

# Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## Prayer

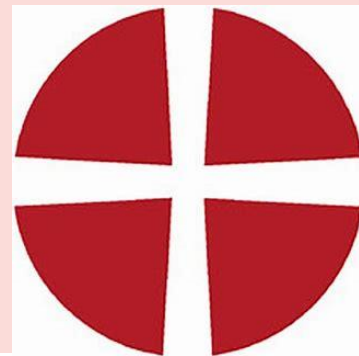
Lord of all the world,  
When I lie warm in bed let me remember your people  
who sleep on the streets.  
When I sit down to a hot meal let me remember your  
people who have nothing to eat.  
When I treat myself to a little extra let me remember  
your people who cannot pay their bills.  
And above all, O Lord, let me remember that you want  
me to do something about this.  
Amen

Written by Pat Heynes  
Take from the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2022/2023

## Prayer Points

Please pray for:

- for peace in Sudan; for those who have died and those who are stranded in their homes or places of work with inadequate supplies of food or clean water while shooting and shelling takes place on the streets.
- For those suffering from the heatwave across Asia; for those who are experiencing breathing problems caused by heat and pollution and for those who are hungry because of crop failures and food shortages.
- For those living with homelessness. The charity Museum of Homelessness have counted 1,313 people who are reported to have died last year in the UK while they were homeless. We lament the loss of life and waste of potential. We pray that we may equip our health and mental health services and our services to those who live with drug and alcohol addiction as they work alongside vulnerable people.
- For our Circuit Meeting on Tuesday 2nd May when we will make a decision about whether to invite "Three Trees" to work with us in making the best use of our resources and opportunities.



## Church events this week

### Higherford



**Higherford Methodist Church**  
present

**A concert of gospel and sixties  
music by the musical duo**

# Heaven Sent

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
2.00pm**

**£6 including a cream tea**

For more information contact 01282 865239



### Wheatley Lane

**Lego Church – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 3.15-4.45pm**

### Future Circuit Events

**Circuit Meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm on Zoom** in which a vote will take place on Three Trees.

**Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 8am** - at Barley church led by Kath Heyworth. A short prayer walk around Barley, starting and finishing at Barley church.

**Easter Offering Service** on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Christ Church at 3.00pm. This is a service for EVERYONE in the Circuit

## The Structure of The UK Methodist Church Part One

The Methodist Church of Great Britain is still organised in a methodical way using many of the structures introduced by its founder, John Wesley. However, the Church is quite pragmatic, and is willing to make changes where they seem desirable.

Structures are there to enable decision making that takes account of all concerns and views within the Church. No one is given supreme authority – consultation is vital. At the same time, churches cannot simply arrange their own affairs, but have some shared disciplines and ways of working.

The Methodist Church has a number of levels in its national structure, which are:

- Church
- Circuit
- District
- Connexion and Methodist Conference

I want to briefly consider each of these so that all of us in Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit have a better understanding of our church and how it works. To save information overload, these will be split over three weeks of the Circuit Newsletter.

### The Structure of The UK Methodist Church Part 1 – Church and Circuit

#### Church

The Local Methodist Church is the part of Methodism most Methodist members and adherents are familiar with. Methodists are members of their Local Church, still technically called Societies. All members should have a Pastoral Visitor allocated to them.

It is in the Local Church that worship takes place, usually on a Sunday, with services led by a Minister, Local Preacher or Worship Leader. Through the Church Council, Local Churches manage their own affairs (including church property and finance) through elected volunteers who hold office within the local church, like Stewards, Treasurer and Safeguarding Officer. Local Churches are responsible for raising the money they need to operate, primarily through congregational offerings but increasingly through

when we learn of those who benefit from World Mission Fund. The theme this year is 'NO BORDERS TO GOD'S LOVE. Please remember to bring your Church's Easter offering with you. Refreshments will be served after the service.

#### Circuit Heritage Event

### BURNLEY & PENDLE METHODIST CIRCUIT HERITAGE EVENT

**Saturday 20th May 2023**

Two walks from Walverden reservoir to Southfield Methodist Church

Registration from 12 noon at Walverden reservoir carpark (Grid ref 872366)

Long walk: leaves at 12.30 (approx. 4 miles, tough)

Short walk: leaves at 12.45 (under 2 miles)

We would love you to join us for all or any part of the day.

For further information contact the circuit office 07752278664  
circuitoffice@2101methodists.org

### Southfield Methodist Church Heritage Exhibition 2 - 4pm

Talk on Southfield Methodist Church at 3pm & 3.30pm  
Limited parking available at the Church.

Pie & peas, cakes & drinks  
Suggested minimum donation £5 for pie & peas.  
All proceeds to Southfield Methodist Church.



### Thy Kingdom Come – 18<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> May

**THY KINGDOM COME**  
Praying and Living the Kingdom  
Empowered by the Holy Spirit  
**Burnley and Pendle  
Methodist Circuit**

**Ascension Day Service**  
Thursday 18th May, 7.30pm,  
Greenbrook

**Prayer Experiences**  
*come and go as you please*  
Wed 24th May, 10am – 12noon, Padiham Rd  
Thurs 25th May, 1pm – 3pm, Christ Church  
Sat 27th May, 10am – 12noon, St John's

**Pentecost Service**  
Sunday 28th May, 6pm,  
Padiham Rd

We hope you can come to one of the prayer experiences and the services.

fund raising events and property letting. The primary call on Church Funds is the Circuit Assessment which is set annually by the Circuit.

