

Connections



Ashbourne Methodist
Church

May 2025



Dear Friends

Here we are, we have made it to Easter. After the journey through Lent, the journey through Holy Week with its ups and downs here we are now in the season of Easter. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Chocolate delights may abound in your home, the question is whether you can make them last for the whole of the Easter season, until we celebrate Ascension Day on 29th May – I suspect they won't last that long at The Manse.

I wonder how your journey to Easter has gone. Was it as you expected back in early March or were there unexpected surprises along the way? I wonder how the disciples found their journey to the first Easter, I suspect they had their fair share of unexpected surprises along the way. For them the most unexpected surprise was Jesus beating death, perhaps something we almost take for granted today because we've encountered the gospel narratives so many times. I often think it is good to try and consider what it was really like 2000 years ago, the first Palm Sunday, the first sharing of what has become our

communion meal, seeing Jesus' brutal death and then experiencing seeing, hearing and touching him again.

There is much happening in the world, in our country, our communities, our lives that can distract us from the amazing transformation that is Easter. Yet God sent Jesus to show that he was bigger than all of those distractions, that he was so loving that he wanted all people to be in relationship with him, that his grace reached to all people not just when we are alive but beyond our physical lives to new lives with new bodies.

Do enjoy the chocolate, I will, but do remember God's love and grace is shown so triumphantly at Easter that we should not hesitate to want to share it with others.

With continued thanks to all those who have been supporting Chris and me, I look forward to catching up with you all soon.

Blessings

Nicola

Ashbourne Circuit Family News

This May we have some special occasions to celebrate with members of our churches across the Circuit.

Firstly, there are two people who are celebrating significant birthdays! Brian Ha will be 90 on 22 May, and David Ho will be 90 on 24 May. We send them both our congratulations as they celebrate their special day.

Next we send our congratulations to Chris and John Stubbs at Brailsford Church as they celebrate their Diamond 60th Wedding Anniversary on 29 May. Hopefully another greeting card from King Charles will be on its way to you both!

Also big congratulations go to Dr Rachel S in Glasgow, who has recently achieved her PhD. You may also have read in the weekly notices that Ian M recently received an award from Ashbourne Mayor for his volunteering in the town.

We continue to think and pray for people we know who are unwell or struggling in any way. We pray for renewed health and recovery particularly for Chris D, Margaret H, Anne O, Anne Wi and Rev Nicola. There will be others you know personally who are also in need of prayer.

Wendy Haslam (pastoral secretary)

Psalm 106:1 Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Diamond Wedding

Chris and John would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make their Diamond Wedding Anniversary very special.

It was so lovely lasting for several days and with so many cards, flowers and visitors plus an extra special card from the King and Queen, and yes the tears did flow (from Chris)

WE enjoyed a lovely family meal plus a tea party for special friends both old and new plus of course sharing a cake with all of the morning worshippers on 6th April.

Thank you to everyone

Chris and John

There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"

Calling all poets

and lovers of poetry! Some readers of Connections may recall that I mentioned a few editions ago an evening of poetry that is planned for Christianity month in Ashbourne. I am pleased to say we now have a date and venue:

Home-Made Poetry Evening

Friday 2nd May

St Oswald's Church Hall

7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Admission Free. Refreshments Served.

If you write poetry please bring a poem or two along with you and be prepared to share your creation with everyone else. If it will be the first time you've done this don't worry – it's easier than you think. And you be will amongst appreciative fellow-poetry lovers. If you just want to come along and listen (and clap now and then) that's fine too, or maybe bring along your favourite poem and read it out. There will be piano music provided by Cath Brown who promises us some lively entertainment too. Poems of any description are welcome and though there will be some of a spiritual nature, anything (within the bounds of decency) goes! All Welcome,

Peter Dawson

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

Have you ever wondered what happens to supermarket flowers when past their 'sell by' date?

Here's an example.

On the Wednesday afternoon following Mothering Sunday, David received an e mail - via Nicola - from the manager at Sainsburys, along the lines of would he be able to make good use of some bouquets of flowers still in good condition?

Yes, of course!

Expecting maybe half a dozen bouquets we took just one jute bag with us. Imagine our surprise when out from the storeroom came assistant David with a cage full of beautiful bouquets. He wanted us to take them all. Quite overwhelmed, we took as many as we could carry to fit in the boot of our car.

This just happened to be on the one and only day we could make it to the lovely local cinema to watch the film Bonhoeffer. So, when the film ended it was a quick dash to the car and there was just enough evening light to deliver 20 bouquets to friends and neighbours, some but not all of whom are church members.

