



Circuit Team News!

I'm Libby, the new Community Chaplain for Rose Hill, based at the Methodist Church. My role is roughly divided into helping manage Community Cupboard – the food bank at the church, helping raise awareness of the church in the local area, and helping raise the church's awareness of some of the needs of the local area. I do this through being part of the community - visiting the primary school and various organised groups from bingo to youth club, and doing walkabouts in the local area in my snazzy chaplain's uniform! People in the community call me "social worker", "outreach officer", "community worker".

If you'd like to know more about what I do, drop me a line:

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Libby



Clare

Hi I'm Clare Megarity,

I have recently been appointed to the position of Church and Community worker at Lime Walk Church Headington. My role includes welcoming all to the weekly drop in on a Tuesday at 2-4pm in the Methodist Hall New High Street and the weekly feel good fitness group which also runs in the Methodist hall every Thursday 12.15 -1pm. You can also find me at the church when it is open to all every Thursday 10 - 11.30am.

So far I am building relationships with Age UK, the local Health centre and Headington Action. In the future I hope to be of support and encouragement to the local care homes, schools and the University.

Hi, I'm Mel and I have been working at Wesley Mem as Children, Families and Outreach worker for the last 3 years. I now have some circuit responsibility for developing our work with children and young people and hope to run several circuit events over the next year aimed at resourcing leaders and connecting all our youth with the wider circuit. Any offers of help or wise ideas are very welcome!

My role at Wesley Mem involves leading prayer services, welcoming visitors, singing with toddlers, chatting with people at our coffee morning, doing school assemblies, co-leading our Tuesday Fellowship group, running outreach events and leading our church children and youth programme. Do get in touch!

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Mel

3Generate 2019

A group of 6 excitable young people aged between 8 and 13, plus three intrepid leaders will be attending the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly '3Generate' in Pontins, Southport at the end of November. As well as being an event crammed full with fun activities, 3Generate offers a chance for youth to explore their faith surrounded by other young people. Very importantly it is also an opportunity for our young people to share their views about what issues the Methodist Connexion should focus on in the coming year(s). These ideas are turned into a manifesto which is then sent to each church. Please take note of it when planning for your Church Mission, and know that our circuit has played a part in its creation!

Mel McCulloch

Bladon Junior Church Show

What better way to spend a dark evening than in a warm church being entertained by an enthusiastic and accomplished group of young people as they performed 42nd Street. This is what we had the privilege of doing on Friday 1st November when we ventured into the dark streets of Bladon to take our seats in the Methodist Church along with 100 others to await the latest production from Bladon Junior Church.

A couple of lines from the show struck me as we watched:

Mr Marsh, the Producer, who is trying to put on a new show says to one of his actors "*Just look at yourself – a speck of dust on this stage, indistinguishable from the forty other specks of dust I put there!*"

But the actor replies "*I know that, Mr. Marsh. But put all those specks together, you have something alive and beautiful that can reach out to a thousand people we've never seen before.*"

And this is exactly what the team at Bladon Junior Church did – creating an engaging, lively, beautiful show from the cast of nearly 40 young people that reached out to maybe 500 people across the week. None of those on stage could be described as 'indistinguishable specks' – from the 6 year olds with their comedy cameos through the amazing dancing and singing chorus to the lead roles, everyone put their heart and soul into the show and that came across very clearly. They were all enjoying themselves and were a credit to the production team who had got them to this standard in just 7 weeks.

The work and commitment from all involved was plain to see, from the welcome at the door, through the home-made refreshments in the interval, to the energy, enthusiasm and amazing production on stage with associated lighting effects, sound and costumes. None of this happens by chance and the number of volunteers and helpers who have worked behind the scenes to make this such a success should be commended as should the commitment and work put in by the cast. We look forward to what Bladon Junior Church put on next year with anticipation!

Carol Carter