

Burnley & Pendle

Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 17th March 2026 - Monday 30th March 2026



Prayer Points

Please pray:

- For the Middle East, that the protecting arms of God may be stretched over every land where missiles fall, every border where hatred grows and every home where families tremble.
- For the people of Iran who have lived through the terror inflicted upon them by their own leaders and now suffer from the destruction and death brought upon them by the missiles and drones of other nations. For those like the women footballers who have dared to make a stand but now fear for their own safety and for that of their families.
- We thank God and pray for the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders who serve in our Circuit; especially for Barry Dickinson and Ian Wheeler as we celebrate 60 and 50 years of their ministries, and for Ken Reid and Tony Gildea who have each served over 25 years. Also for Shirley Godfrey and Erica Atkinson as they retire from being Local Preachers. We ask God to bless us as we mark these milestones in a service of thanksgiving at Christ Church at 3pm on Sunday 22nd March.
- For the North West England Methodist District as the presbyters meet for their Synod on Tuesday. We pray for those who are starting their ministry as probationers, for those who are asking for permission to retire, and for those that we remember who have died especially Bill Riley and Neville Whitehead from our Circuit.
- For the Circuit Meeting on Wednesday 18th, especially our conversation about ways in which we may more actively share in God's mission.

Upcoming Circuit Events

Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm -
Circuit meeting at Higherford Church

Sunday 22nd March at 3pm -
Celebration of Local Preachers at Christ
Church, Nelson

Upcoming Church Events

Saturday 21st March 10am - 12noon - Spring
Coffee Morning at Higherford Church

Saturday 28th March 9am -12noon - Easter fair
with car boot stalls at Brierfield Church

Sunday 29th March at 2pm - Singalong Sunday
at Hapton Church

See posters below

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Two more prayer shawls have been given out this month . There is still one prayer shawl available so if you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving it please contact Rev Tony Graff. Also, we would appreciate more shawls which will get blessed before they are given out to someone in the community.

Calling all Knitters

As a knitter myself I always have "left over wool" So I am inviting any who are willing to join me in knitting squares to be made into a prayer shawl. We could knit at home and perhaps meet together to sort what we have produced, obviously we will all have to produce the same size square. If you are interested in this please contact me. I wait with hope. Sheila Chadwick tel. 01282 614986

Circuit Prayer Breakfast

The first Saturday of every month we hold a Circuit Prayer Breakfast at 8am. Please find below the information and venues for the next few months -

4th April at Brierfield led by Bea Foster

2nd May at Greenbrook led by Barbara Cole

6th June at Central led by Rick Ormrod

Next Circuit Newsletter

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 31st March 2026. Please forward any contributions to me, especially about events happening in your church between now and the 27th April, before 5pm on Monday 30th March 2026. Thank you. Please note this newsletter will cover four weeks.

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Circuit Celebration

We invite you to a Celebration Service at 3pm on Sunday 22nd March 2026 at Christ Church. This service is to celebrate the service that local preachers give to this circuit. During the service certificates will be presented to Barry Dickinson and Ian Wheeler who have been local preachers for 60 and 50 years respectively. Also, Ken Reid and Tony Gildea will receive their 25 years preaching certificates belatedly. The service will mark the retirements of two local preachers Shirley Godfrey and Erica Atkinson. So please come along and join in this special celebration service.

After the service tea and cakes will be served. Grateful thanks to everyone who has offered to make cakes.

Easter services around the Circuit

Maundy Thursday Circuit Service (2nd April)

- 7pm at Wheatley Lane

Good Friday (3rd April) -

9:00am at Brierfield led by Rev Graff

9.30am at Padiham Road led by Rev Ormrod

10.00am at Greenbrook led by Rev Graff

10.00am at Wheatley Lane led by Ian Wheeler

10.30am at Briercliffe Road led by Rev Booth

11am at Christ Church led by Rev Ormrod

11am at Higherford led by Rev Graff

11am at St John's led by Rev Perry

Easter Sunday (5th April) -

9.30am at Greenbrook led by Rev Graff

9.30am at Hapton led by Rev Green

9.30am at Padiham Road led by Rev Ormrod

9.30am at Wheatley Lane led by Rev Perry

11am at Briercliffe Road led by Christine Barnes & Doreen Landriau

11am at Brierfield led by Rev Graff

11am at Central led by Rev Green

11am at Christ Church led by Rev Ormrod

11am at Higherford led by Rev Perry

11am at St Andrew's led by Bea Foster

11am at St John's led by Ian Wheeler. This is also live streamed on zoom - please contact the Circuit office for log in details)

2pm at Southfield led by Rev Graff



HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH
SPRING COFFEE MORNING
21st March
10 - 12 noon
Seasonal treats
Raffle, stalls

Proceeds to support the upkeep of our building and the valuable work taking place



BRIERFIELD METHODIST CHURCH
Easter Fair with Car Boot Stalls
SATURDAY 28TH MARCH
9am - 12 noon
Cake & Jam stall, Plants, Bric-a-brac, Chocolate Tombola
Hot lunches & refreshments
Stalls available £5 inc. 6' table
To book please ring 07887 855 719
Admission
Adults 50p (accompanied children free)

Hapton Methodist Church
Invites you to a
SINGALONG SUNDAY
AFTERNOON WITH
"FREE FOR ALL"
Sunday 29th March
at 2 pm
Adults £5 Children £3
inc. Tea & Biscuits