Everywhere we went, the recipients were shocked, surprised and amazed, but above all grateful for what was a whistle stop pastoral visit, 'saying it with flowers'.

Thank you Sainsburys.

We finally made it home at 8.30pm and tucked into much needed fish and chips!

Sue and David Leese



The Diary

Last week I was spring cleaning, and I came across a book
I wasn't in a hurry, so I thought I'd have a look
It was a long lost diary, it was there for forty years
And the first page that I opened, the ink was blobbed with tears
It was written on the evening, that my exam results were out
They weren't what I hoped for, and my future was in doubt
At the time of writing it, I didn't understand
That my life was not determined, by the paper in my hand
I was brainwashed in to thinking, if the results did not go well
That nobody would want me, and my life would be just hell
But I have learned an awful lot, since them far off school days
A person can be happy, in so many different ways
I suffered some anxiety, months of struggle and of strife
Because I thought I needed lots of points, to live a happy life
But points won't secure your happiness, neither should they make you
sad
They won't make you any better, as a loving mam or dad
Yes time is an education; it took years to work it out
That paper does not hold the power, that is often talked about
I am married now to Mary, and of children we have three
We're living in the country, we're as happy as can be
We do not own a mansion, but we have a homely gaff
When we sit down at the table, we can always have a laugh
My car is no Mercedes, but it belongs to me
And it never once has let me down, to get from A to B
I am working 50 hours a week, I have no exceptional skills
I love the job I'm doing, and my wages pay the bills
There is food upon the table, a roof above our head
A telly in the corner, and a warm and comfy bed
We are a very happy family, we are not driven by greed
We are happy and contented, and have everything we need
Contentment is between the ears, appreciate your lot
There are millions all around the world, would love what we have got
So my advice to youngsters, if you're looking for a bit?
Is, you have only got one shot at life, so make the most of it.

Peter Costello

During an impassioned sermon about death and final judgement, the pastor said forcefully, "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement." Glancing down at the front pew, he noticed a man with a big smile on his face. The minister repeated his point louder. "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement!" The man nodded and smiled even more. This really got the preacher wound up. He pounded the pulpit emphatically when he came to the ultimatum: "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement!!!" Though everyone else in the congregation was looking somber, the man in front continued to smile. Finally the preacher stepped off the platform, stood in front of the man and shouted, "I said each member of this church is going to die!" The man grinned from ear to ear. After the service was over, the preacher made a beeline for the man. "I don't get it," the preacher said in frustration. "Whenever I said, 'Each member of this church is going to die,' your smile got bigger. Why?" "I'm not a member of this church," the man replied.

MISSION MATTERS

I have just completed my first four months of getting to grips with my role as Mission Coordinator for the Circuit. My aim was quite simple. To talk to those who have been involved with supporting various overseas projects, so that I can understand what has happened

in the past and to explore their thoughts for the future.

When starting off, the one slight concern I had was, would all my meetings be focused on what can we do to raise more funds ! It was enlightening for me to learn that fund raising was not near the top of the agenda of any of the meetings I had. I learnt that most of the work carried out in the past has been focused on building relationships and partnerships and how important the power of prayer means to the communities we have been supporting.

I would like to take the opportunity to share some of my notes from each of my meetings, with the aim of increasing the awareness of the projects to both long standing members and new members. My list has made up of projects I have been made aware of since taking on the role. If any members have been involved in other projects that I am not aware of, I do apologize I have not been in touch and I very much hope we can catch up in the future.

ACT Patna Partnership, North India
Contact; John & Liz Hurfurt

I believe this is one of our longest partnerships and started in 1998 when the Bishop of Patna came to Ashbourne. Since then, there have been many visits both from Ashbourne to Patna and Patna to Ashbourne. The focus of our support has been with the St John's school in Taljhari and St Luke's hospital in Hiranpur. Prior to the pandemic the ACT Patna Partnership was sponsoring vital hostel

accommodation for 100 girls so that they could attend school away from their local villages. At just £6.00 a month it shows how a small amount can make a life changing difference. Since the Pandemic news has been quiet from the Partnership due to problems with sending funds to India. But I've just been advised by John and Liz a solution has been found and so over the coming months we should be able to report on some exciting updates. They have asked me to mention that although they are more than happy to continue as the main contacts, some new faces and support on the committee would be most welcome. So please let me know if getting involved in this project is of interest to you.

