



BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 2nd July – Monday 15th July 2024

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Wisdom and Word of God, dwell in our hearts, we pray, by your most Holy Spirit, that out of the abundance of our hearts, our mouths may speak your praise. Amen. (Christina Rossetti (1830-1894))

Please continue to pray:

- For peace in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Russia and all places of conflict in the world, giving thanks for the United Nations and the peacemakers working towards this goal.
- For the Nassar family at the centre of the Christian "Tent of Meeting" near Bethlehem, and those who support them in any way, that they may continue to show resilience and love in the face of opposition and persecution.
- For the general election this week; for the candidates, workers and supporters. May they promise nothing they cannot deliver, and may their policies truly and realistically represent the needs of the people they aim to serve.
- For those who are voting that we may love, pray and vote for the candidates that we think will best serve the needs of the country.
- For the new government and for those we place in positions of power and influence that they will be guided into making good decisions that benefit all in our society. We pray for wisdom and integrity as difficult decisions are made in what are often highly pressurised situations.

Circuit Events in the next fortnight

Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 6th July at 8am at Christ Church led by Revd Tony Graff.

Please note: the **Circuit Messy church at Christ Church**, Nelson is cancelled until September 2024

Also, the **Circuit Messy Church at Padiham Road**, Burnley is cancelled until September. Please check for details on the Padiham Road M.C. Facebook page.

Please note - **the Local Methodist Heritage Hub** will not be open on the first Wednesday in July.

Church Events in the next fortnight

American Coffee morning at Higherford on Saturday 6th July 10am- 12noon (See poster below).

Community Lunch at Christ Church from 12 noon on Tuesday 9th July and 17th September. All welcome.

Presentation by Three Trees on zoom at 7.30pm. Please contact Claire for log on details.

Hymnathon and Afternoon tea at Higherford on Saturday 13th July 2-5pm (See poster below).

Future Circuit Events

Encounter at 11am on Saturday 17th August at Higherford. Guest speakers Richard and Karen Hoyle. An event not to be missed. (See poster below).

- For all those affected by the climate change; farmers at home and abroad; residents of nations losing their land due to rising sea levels; hot, dry countries experiencing unseasonal rainfall. May we all strive to make the changes necessary to alleviate the pressures on our beautiful, God given world.
- For people we know who are unwell, in hospital or at home; for those awaiting appointments or diagnoses; for our NHS both locally and nationally.
- For the church as we seek new ways to engage with local communities and share the love we have from Jesus.
- For the afternoon tea and worship time with Rev Garo Kilagi from Papua New Guinea, on Friday at Trinity Methodist Church, Clitheroe.
- For our local communities that they may they become and continue to be places of warmth, security, love and friendship; those who “have” helping those who “have not”. Help us to learn and understand each other’s needs and to be compassionate towards all.
- For ourselves, that we may grow to be more like the people God created us to be. Help us to share the love of Christ in all that we say and do.

Dear Friends,

You may be aware that the Circuit Meeting commissioned an organisation called Three Trees to look at our Circuit and Churches with a view to advising us on a secure way forward for our Circuit to maximise the chances of a secure financial future. It was felt that this was essential if we are to continue the mission of God in this area to share God’s grace in word and action.

Three Trees have now completed their initial report and they would like to sharing it with the Circuit. Rather than just share it with the Circuit Meeting, the Circuit Leadership Team have decided that everybody in the Circuit should have the opportunity to hear what Three Trees have to say about our Circuit and individual churches.

Retirement Service for Richard Hoyle on Sunday 18th August at Higherford at 6pm.

Welcome Service for Revd Adrian Perry on Friday 30th August at Christ Church at 7pm.

Future Church Events

Wheatley Lane Methodist Church invite you to their Mid-Summer Celebration Weekend 20th and 21st July.

On Saturday 20th it’s the Local Methodist Heritage event : cream teas, two walks and an exhibition on Methodism in Higham and Wheatley Lane. The 5 mile walk starts at 1pm from the church whilst the 2 mile walk starts at approx. 2.30pm from the Higham Methodist site (opposite the Four Alls). The church will be opening from 3pm for the exhibition and cream teas.

