



BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 21st May – Monday 3rd June 2024

Prayer

Dear Holy Spirit,
Fill our hearts with Your presence.
Guide us with Your wisdom and love.
Amen.

Please pray for-

- Following the festival of Pentecost we pray for the Church throughout the world. We ask God to fill us with the Holy Spirit; to gather the divided Church into unity; to strengthen us as we challenge injustice and act as good neighbours to those who are in need; and to help us as we share the good news of God's love in words and actions.
- For the people of Iran following the deaths of the president and foreign minister. We continue to pray especially for those in Iran who are struggling for greater freedom.
- As the results of an inquiry are published we pray for the families of the 3,000 people who died and for the many more whose lives were devastated by being infected with contaminated blood.
- Please continue to pray for peace with justice in Gaza, the West Bank, Ukraine and the many other places where people are suffering the horrors of war.

Circuit Events in the next fortnight

Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 1st June at 8am at Higherford church led by Richard Hoyle.

The **annual Circuit Treasurers meeting** will be on Tuesday 4 June at Padiham Rd at 7pm. This is the meeting at which we finalise assessments for 2024-25. It is important that a representative from each church, generally the treasurer, attends so as to get the widest possible discussion of circuit finances.

Church Events in the next fortnight

Friendship Group at Christ Church, Nelson on Tuesday 21st May 2-3.30pm. Come and join us for music, chat, crafts, coffee/tea and cakes. No charge.

Brunshaw Tuesday Fellowship meet every other Tuesday at 2pm, enjoying activities and speakers and of course fellowship over the inevitable brew. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 28th May when we welcome the return of Sue Allenby with more of her Traditional Tales. Everybody welcome.

Future Circuit Events

Circuit Messy Church at Christ Church, Nelson on Friday 7th June 4-5.30pm (see poster below)

Circuit Open Air Service on Saturday 15th June in the afternoon. This will be an open-air service of witness at Barley (on the green by the car park). There will be a bring your own picnic as well. (see poster below)

- For the Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Sat 1st June at Higherford and for Richard Hoyle as he leads it.
- For the Messy Church sessions and other activities for young people taking place around the Circuit.

Heritage Hub

On the first Wednesday of every month the Circuit Heritage Hub located at Padiham Road church will be opened from 10am to 12noon. At the next hub opening on the 5th June there will be a display on Myrtle Bank/Parkside and Albert Rd/St Johns. Les Bland attended the last hub opening where there was a display on Brierfield and Padiham churches. Les said ' It was very interesting looking at the documents and photographs. It made me realise that I knew only the names of other churches in the circuit and nothing about their history. I came away thinking about what photographs and other documents our church and individuals in the local community had stored away relating to Hapton church. I'm looking forward to the next hub opening in June where I can learn more about other methodist churches'.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church via the Easter Offering. The total from the Circuit was £1,126.28.

Long Service Awards

Two of our local preachers, Shirley Godfrey and Pat George, have led worship in the circuit for a total of 110 years between them. In recognition of their long service the circuit is holding a Local Preachers Recognition Service on Sunday 16th June at 3pm at St Andrew's church. It would be great if you could come and celebrate with Shirley, Pat and their families this fantastic achievement. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Local Preachers Recognition Service on Sunday 16th June at 3pm at St Andrew's church.

Timely Reflections in Fence and Wheatley Lane

on Saturday 22nd June 2–4pm. There will be a circular walk starting at Wheatley Lane Methodist Church following the "Timely Reflections" booklet (written by Stella Brassington and Kath Heyworth) around the villages of Fence and Wheatley Lane. To avoid congestion and for safety reasons, small groups of people will set off from the church at 15-minute intervals after registering. Refreshments will be available in church.

The walk is about 3 miles on pavements and good paths, but care is need on what can be a very busy road. There are stopping points for reflection and prayer, so the walk will take as long as you wish. Booklets are available at church or from Kath at a suggested donation of £3:00 (see poster).

Future Church Events

Fashion show at Padiham Road Church, Burnley on 7th June. Door opens at 6.30pm and show starts at 7pm. (See poster below)

Afternoon tea at Southfield on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June 3-6pm **BACK BY REQUEST!** Following last year's successful event Southfield neighbours asked if we were doing a repeat performance. The details are below, booking ahead will really assist us with catering. Thank you! (see poster below).

Children's Clothes Recycle drop-in at Wheatley Lance church on Thursday 13th & Friday 14th June from 2-4pm and on Saturday 15th June 10-12 noon. Cakes & coffee available too.

Springtime Bruch at Higherford on Saturday 15th June 9.30am – 1pm (see poster below)

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Training - Advanced Module
Online date Wednesday 19th June - 2pm to 4pm (bookings close on Wednesday 29th May)
To book onto the course you need to use the relative Eventbrite link – see below. This gathered session must be booked at least 3 weeks in advance.