Mambabu, Sierra Leone
Contact; David and Judith Bale

Mambabu is a grass roots community development programme based in a remote area of Sierra Leone. It was set up 15 years ago in the aftermath of the civil war there to tackle conditions of extreme poverty and deprivation in a small rural community. It is a remarkable story of self-help community development and people in the Ashbourne Methodist Circuit have played an important role in supporting the programme from the early days. The programme coordinator in Sierra Leone, Matthew Bockarie, worshipped with us in Ashbourne several times during 2007/8, when the foundations of Mambabu were laid down. Look out for an article in the June issue of Connections - 'Mambabu - the first 15 years.' It is amazing what has been achieved!

Phakamisa, Pinetown Methodist Church, South Africa

Contact; Anne Wills

From the files I inherited I can see our relationship and support for Phakamisa goes back well over 10 years and was coordinated by an East Midlands Committee. Phakamisa was founded to serve and uplift impoverished communities through the provision of preschool education, together with education, resourcing and support of grandmothers and other family members. Since the pandemic there has been less activity due to various reasons. Our current Circuit contact, Anne Wills wants to stand down and so I am interested to hear from anyone who might be interested in becoming our contact for this mission project.

Friends of CRS, Kolkata, India

Contact; Joy Mallard

Cathedral Relief Service (CRS) work is focused on the city slums in Kolkata and the rural villages in the surrounding districts. Their mission is to provide education, health care and empowerment to women and children of all faiths. Our relationship with CRS started in 2015 when Joy and Ruth Mallard visited Kolkata. This was the same year John and Liz Hurfurt and Richard and Joyce Odell visited other parts of India, so I can only imagine all the planning that was involved ! Over the years Joy has visited five times. Listening to her talk about her visits it's easy to understand the impact these visits have on the

organization, knowing the support and prayers they are receiving from the other side of the world.

Jonathan and Isabel Hill, Zimbabwe
Contact; Vacant

The Circuit's relationship and support for Jonathan and Isabel goes back many years and since they became mission partners in Zimbabwe. At the end of last year we heard that they had retired as mission partners and were back in Staffordshire with Jonathan's mother for three months. In March Joyce heard from them back in Zimbabwe and they are carrying out much of their previous work at the Hillside Methodist Church in the Bulawayo District. Hopefully we will receive more news over the coming months. As Richard has now stood down I would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in becoming the main contact for this long standing relationship.

Mbungoni Methodist Church, Kenya
Contact; Rachel Murt

At the beginning of the year I had the pleasure of reading Sister Merle's book, "From Kniveton to Kenya." It's an inspiring story and copies of the book are still available from John Dyster. It was only after reading the book that I learnt Rachel had visited the same part of Kenya in 20** and since then her and a small group have been involved with various projects with the M'Bungoni Methodist Church, including most recently members of the Circuit supported the building of a new toilet block. In a recent report I read about how

the Church is aiming to grow their Junior Church Ministry (JCM) and Rachel is currently looking at ways to support this work.

Although this report is focused on various overseas' s mission projects, in closing, it would be remiss of me not to mention the largest outreach and mission project the Circuit has ever undertaken, The Link Project. It's truly inspiring to witness the numerous teams of people working towards the completion of this project in the Spring of 2026.

Please hold in your prayers all the above projects and all those involved, as God leads them to carry out his purpose.

"In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but . . . to the interests of the others" ([Philippians 2:3-4](#)).

God Bless

Crispin Scott

Love Continues

Grief is not a fleeting phase,
Nor a storm that swiftly clears.
It lingers, reshapes, and stays,
A silent partner through the years.

The world expects a swift release,

An end to tears, a closing door.
But loss removes our inner peace,
Rewrites the life we knew before.

When loved ones leave, time marches on,
Seasons change, the earth rotates.
Yet in our hearts, they're never gone;
Their absence permanently weights.

Places once filled with their laughter
Now echo with a hollow tone.
Shared moments haunt us thereafter,
Reminders that we're now alone.

Some may ask, "Are you still grieving?"
As if time's passage heals the ache.
But grief is not for our relieving;
It's love that death cannot unmake.

In grief, there's strength, a resilience found,
In carrying memories, learning to live.
Honouring what was, while moving around,
Proof that love continues to give.

So let grief be, without shame or fear.
It's not a weakness to display.
It's love's echo, ever clear,
A testament that will not decay.

For grief and love are intertwined,
Two sides of a coin, a single thread.
In mourning, love is redefined,
A lasting bond that is not dead.