On Sunday 21st it’s the Family Outdoor Celebration on the school playground. Open Air worship led by Revd Sharon Thraves with crafts and activities for the children. Please bring your own chair and a picnic. Drinks will be available.

Hope you can join us at one or both events. Please feel free to bring you family, friends and neighbours.

District

Revd Garo Kilagi, Moderator of the United Churches of Papua New Guinea and a past minister in Burnley will be the guest speaker at the Lancashire Methodist District World Church Partnership event. This event will take place at Trinity Methodist church and Community Hub in Clitheroe on Friday 5th July at 4pm until 6.30pm. Afternoon tea will be served. Please contact Carole at District to book your place.

Christian Aid is inviting supporters in the North West and Staffordshire to join them for an online thanksgiving service to celebrate this year’s Christian Aid Week appeal.

The team is hosting the event via Zoom from 7pm, on Sunday, July 7, and will be joined by guest speaker Revd Canon Dr Ellen Loudon, Director of Social Justice and Canon Chancellor at Liverpool Cathedral. Darren Staunton,

We have, therefore, arranged for a presentation on Tuesday 9th July at 7:30pm by Zoom. If you cannot access Zoom you can attend in person at Padiham Road Methodist Church. There will be a chance to ask questions of Three Trees and also, to make initial comments.

The intention is to follow up the presentation over the summer with a series of meetings, one at each church, facilitated by either myself or Tony to discuss the implications for each congregation. Please do join us on zoom for the presentation on the 9th July if you are able to.

Yours in Christ,

Rick

Circuit Prayer Breakfast Update

Grateful thanks to the churches listed below who have volunteered to host the remaining Saturday morning prayer breakfasts this year:
6th July Christ Church led by Revd Tony Graff
3rd August Brunshaw
7th September St John's / the Exchange Project
5th October Greenbrook
2nd November Wheatley Lane
7th December Higherford
These prayer gatherings are open to everyone. Why not give one of these prayer times a go? A warm welcome awaits you.

Strawberry Tea on Friday, 19th July 2024 at 24 Bank Fold, Barrowford, BB96JW. 2.00-4.00pm. Strawberry scones, Cakes, Raffle and Plant stall. No charge but donations appreciated for MWiB Project - Support for Muzzafarpur Leprosy Hospital in India to build new Outpatient dept.

Congratulations to Tracy Hollows, Head teacher of Wheatley Lane Methodist Primary School on her ordination as a Deacon in the Anglican Church last Saturday at Blackburn Cathedral.

Christian Aid Church Engagement and Fundraising Officer (CEFO), said: "Christian Aid Week may have ended but the fellowship and support for the work of our partners around the globe continues - and we'd like celebrate this and share our successes."

Co-host and fellow CEFO Christel Langdon-Griffiths added: "We're inviting supporters to join us for an ecumenical service of celebration, thanksgiving and reflection in which we'll hear from various special guests and have time for prayer and worship."

The service is free to attend and to sign up we ask supporters to visit:- <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/christian-aid-nw>

Launch of new Methodist District

The launch event for the new North West England District will be on Saturday 31st August at 2.30pm in Bolton. NB: Pre booked tickets are required.

Wider Methodist News

The Methodist Conference, the governing body of the Methodist Church is meeting this year in Leeds. Please hold Revd Helen Cameron and Carolyn Godfrey, the newly elected President and Vice President respectively in your prayers. For conference updates please visit the Methodist Church website.

[The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 16th July 2024.](#)
[Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 15th July 2024.](#)
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Posters



HIGHERFORD
METHODIST
CHURCH

**SATURDAY
13TH JULY
2 - 5PM**

Hymnathon

AFTERNOON TEA

SEND YOUR HYMN REQUEST TO
bjohnson56@hotmail.com

Donation for refreshments
and hymn request



Saturday 6th July
10.00am - 12.00pm

**AMERICAN
COFFEE MORNING**

Higherford
Methodist Church



Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit
Invite you to

Encounter

on Saturday 17th August 2024
at Higherford Methodist church

Guest Speakers: Richard and Karen Hoyle

Coffee from 11 am
11.30 - 12.15 Testimonies by speakers
12.15 Lunch

Free event, though donations accepted on the day.

Please contact Kath kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk
or Denise denart@sky.com for further information
and to book your place, stating any dietary requirements
before Monday 12th August 2024.



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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