### **Circuit**

The circuit is a group of churches served by one or more Ministers. A Minister will have pastoral charge of one or more churches, but will preach and lead worship in different local churches in the circuit, along with Local Preachers. The arrangements for leading worship in a circuit are drawn up in a quarterly plan.

The Circuit is led by the Superintendent Minister who presides over the circuit staff (both lay and ordained) and the Circuit Meeting, and with lay and ordained colleagues facilitates and encourages mission throughout the Circuit. He or she is also responsible for drawing up the plan and arranging the gathering of information about activities (eg baptisms, weddings, and funerals) and about membership statistics in the circuit.

The Circuit Meeting is the primary decision-making body and its membership includes representatives from every Circuit Church as well as Circuit Ministers, Circuit Stewards, Supernumerary Ministers stationed in the Circuit and other ex-officio members as detailed in CPD. The Circuit Meeting is Chaired by the Superintendent Minister.

Responsibility for the direction and policy for the Circuit is shared between lay and ordained. Voluntary Circuit Stewards have responsibility for maintaining, buying and selling circuit property (usually manses), and for the general welfare of the ordained and employed staff in the circuit. Circuit Stewards, together with the Ministers appointed to the Circuit, are responsible for the spiritual and material wellbeing of the Circuit, and for upholding and acting upon the decisions of the Circuit Meeting. The circuit is the place where new initiatives and changes in the pattern of church life need to happen. This is where the staffing capacity is decided, where closures of chapels are debated, and where fresh expressions of church or new pioneer ministries are launched.

The Circuit is funded through the Circuit Assessment paid by all Local Churches and through rentals on any Manses not currently occupied by a Minister.

## **Future Church Events**

### **Central**

Afternoon tea and entertainment by Cliviger Ukulele Group to celebrate the King's Coronation on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm**. Tickets are £2 and available from the coffee bar or ring 07566 781347

### **Greenbrook**



## **Community News**

### **Safe Families**

A big thank you to all those who attended the Safe Families event last week. It was a very interesting evening. For those who were unable to attend but would like more information please have a look on the page we have created on the Circuit website. It is full of information on how we can support Safe Families whether its through Volunteering, Giving or Praying. [Safe Families | Mysite \(burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit.com\)](#)



## A Date for your Diary

### Colne Blues Weekend Outdoor Sunday Service

Outside St. John's Methodist Church, Colne.

Date – Sunday, 27th August 2023

Time - 11 am – 12.30 pm.

**Please join us for live worship led by David Woodman Music and team.**

*David Woodman is a musician, songwriter and worship leader based in Manchester, UK, who has noodled his way into the musical DNA of a diverse array of artists, including the Worldwide Message Tribe, Breakspear, Doug Walker, US based gospel diva Elaine Hanley and the "odd but satisfying" acoustic combo, Lonesome.*

*Described by CrossRhythms magazine as one of "the finest musos in Christendom," as well as being an accomplished acoustic and electric guitarist, he has recorded sessions on hammer dulcimer, bass guitar, banjo, and percussion.*

*David's solo output includes a range of congregational praise and worship songs, acoustic roots music and instrumental pieces.*

**Our preacher for the morning will be Pete Baker from Life Church, Burnley.**

Pete lives in rural Burnley. He, along with his wife Bryony, are the Co-Senior leaders of Life Church in Burnley. He is a fantastic public speaker. He is passionate about reaching and discipling the wonderful people of East Lancashire and beyond.

**During the service we will have the opportunity to listen to some powerful testimonies of God's love changing people's lives.**


**Don't miss this opportunity to come together as people of God to worship Him.**

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## Churches Together



**Empowered by  
the Holy Spirit**

A Celebration of  
**Pentecost**

Sunday 28th May at 6.30 pm  
**St Peter's Church**  
Church St, Burnley BB11 2DL





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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BURNLEY

**a passion for life** 30th May – 4th June 2023

**7:30pm at Salem Chapel,**  
Martin Top, Rimington, BB7 4EG

 <b>Tuesday</b> <b>Billie McCurrie</b> Does God forgive? Former Northern Irish terrorist	 <b>Wednesday</b> <b>Timothy Cho</b> Where is hope? Twice fled from North Korea	 <b>Thursday</b> <b>Yvonne Edwards</b> Can a life really be changed? Successful business woman and former addict
 <b>Friday</b> <b>David Donegani</b> Why does God allow suffering? Father of two disabled children	<b>Saturday</b> Music and life stories <b>at Gisburn Auction Mart</b> Donations to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution	<b>Sunday</b> 10:45am Guest service 6pm Lambing service with the Ayrton family singers

Interviewing and speaker: Roger Carswell.  
Free entry and refreshments. No need to book.



**The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023.** Claire Slack, Circuit's Communication & Information Coordinator - 07752278664 [circuitoffice@2101methodists.org](mailto:circuitoffice@2101methodists.org)