Embrace the sorrow, honour the pain,
For in their midst, love's light is cast.

Through tears and heartache, we sustain
The memory of a love that lasts.

Mark Waldrop



ENGLESEA BROOK CHAPEL AND MUSEUM OF PRIMITIVE METHODISM

Englesea Brook is only an hour's drive from Ashbourne,
set in beautiful countryside, and well worth a visit.

In addition to all its usual displays, this year it is exploring the lives of Primitive Methodists beyond chapel worship; Prims at home, Prims at play and Prims on holiday.

We will be the volunteers on duty on the following Saturdays and would love to welcome you.

26 April

17 May

21 June

12 July

16 August

27 September

11 October

The museum is open April-July; Thursday - Saturday 11am-3pm and Sundays 2-4pm, plus Tuesdays and Wednesdays during August.

Admission is FREE - donations welcome.

Drinks and home made cakes always available

Beautiful patio and lawn for picnics.

More details can be found at www.engleseabrook.org.uk
or on its Facebook page
or contact us!

Sue and David Leese

On a Journey

I have started on a Journey, it's not a dawdle or a race

It might even take a lifetime, depending on the pace.

And though I might fall and stumble along the way
It's a journey I'm committed to, each and every day.

I set out knowing little, much less than I thought I
knew,

What the journey would entail, and what I might put
myself through

Each small step has been like a giant step to me,
And the further that I travel, the more that I will see.

The more that I learn, means the more that I will
grow,

And the further that I travel, the more seeds that I will
sow.

I am starting now to see, what my own eyes b=never
saw,

And my own ears never heard, in the life I lived
before.

Though my journey is unique, I know that I am not on
my own,

My fellow travellers will help me, and I'll never be
alone.

I am showered with every blessing my heart feels so
on fire,

And although this journey may be tough, my feet will never tire.

Although this journey's very long, my destinations very clear,

And though I've still much to learn, there is nothing that I fear.

I am filled by His Spirit, I am saved by his grace,

And at my destination, I will see Jesus face to face.

Derek Marshall – Preaching in Verse.

T Lord's Prayer

Ahr Fattther, 'oo art in Eaven

Let thy name bi shown respect

Let thy Kingdon come abaht—

An' what tha wants doin', Lord let it bi done—

'Ere on earth

Same as up yonder:

Gi'e us each day

Summat to eyt an' sup;

An' let us off, Lord,

If we've offended Thee bi doin' owt wrong—
An' 'elp us nut to 'od grudges
Agen other fowk
If the've done owt to offend us;
An' keep us aht o't' rooad of temptation,
An' aht o't' clutches of Owd Nick,
Fer it's all thine is t'Kingdon, Lord
An' all t' Pahr, an' all t'Glooary,
Fer ivver and' ivver..
Aye! It is that!

Christian Aid

Christian Aid is a charity that works with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to.

Christian Aid Week is the UK's longest-running fundraising week, having been held every year since 1957. It's a special time when we come together to fight extreme poverty. This year the focus is on Guatemala, where the climate crisis is intensifying, harvests are failing, and families relying on their own farms to supply their daily food are hit hardest. Aurelia



says “Climate change is getting worse every day. It’s killing our plantations and it’s killing us”.

But there is hope!

Aurelia joined the Christian Aid training programme and gained the skills and knowledge to cultivate native seeds that are better suited to the changing climate. She’s producing her own organic fertiliser, creating nurseries, constructing rainwater collection systems, and making nutritious food and medicine for her chickens.

Thanks to Aurelia’s ever-growing knowledge base, she’s now cultivating cacao, sugarcane, cinnamon, corn and pineapples. It’s steady progress that holds promise. Aurelia’s resolute hope has also inspired her to develop and lead other activities in her community, including producing chocolate, establishing a farmers’ market, and fighting for women’s rights.

Supporting Christian Aid with friends from other churches

For many years, Christians from Ashbourne’s churches have joined together to ‘give, act, pray’ with Christian Aid during Christian Aid Week and during the Tissington Well Dressings.

Our Christian Aid Week collection and Tissington Well Dressings are organised as part of Ashbourne Churches Together, and we get lots of support – so you’ll be in good company if you join in!

Here’s how you can get involved:

- Can you pray for the work of Christian Aid? We ask for your prayers for our local fundraising, and for the work of Christian Aid as they support the most vulnerable people and campaign for a fairer world.

