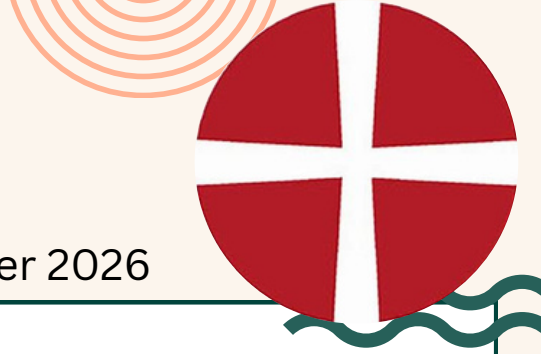


Burnley & Pendle

Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 15th September - Monday 28th September 2026



Please pray ...

- for the conversations with the Great Harwood Circuit about a possible uniting of our circuits. For their Circuit Meeting on Wednesday 16th where they will decide whether to support the merger.
- for the visit of Daoud Nassar to our Circuit and for the meeting at Higherford on Monday 28th September where we will have an opportunity to hear him speak about life in the Tent of Nations Farm on the West Bank.
- for our farmers, growers and all who work in agriculture. In this particularly difficult year we ask that God may be their strength when they are weary, their comfort when they are grieving and their hope when the future feels uncertain.

Following Education Sunday, we join together in this prayer:

God, our guide and teacher, teach us to honour the wisdom of every age – the curiosity of children, the questions of young people, the experience of adults and the stories of our elders. Shape our learning so that we grow together in faith, encouraging one another and especially supporting those who are beginning a new academic year. Bless all who teach and all who learn; may your Spirit make us into a community that listens deeply, shares generously and helps one another to flourish. Amen.

Message from Revd Steven Donnison

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for the warm welcome you have given me, Alish, Ellenor, Harriet and Jonah as we have moved to Lancashire. A special thank you to those of you who baked for us in the first few weeks – those baked goods really kept us going when the boxes were still all around us! Most importantly, thank you for your prayers that have covered us over the last few months. As I said at the welcome service, we are so looking forward to coming alongside the people of the Burnley and Pendle Circuit as we join you in discerning where God is at work and serve him in mission and ministry.

We are only starting to discover some of what the local area has to offer so please do share your top tips and local knowledge with us by ping me an email. Whether it's good takes aways, nice days out, reliable car garages or anything else you enjoy about where we live, we'd love to know.

'Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen' (Ephesians 3: 20-21).

Upcoming Circuit Event

- Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 3rd October . Further details in the next newsletter.

Upcoming Church Events

- Ann and Trudy's Sri Lankan Adventure on Friday 18th September at 7.30pm at Higherford Church. See poster below
- Palestine-Israel on Monday 28th September from 6.30pm at Higherford Church. See poster below
- Coffee Hub Extra on Thursday 8th October 2-4pm at Wheatley Lane Church. See poster below

Invitation

**HIGHERFORD METHODIST
CHURCH CELEBRATES 35 years**

Church
ANNIVERSARY

GIFT WEEKEND

Saturday 3rd October Coffee Morning
Sunday 4th October 11am worship led by

Rev Derek North

followed by a buffet lunch



**EVERYONE WELCOME
JOIN IN THE CELEBRATIONS**

Encounter 2027

We are looking for churches to host the following two Circuit Encounter events next year:

Saturday 23rd January - Rev Tony Graff

Saturday 14th August - Jemma Wraight

Please contact Kath Heyworth if you can host one of the above events.

Thanks

kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk

Fairtrade Fortnight - 21st September - 4th October, 2026

Did you know that on the Fairtrade website there is a wealth of resources for the Fairtrade Fortnight 2026.

As Christian's and followers of Jesus we are encouraged to treat others fairly, so please look at the resources and see how you can use them in your Church.

Request for cakes

The next heritage event focusing on Methodist Education in Burnley and Pendle will be on Saturday 17th October at Padiham Road Church. We are looking for some cakes to serve with tea and coffee. If you can bake a cake or donate one please contact Kathryn Yates 01282 458912. Thank you

Community

Women For Peace Present.
Friday 25th September | 7pm - 9pm
 Silverman Hall, Pendle Street, Nelson BB9 7NH

**THE VOICE OF
HIND RAJAB**

A FILM BY
KAOUTHER BEN HANIA

15+

Tickets £10 – Light refreshments included

All money raised will go to the Palestinian people suffering great hardship in Gaza and the West Bank.

Contact: Kathleen 07951113367



District



Methodist Women
in Britain

NWE District

Lancashire MWiB Half Day

At

**BAMBER BRIDGE METHODIST
CHURCH**

Station Rd, Preston. PR5 6ED

On

**THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER
2-4pm**

From Lancashire to New Zealand
Latest news from home and abroad

Please support this afternoon, bring a friend and enjoy a cuppa and a chat as we explore MWiB.



Next Circuit Newsletter

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 29th September 2026. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 28th September 2026.

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Posters

*Ann and Trudy's
Sri Lankan Adventure*

Friday 18th September 7.00pm

Higherford Methodist Church

Corned Beef Hash Supper

£8.00 Names to Trudy on 07738 002426



Shalom
Peace
Salam

PALESTINE-ISRAEL

**WOMEN FOR PEACE BURNLEY INVITE YOU
TO COME AND HEAR DAOUD NASSAR**

a Palestinian farmer from the
Tent of Nations Farm in the West Bank
MOTTO - WE REFUSE TO BE ENEMIES

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

6.30pm Brew and Nibbles

7pm Start

Higherford Methodist Church,
Gisburn Road, Barrowford,
Nelson BB9 6JH

Contact Bea Foster on 07875517043
bea_foster@hotmail.com

DONATIONS WELCOME

COFFEE HUB EXTRA Workshop

Join us on the second Thursday
in the month

**Thursday 8th October
2-4pm**

**Autumn Stitch and Sew
workshop with Claire.**
**Come along and have a go at
making a gift or two,**

Coffee and cake will be served.
Small donations accepted.

**Wheatley Lane Methodist Church
(next to the school) BB12 9ED**

For further details:
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