<https://lancashireadvancedmodule.eventbrite.co.uk>

Posters

District Testimony Service



Come and hear Rev'd Matt Smith share testimony ahead of his ordination in June

Preacher: Rev'd Rob Hilton
Superintendent of the Cheshire South Circuit

Thursday 23rd May
7.00p.m.
Antley Methodist Church
BB5 0DE

refreshments served afterwards

Family News



I will be taking part in the Manchester 10K Run on Sunday 26th May to raise money for Parkinson's UK. Both sides of my family are affected by this degenerative condition, which means that I have nieces and nephews with an increased risk of developing the condition themselves. At the moment

there is little effective medication and no cure. When I did the Burnley 10K run two years ago, I managed to raise over £1000, thanks mainly to the amazing generosity of people in our churches. It would be brilliant to raise a similar amount to support research and development into this life-limiting condition.

If you are able, please could you donate?
karenhoyle@btinternet.com 01282 423315.

Thank you
Karen Hoyle

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 4th June 2024.

Please note this will cover 2 weeks from Tuesday 4th June to Monday 17th June 2024.

Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 3rd June 2024.

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4pm - 5:30pm

On

1st Friday of every month

at

Christ Church, Carr Road,

Games

Nelson

Singing

Bible

Craft Activities

stories

FOOD

videos

Children and Parents/Carers Welcome

Next session - 7th June 2024

Afternoon Teas for Southfield



Saturday 8th June 3pm - 6pm

Sunday 9th June 3pm - 6pm

Anne and Stephen Dixon invite you to

5 Catlow Court, Southfield Lane
Southfield, Burnley, BB10 3RN

Sandwiches, scones with jam & clotted cream,
homemade cakes served on Vintage China.

Raffle & Bring & Buy Stall

Please ring 07887 855719 to book a table
or just turn up!

Help us preserve this historic Chapel - where John
Wesley preached - for the next generation.

Donations & cheques to Southfield Methodist Chapel

SPRINGTIME

BRUNCH BONANZA

Saturday 15th June

Free admission

9.30 am - 1.00 pm

Bacon, sausage
& egg butties.

Plant Sale

Raffle

Variety of stalls.

Tea, coffee
and cake.

Books and Jigsaws



HIGHERFORD



METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church

BURNLEY AND PENDLE METHODIST CIRCUIT

PICNIC, GAMES,
OPEN AIR WORSHIP,
AND WITNESS.

Saturday 15th June, 12:30 pm for lunch
(bring your picnic), Crafts, and Games.
Open Air Service with a live worship band
at 2:00 pm in Barley.

Fun and games for children and a chance
to be relaxed and friendly witness to our faith.

Alternative venue in Barley Chapel and Community
Room if the weather is not behaving!

For Further
Info Please
Call Richard
07503491805





**Ladies Fashion Show
AND Pop-up Shop!**

SHOP YOUR FAVOURITE HIGH STREET BRANDS
AT 50% OFF OR MORE!

Colours.
FUNRAISING
FASHION SHOWS

Friday 7th June 2024
Padiham Road Methodist Church
9 Brassey Street, Burnley, BB12 8AD
Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £5
Tickets to be purchased in advance

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:
Claire - 07754921925
Tickets available through the church via Leanne or Catherine

TIMELY REFLECTION

A WALK AROUND FENCE AND WHEATLEY LANE



Join us on **Saturday 22nd June**
between **2-00pm and 4-00pm**,
starting at
Wheatley Lane Methodist Church.

Small groups will set off at 15-minute intervals,
following the "Timely Reflections" mediative walk
through Fence and Wheatley Lane.
The walk is around 3 miles along roads
and well-made paths.

Booklets with detailed directions are
available on the day at a suggested
donation of £3-00.

Refreshments available at church.

Phone Richard Hoyle for more details on 07503 491805



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**SUMMER
HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB**

**TUESDAY 20TH, WEDNESDAY 21ST &
THURSDAY 22ND, AUGUST 2024.**
**AT CHRIST CHURCH, CARR ROAD,
NELSON BB9 7EN.**

Primary School age Children Only

Please get in touch with the circuit office to book your place
Email - circuitoffice@2101methodists.org
£2 per child per day

OPEN MIC FOLK NIGHT

Hosted by Matt & John
in association with

THE SPARROWHAWK

AND THE CHURCHES OF
FENCE, BARROWFORD AND WHEATLEY LANE

PLEASE CALL MATT BUTLER ON
07597 387719
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE

**4TH JULY
FROM 6:00 PM**

DONATIONS TOWARD THE LOCAL CHURCHES PROJECT IN BURGINA FASO RAISING
FUNDS FOR AN AMBULANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ORPHANS AND WIDOWS

152, WHEATLEY LANE ROAD, FENCE, BB12 9QG