



CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH

Monthly Notices – August 2026

Our Minister: Rev. Bethany Willers

To contact us please email: caldicotmc@gmail.com and your query will be directed to the relevant person.

Please note that Rev. Bethany is on Sabbatical Leave and then Connexional Business from the 24th August – 30th November inclusive.

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

So much has happened since I last wrote to you in this format.

On Sunday 07 June, we shared in worship the news that I will not be seeking re-invitation in the Newport and Lower Wye Circuit. While this means I will be moving on in August of 2027, it also means we still have a year together! I look forward to seeing what we can do together in the time we have left.

The following week, on the 10th, I received a phone call from my father, telling me that my mother had taken a turn for the worse. At the urging of my colleagues, I quickly booked a flight home, and I'm so glad I went when I did. I arrived in Iowa on the evening of the 12th, and my mother passed away in the early hours of the 18th. Her sister and I were with her when she passed, and I will forever be grateful that I was there.

I want to thank everyone who stepped up and covered worship and other responsibilities while I was away on such short notice. I really cannot thank you enough. I also appreciate the many cards sent and prayers said on my family's behalf.

Looking ahead, I will begin my three-month sabbatical on 24 August, and it goes through 22 November. I will return to work with a week in Milton Keynes serving on a connexional committee from 23-27 November, and I will restart my work in the circuit on 1 December. With everything that has happened in my life this summer, the sabbatical seems exceptionally well-timed. I will still be grieving and sorting through how my life has changed, and I look forward to having extra time and space to do so.

I look forward to returning to be with you all for a final Advent and Christmas season; I hope to return refreshed and renewed and with more energy for continuing in ministry.

Blessings,
Bethany

We welcome all who worship with us

Sunday mornings @ 10:00 in the church and available on Zoom
For further details or to request the Zoom link, please contact Jack Healey or Gareth Edwards at caldicotmc@gmail.com

Planned preachers in August:

2nd August – Rev'd Bethany Willers (Creative Church)

9th August – Barbara Davies (Local Arrangement)

16th August – Rev'd Bethany Willers (Holy Communion)

23rd August – Rev'd Bethany Willers

30th August – Paula Farr (Worship Leader)

Other Diary Dates:

- **Saturday 8th August – 9am – 10am – Prayer Breakfast**
- **No Recharge Café Church or Friends and Neighbours during August**
- **COFFEE MORNINGS: Every Tuesday & Friday from 9:30am**

Methodist Fund for World Mission

The total raised from the boxes this year was £200.54. Many thanks to all who supported

To submit notices for September please contact Lin/Jack Healey by 21st August