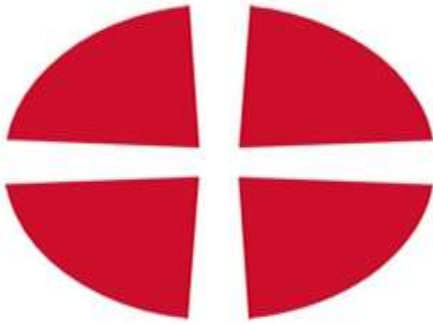




BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 7th November 2023

Prayer time

A prayer of petition for those affected by war

God of justice and peace we pray for those who have been injured or disabled through war. For those who have lost homes and security through conflict; for those who have lost loved relatives in wars; for those who face danger and take risks for peace; for all those, especially children, caught up in current conflicts; for refugees and all those in need of aid and other help. God of encouragement and Saviour of the despairing, comfort those who remember past sacrifices and guide us in building a just and peaceful community for all.

Amen.

Please pray:

- In this week of remembrance, we remember and pray for those who have been injured and have given their lives in times of conflict and war. We also pray that all people and nations may learn the ways of peace.
- We pray for an end to the Israel-Palestine conflict, that the violence and loss of life may cease, that there may be a recognition of the dignity and value of every human life, that those with power and influence may work for justice, mercy and peace.
- We pray for Burnley borough council following the resignation of eleven of their members from the Labour Party in response to Keir Starmer's refusal to call for a ceasefire in the Gaza war.

Church Events this week

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Christ Church



- As we enter Inter Faith Week on Sunday 12th, we pray for a strengthening of relationships between people from different faith communities. We celebrate the positive contributions that these groups are making to our neighbourhoods. We pray for those organisations like Building Bridges Burnley where people from a variety of communities work side by side with each other.
- We thank God for our school in Hapton, following a successful Ofsted report where it was rated as good in all areas and where the children were acknowledged to be happy, safe and flourishing.
- We pray for the Methodist Church Stationing Committee as they meet to match circuit's with the ministers available for appointments; that the members of the committee may discern where the needs are greatest and be able to meet those needs; that we as a circuit may make wise decisions about our future, whatever the result of our application.
- We pray for Revd Dr James N Tebbutt who has been recommended to The Methodist Conference to be the Chair of the new North West District of which our circuit will be a part.

Prayer Requests

Please forward your prayer requests to Suba who will then forward them, in confidence, to the Circuit Prayer Warriors. Subashriedbarg91@gmail.com

War Memorial that was at Parkside

Grateful thanks to Howard for overseeing the removal of the War Memorial from Parkside to its new home in the entrance at Burnley Cemetery Chapel (Rossendale Road entrance). To mark this occasion there will be a blessing service this coming Saturday, 11th November at 10.45am - this will enable us to also observe the 2 minutes silence at 11am. Revd Tony Graff will lead the service and it is hoped as many people as possible will be able to attend.

Wheatley Lane



Future Circuit Events

Circuit Messy Church

Friday 1st December 4-5.30pm at Christ Church, Nelson. Food, Crafts and Bible stories

Circuit Advent Worship



Circuit Service on 19th November at 6pm

On 19th November at 6pm at Central there will be a Circuit Service for Healing and Wholeness. This will include, for those who want it, an opportunity to receive the laying on of hands. In the introduction to the service on page 407 of the Methodist Worship Book, it says, "we bring to God our own frailty and brokenness - felt not just in physical illness, but in guilt, anxiety and all the burdens which weigh us down". We all need God's healing and mending grace. God wants to give you good things. God wants to set you free from all that hurts or harms you in body, mind or spirit. This service will be an opportunity for you to open yourself to this particular aspect of God's power and love. If you are able to come, we would love to share this service with you.

Red Tony Graff & Bea Foster

District

Statement for the Churches in the Districts forming into the North West England District.

The Synods of each of the Districts forming the new North West England District, have agreed to nominate to the Conference that the Revd Dr James N Tebbutt be designated to be the Chair of the North West England District from 1 September 2024. This will be for an initial period of 6 years, subject to the annual stationing of the Conference. Dr Tebbutt currently serves as Chair of the Cumbria District and has been part of the regional review group guiding the process of merger.

This recommendation was agreed by each of the Synods on Saturday 4th November, meeting collectively, but voting separately by ballot, and resulting from the relevant processes under Standing Order 423A.

Please pray for all involved in this discernment, and those impacted by this nomination who will be further discerning God's calling upon their lives and ministry in the coming weeks and months.

Issued on behalf of the Synods of Bolton & Rochdale, Cumbria, Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester and Stockport Districts. Prepared by Stephen Cooper,

Future Church Events

Christ Church

Tuesday 14th November 12noon – Community lunch, 2 courses at £4 per person. Everyone welcome.



Padiham Road



Convenor of the Chairs Nomination Committee on behalf of the Chairs of District.

MWIB

Ladies, would you like a mini break in February 2024?

Bookings are now being taken for the District Methodist Women's Conference, held at the Glendower Hotel in St Anne's on 5th-6th February, 2024. The Theme will be "The Lord is my Shepherd" led by Deacon Denise Creed. Denise has a love for easy crafts, women in the Bible and living by the sea.

The Conference begins with lunch on Monday and concludes on Tuesday afternoon after the final session. Good food, lovely hotel and great fellowship. Get your booking form now.

Cost will be £135. Contact Sheila Chadwick, tel. Mobile 07553456745 or email

shenevchadwick181@gmail.com

Completed forms need to be returned by 4th December 2023.

Community



Please contact Bea Foster 07875517043 for tickets.

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BURNLEY FOR ALL

An informal evening with a variety of speakers discussing food poverty and support available in Burnley on Wed 15th Nov between 7pm and 9pm at Down Town. Contact Burnley Together on 01282 686402. Refreshments on arrival as well as a free membership for the Community Grocery.

Barley to Bethlehem on Sunday 10th December at 5.15pm – a wonderful live nativity.

This annual event is one not to be missed. The nativity story is acted out by local people. The event starts at the car park in Barley just outside The Cabin (plenty of parking). Then the crowd follows Mary and Joseph through the village, stopping at various places when more of this wonderful story is told and carols sung. The final part is held in the farmyard opposite Barley Methodist church before everyone is invited into the warm church for refreshments. Whilst in church, don't forget to look at the beautiful nativity scene.

Please come along and engage in this nativity story. Supporting this event will ensure this fantastic tradition continues for years to come.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

[The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday 14th November 2023. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 13th November 2023.](#) Claire Slack, Circuit's Communication & Information Coordinator - 07752278664 circuitoffice@2101methodists.org



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