an outdoor space, it was an extension of house, following ideas put forward by Gertrude Jekyll whose books on garden design informed some of the design at Winterbourne House. They also reflected the Nettlefolds' interest in nature and their enjoyment of creating an attractive and peaceful environment. The variety of flowers play an important part in its overall design, providing different colours, shapes and scents throughout the seasons.

Winterbourne Gardens are the University Botanic gardens in Edgbaston Park Road, B15 2RT which are well worth a visit. They also do very good lunches.



Soupa Talks provides a light lunch, chat and an interesting talk
1.00 pm in the Community Centre



**Wednesday 11th November**
**From Master Spy to Weakest Link**
Cliff Kirby- Tibbits

**Wednesday 25th November**
**Musical Miscellany**
OAP Ukelele Players




## Angel Voices

On Sunday 27th September the chancel choir, along with extra instrumentalists sang the cantata Angel Voices by Roger Jones. The work celebrated angels as they make music to God.
It ended with the hymn 'Angel voices ever ringing round thy throne of light'.

Rev Donald Ker added reflections from the book of Revelations.

## Advent Sunday 29th November

The choir will be leading worship with the musical offering "All is well" during the morning service on Sunday 29th November, the beginning of Advent.

"All is well" refers to the cry the watchman made on the city walls in ancient times whilst watching for the dawn. He is waiting for the Son of God to appear: a time for hope, and not for fear.

The music and words are by contemporary Christian writers (including Keith Getty, Amy Grant and Point of Grace) with stanzas of traditional carols blended in. They chronicle the time from the promises of Isaiah to the birth of the Messiah. This cantata is one of our congregation's favourites, so we hope you will join in the longing for "God being with us".



# Inter Faith Week 2026 Solihull

## A programme of activities created by Solihull Faiths Forum to celebrate our diversity



Tuesday 10th November - **A Place of Contemplation**
The Core Library, B91 3RG at 1pm

Wednesday 11th November - **Hindu Mandir Tour**
541, Warwick Road, Tysley, B11 2JP at 11am

Thursday 12th November - **Interfaith Walk**
starting Solihull Central Masjid, B91 3HG at 11am

Saturday 14th November - **Interfaith concert**
Shirley Methodist Church, B90 3AL from 6:15pm

Sunday 15th November - **Interfaith discussions** led by the Feast
Touchwood 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Sunday 15th November - **Origins of the Universe**
Catherine de Barnes Village Hall, B91 2TJ, from 6pm

Solihull Faiths Forum

First African Bicycle Information Organisation

# FABIO

**FABIO began in 1994 as a bicycle workshop and has grown into a charity advocating for inclusive non-motorised transport in Uganda. It uses bicycles to improve lives for people in poor households, including supporting community health through easier transport for health workers and increasing access to health centres. It also promotes bicycles to help vulnerable children, especially girls, attend school and improve retention by reducing the burden of long travel distances**



## Nadia's Story

My name is Nadia, and I am a 17-year-old secondary school senior. Thanks to FABIO's Cycle to School programme, I have a bike that enables me to cycle to school safely!
My life changed because of FABIO!

Before I had my bike, I used to have to wake up at 5 am and by 5:40 I would be able to start walking to school. In the evenings, I would get back from school at 5 pm. I would walk for 40-50 minutes in the dark to get to school from home. The time I would spend walking in the dark was not safe for me.

I didn't feel safe, but I had such a desire and motivation to get to school that I would go despite feeling uneasy. It was hard because I have no friends who live near me and no brothers or sisters to walk to school with. Sometimes, on my walk to school, wild dogs or other animals could attack me. I'd even see people meeting in the dark. I was afraid.

The worst moment of my life was when I was walking to school, and a person tried to strangle me, and I couldn't tell if they were going to just strangle me or also rape me. I survived because a passerby on a motorcycle came with their lights on and managed to scare them away.

After the assault, I felt stigmatised, and I was really struggling. It was difficult because the news of what had happened to me was broadcast on the radio. On one hand, it was good that people knew what had happened, but I don't think people considered the impact it had on me. Everyone in my school and community knew what had happened to me.

The combination of the assault and everyone knowing wasn't easy on me, but this was when FABIO intervened. They talked to me, they talked to my parents, and they stood up for me.

As well as support, they gave me a bike! This gave me a lot of hope and happiness because now I have my bike! Now, I can just go past people on my bike, and I don't hear them saying things about me. I have new hope and joy. Because of the bike, I don't have to be stressed about my safety or rushed in the mornings to make it to school.

When I finish school, I want to become a doctor or a nurse so I can help people! My mother is in full support of my education; she says, 'My daughter, you can make it!'

I think FABIO are doing very important work because there are a lot of other students like me who are benefiting from having bicycles to allow them to get to school. My heart knows how much FABIO has helped me and other young girls with bicycles to get to school!

ALL WE CAN

All We Can supports and works with this charity in Uganda because it is so important for people to have safe transport.
Donate via their website
https://www.allwecan.org.uk

## New Church Doors

New doors are being fitted to

- The Community Centre
- The Margaret Wharam Room
- The Vestry side entrance to the church

The new doors will be controlled by an electronic lock which requires a key fob. The fob will be programmed for each door.
The keys in use will not work.
Those, who currently have keys need to get a form from either Anne Kemp or Janice Smith in the office so that they can have a new fob programmed for their use.



