

LIFE-LINE



The Methodist Church in Mid-Warwickshire

Wellesbourne

The congregation at Wellesbourne have been busy gathering together to discern their part in God's Mission. They have now completed parts 1-3 and met with Sam McBratney and Barbara Greenwood to plan for part 4. As part of the next stage, they are going to continue to meet together and are looking forward to working together as they seek God's future.

Leaders in other part of the Circuit have been seeking advice and support from Wellesbourne Stewards. They are happy to share their story and encourage others and we thank them for that.

Video available

A video introduction is now available for download at:

<https://youtu.be/pcVR2ZHafcg>

Apologies in advance for quality



Putting the pieces together

Progress

In the first issue of *Life-Line*, we shared some news about how the first part of our Circuit Renewal Process was getting underway. Sessions 1-3 were printed and made available to local congregations.

The great news is that many of our congregations have begun to gather to share their stories, study the material and reflect on local life and mission. Work is underway across the Circuit with more planned over the summer and into September as we encourage everyone involved in Methodist life to explore with others the themes of Mission, Discernment and Church.

We acknowledge that this process has got off to an uneven start and this has worried some. We are trying to improve the communication across the Circuit but also recognise that the Spirit often works in an untidy fashion and we must resist the temptation to organise God's mission according to our own patterns.

Thanks to all for supporting this process: onward and upward!



The Ministry of the Whole People

The Methodist Conference in Nottingham received the draft statement, *Ministry in the Methodist Church* and commended it for study.

We are delighted that, as part of the *ten-squared* process, we will be looking to renew our understandings of lay ministry and invest in local people as they discover their vocations.

Conversations are currently underway with Cliff College to establish a training programme for lay ministry in our Circuit.

Good News?

We're looking for stories from around the Circuit about how our renewal process is going and inviting our different communities to share news of the great work they are doing on behalf of us all. Please send news, ideas, stories and pictures to:
s.mcbratney@methodist.org.uk

Ref:Lections

In June, we launched an exciting new venture to support the worship life of the Circuit.

We have been meeting in different churches on Monday evenings to reflect on the lectionary readings together.

It is open to anyone with an interest in worship: preachers, accompanists and all those who lead and participate in our worship services across the Circuit.

The pattern is simple: we listen to the readings, followed by a short period of input, setting the scene, followed by conversation among the group regarding interpretations, sermon ideas, as well as prayers, hymns and other worship materials. Who knows - we might even end up learning one or two new hymns to introduce on Sunday morning.

1st Monday: Whitnash (CV31 2JJ)

2nd Monday: Wellesbourne (CV35 9LR)

3rd Monday: Fenny Compton (CV47 2XT)

4th Monday: Kineton (CV35 0LL)

5th Monday: Cubbington (CV32 7NA)