Christian Aid Week Collections

- Can you help to deliver donation envelopes to the houses of Ashbourne during Christian Aid week which is 11th – 17th May. We aim to deliver an envelope to every house this year, including the new estates, to enable everyone to give if they would like to.
- Can you offer your letterbox as a drop-off point for envelopes? You'll get a small poster to display by your front door, and we'll put a sticker on each envelope to tell people where their local drop-off point is. We aim to have one letterbox for every small area. We'll collect the envelopes from you at the end of the week for counting. If you live in a village and would like to deliver around your village, please let us know.
- During Christian Aid Week in 2024, we raised £2126.56.

Cake Stall at Tissington Well Dressings

- Can you bake something for the cake stall at Tissington Well Dressings. This is from 29th May – 1st June. We normally sell about 1000 pieces of cake over the four day period, so we need lots of bakers! Please let us know what day you can

bake for and how many portions, and we'll let you know the drop-off location in Ashbourne.

- Can you help to sell the cakes in Tissington? We have slots available between 10am and 4pm on each of the 4 days. It's a lovely event and before/after you might like to walk around the village and see the wells.

Last year, we raised a grand total of **£3751.46** for Christian Aid, from Christian Aid Week donations and the Tissington Cake Stall. Will you help us this year, as we support the work of Christian Aid around the world.

Please get in touch with Catherine Green if you can help. 01335 300338

One night a lady came home from her weekly prayer meeting, found she was being robbed, and she shouted out, "Acts 2:38: 'Repent & be baptized & your sins will be forgiven.'" The robber quickly gave up & the lady rang the police. While handcuffing the criminal, a policeman said, "Gee mate, you gave up pretty easily. How come you gave up so quickly?" The robber said, "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"

Ashbourne Circuit Church Services

Please check the website for the most current information,
<https://www.ashbournemethodist.org.uk/news>.

SUNDAY APRIL 20TH

EASTER DAY

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev Nicola Briggs	All Age
			Holy Communion
	18:30	Rev Nicola Briggs	PRAISE,
			Holy Communion
Brailsford	10:30	Revd David Leese	Holy Communion
Tissington	10:30	Rev John Hellyer	Holy Communion

SUNDAY APRIL 27TH

Ashbourne	10:30	Lorraine Hawkins	
Brailsford	15:00	At All Saints	
Kirk Ireton	18:30	Rev David Leese	Songs of Praise
Kniveton	11:00	Ann Parkinson	

SUNDAY MAY 4th

Ashbourne	10:30	Fiona Green	All Age
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	16:30	Tim Dutton	Songs of Praise
Brailsford	10:30	Tracy Dawson	All Age
Parwich	14:30	Peter Dawson	

SUNDAY MAY 11TH

	10:00	Muddy Church	Brailsford area
Ashbourne	10:30	Paul Taylor	
Brailsford	10:45	At All Saints	
Kniveton	14:30	Rev John Hellyer	Holy Communion

SUNDAY MAY 18TH

Ashbourne	10:30	Allan Shaw	
	18:30	Gareth Rutledge	PRAISE
Brailsford	10:30	Rev Nicola Briggs	
Tissington	10:30	Peter Dawson	

SUNDAY MAY 25TH

Ashbourne	10:30	Rev Nicola Briggs	Holy Communion
Brailsford	15:00	At All Saints	
Kirk Ireton	18:30	Rev Nicola Briggs	Holy Communion, Chapel Anniversary
Kniveton	11:00	John Dyster	

THURSDAY MAY 29TH

Tissington	11:00		Well Dressing Service
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Dates for your diary and your prayers

APRIL

Thu 17th	19:30	Maundy Service at Tissington Chapel ACT walk the Cross up Thorpe Cloud
Fri 18th	10:00	Good Friday Service at Hilltop School
Fri 18th	12:00	ACT Walk of Witness
Sat 19th	11:00	Holy Saturday Walk at Milldale
	14:00	Holy Saturday service at Milldale
Sun 20th	10:30	Easter Day - Ashbourne All Age Holy Communion service
Sun 20th	18:30	Easter Day – Praise service with Holy Communion at St Oswald’s Church Hall
Tue 29th	19:00	Launch of Christianity Month at Littleover Methodist Church
Wed 30th	19:30	Ashbourne Annual Church meeting at Brailsford Methodist Church

MAY

Sat 3rd – Mon 5th		VE Celebration – displays at All Saints Church Brailsford
Thu 8th	12:00	Fish and Chips Church at St Oswald’s Hall
Sat 10th	10:00	Advanced Safeguarding Training at Brailsford Chapel
Sun 11th - Sat 17th		Christian Aid Week
Fri 16th	18:00	Gospel Magic at Brailsford Institute
Fri 23rd	10:00	Circuit Leadership Team Meeting