New door to the Margaret Wharam Room



Fob needed for entry

## Anxious? Concerned?

Contact the confidential

## Prayer Chain

via Chris Giles through the Church Office

## The Messenger Team

Sue Balmer, Bryan Fitter, Kevin Garnett, Jeff Horton, Sue Kelley, Rev Andy Moffoot, Glen Mullineux, and Lawrie Rumens

Please send material for publication to messenger@solihull-methodist.org.uk
We reserve the right to edit articles if necessary.
Please send photographs separately as jpeg files

Last date for the December/January Messenger items is
**Sunday 15th November**

## Church Team



**Rev Andy Moffoot**
Minister
(Day off – Monday)



**Abi Godfree**
Children, Youth and Families worker



**Janice Smith**
Church Administrator
(Tuesday – Friday)



**Wai Kong**
Finance Assistant



**Diane Webb**
Pastoral and Community Worker



**Chris Giles**
Pastoral Coordinator



**Deborah Webb**
Church Lettings Officer

**Church Office**
**0121 705 7367**

**www.solihull-methodist.org.uk**

# November Diary 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| **1**<br>10:30 Morning service<br>'On the Way'<br>3Generate team | **2**<br>9:45 Pushchair Club<br>10:00 Shall We Talk?<br>7:30 Scouts | **3**<br>9:30 Communion<br>10:00 Bible Study<br>10:30 Men's Coffee<br>5:00 Rainbows<br>6:00 Brownies | **4**<br>9:0 Morning prayers by Zoom | **5**<br>6:00 Beavers<br>6:30 Cubs<br>8:15 Badminton | **6**<br>10:00 Cantonese Fellowship<br>6:30 Youth Club | **7** |
| **8**<br>**Remembrance Sunday**<br>10:30 Morning service with Holy Communion Rev Andy Moffoot<br>6:30 Prayer Space | **9**<br>9:45 Pushchair Club<br>10:00 Shall We Talk?<br>7:30 Scouts | **10**<br>9:30 Communion<br>10:00 Bible Study<br>10:30 Men's Coffee<br>5:00 Rainbows<br>6:00 Brownies<br>7:00 Youth study | **11**<br>9:30 Morning prayers by Zoom<br>1:00 Soupa Talks | **12**<br>6:00 Beavers<br>6:30 Cubs<br>8:15 Badminton | **13**<br>10:00 Cantonese Fellowship<br>10:30 Friendship cafe<br>6:30 Youth Club | **14** |
| **15**<br>10:30 Morning service Rev Andy Moffoot | **16**<br>9:45 Pushchair Club<br>10:00 Shall We Talk?<br>7:30 Scouts | **17**<br>9:30 Communion<br>10:00 Bible Study<br>12:30 Men's Coffee lunch<br>5:00 Rainbows<br>6:00 Brownies | **18**<br>9:30 Morning prayers by Zoom | **19**<br>9:30 Church ramble<br>6:00 Beavers<br>6:30 Cubs<br>8:15 Badminton | **20**<br>10:00 Cantonese Fellowship<br>6:30 Youth Club | **21** |
| **22**<br>10:30 Morning service Rev Nigel Collinson<br>6:30 Healing communion Rev Andy Moffoot | **23**<br>9:45 Pushchair Club<br>10:00 Shall We Talk?<br>2:30 Bookworms<br>7:30 Scouts | **24**<br>9:30 Communion<br>10:00 Bible Study<br>10:30 Men's Coffee<br>5:00 Rainbows<br>6:00 Brownies<br>7.00 Youth study | **25**<br>9:30 Morning prayers by Zoom<br>1:00 Soupa Talks | **26**<br>6:00 Beavers<br>6:30 Cubs<br>8:15 Badminton | **27**<br>10:00 Cantonese Fellowship<br>10:30 Friendship cafe<br>6:30 Youth Club | **28** |
| **29**<br>**Advent Sunday**<br>10:30 Morning service Cantata | **30**<br>9:45 Pushchair Club<br>10:00 Shall We Talk?<br>7:30 Scouts | | | | | |

## THE MIDLAND CHAMBER PLAYERS

**Friday Lunchtimes**

Shirley Methodist Church, 257 Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 3AL
tickets £10.

**Friday 20th November 2026, 1:10 pm**
**THE GUITAR IN FOCUS**

Solihull Methodist Church
Feel at Home

**Church Family Photo Album**



## Church Family Photo Album

Have you got your copy?
If not
Contact Sue Balmer

Suggested donation of £5

# Generations

We have recently been invited into two new care homes. This makes a total of six different care homes/sheltered accommodation visited during each month.

At Heathview Rose we were also invited to take Friendship Cafe style on the road. Therefore, Glen and I, took the games box. We were treated to some delicious pastries and cakes and had an interesting time playing Rummikub with the residents. We are also going to lead Worship once a month. Big thanks to Glen for his support and thanks to Heathview Rose for their welcome.

Diane Webb








# Angels for Care Homes



We are once again, planning to give out Angels this Christmas.

Can you help knit angels for us to gift to residents as we share carols, please?

Would you be able to knit a few angels for us please?

This is the link to the pattern:
www.solihull-methodist.org.uk/christmas angel

or see Board in the hall for printed version.

If you could also sew a little loop on the top that would be great. thanks.

Please let Diane know if you can help with this project?

We would seek to gather them in by
**Sunday 21st November 2026** if possible.

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