Wed 28th 19:30 Local Preachers & Worship Leaders meeting

Thu 29th 11:00 Tissington Well Dressing Service

JUNE

Wed 4th 19:00 Milldale 190th Chapel Anniversary

Sat 7th 10:00 District Safeguarding Conference, Nuthall Church – Memory Loss & Dementia

Sat 14th 19:00 Kimber's Men in Concert at All Saints Church, Brailsford

Tue 24th 19:30 Circuit Meeting at Tissington Chapel

Sun 29th Parwich Wakes begins

If you would like your event in this diary, please let Carole Thorpe know at circuitadmin@ashbournemethodist.org.uk or 346535.

What is My Story? Saturday 14th June

Do you struggle to share your faith journey with others? What does the Bible say about testimony? The District has arranged an event at The Hope Centre, Derby DE1 1LL to

give you some ideas. It starts at 10am until 4pm with lunch included.

To book or for further details email Suzanne Morton - dme@methodist-nd.org.uk or find via Eventbrite.



**WHAT IS
MY STORY?**

The Art of
ENGAGEMENT

**SATURDAY
14TH JUNE
2025,
THE HOPE
CENTRE, DERBY
DE1 1LL
10AM-4PM
LUNCH
INCLUDED**

**A day exploring how to share our faith journeys
with others...**

What does the Bible say about testimony?
How can we share our own story of faith?

The Methodist Way of Life
Models of testimony

To book or for further details
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via eventbrite

 **Nottingham and Derby
Methodist District**

2025 Safeguarding Conference

Will be held on Saturday 7th June from 10am until 1.30pm at Nuthall Methodist Church, NG16 1DP. The theme of this year's is **"FORGET ME NOT? A SENSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE RESPONSE TO MEMORY LOSS AND DEMENTIA"**.

If you would like to attend and would like transport, contact Carole Thorpe on circuitadmin@ashbournemethodist.org.uk or 346535.

**DISTRICT SAFEGUARDING
CONFERENCE 2025**



"FORGET ME NOT" A SENSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE RESPONSE TO MEMORY LOSS AND DEMENTIA

**SATURDAY 7TH JUNE
10:00am - 1:30pm
NUTHALL METHODIST CHURCH**

An opportunity to:

- ✿ Find out how we can support those with memory loss and dementia, their carers and families in our churches and communities.
- ✿ Learn more about creating a dementia friendly space.
- ✿ Raise your awareness of the signs of early onset dementia.
- ✿ Consider how we can create a good safeguarding culture for those affected.



Why not bring your lunch and continue the conversation?
Cakes will be provided by members of the District
Safeguarding Group (DSG)

To book a place:
Follow the link
<https://forms.gle/7erUg3V7TzUSGPNP7>
Scan the code
Email Rosie.padistrictsafeguarding@methodist-nd.org.uk



The Inaugural Edward Rogers Memorial Lecture

on the theme *The Spirit that Crosses Borders*.

The Virtues of Compassion, Mercy & Justice Must
Shape the World We Will Live In

Given by Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño of The United
Methodist Church, the second-largest Protestant
denomination in the USA.

Thursday 5 June, 3.15pm (UK Time)

Venue: Online & Wesley Methodist Church, Cambridge

For further information and to register to attend either
online or in-person visit [ticketsource.co.uk/wesley-
house/the-spirit-that-crosses-borders/e-bvjooy](https://ticketsource.co.uk/wesley-house/the-spirit-that-crosses-borders/e-bvjooy)

Connections Magazine for June -please may I have all
the material for inclusion by Sunday 11th May via email
to clifflewer@aol.com or by hand.

WW2 80 Years on:
A celebration of VE Day 1945 – 2025
at All Saints Church Brailsford



Exhibition of WW2 memorabilia

Our book launch:

'Memories of WW2 80 Years On'

Also on display will be our community Poppy Waterfall, floral decorations
and The Holocaust 80 Candles Memorial Quilt by Every Stitch a Story

Saturday 3rd May 9.30am – 3.30pm

Osmaston Wind Band playing from 1.30pm

Sunday 4th May 1.00pm – 3.30pm

Monday 5th May 10.30am – 3.30pm

2.00pm Bringing our family memories to life
through words and music

Refreshments available throughout

'Together in Celebration'



Brailsford and Ednaston Churches Together

