



BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 7th May – Monday 20th May 2024

Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. **Thy** Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Please pray for-

- All the new local councillors that they will use their power and influence to make sure that all people will be represented fairly and equitably.
- The potential ceasefire being proposed in Gaza, that it may be a beginning to a long term solution to the war.
- All those still suffering from the war in Ukraine, that a peaceful end to the war may be achieved
- Children and young people who are taking exams, that they will achieve all that they have worked hard for.
- All our local charities supporting the homeless, that they will continue to find the resources to reach out to those most in need
- Our local ministers, lay workers and volunteer leaders, that you will guide them with wisdom and grace to perform their roles to Gods glory

Circuit Events in the next fortnight

Circuit TKC Ascension Day Service on Thursday 9th May at Brunshaw church at 7.30pm led by Richard Hoyle

Christian Aid Week 12th-18th May 2024. More info from Bea Foster
bea_foster@hotmail.com .07875517043.

Planning meeting for Circuit Outdoor Service in June on Monday 13th May from 7:00pm at Christ Church, for anyone who would like to help plan the service at Barley on 15th June. Come along if you want to have a say in how we put this act of worship together as a witness to our faith in Jesus.

Circuit Messy Church at Padiham Road church on Friday 17th May has been cancelled due to lack of helpers. The next one will be on Friday, 21st June, 3:30pm to 5:30pm, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Circuit TKC Pentecost Evening Service on Sunday 19th May at Wheatley Lane church at 6pm led by Revd Rick Ormrod.

Church Events in the next fortnight

Afternoon Tea at Christ Church on Friday 10th May @ 3pm. Donations for Methodist Mission Charities appreciated. Please contact Sheila Chadwick if you would like to come along - 01282 614986 shenev.chadwick181@gmail.com

Christian Aid coffee morning with toasted treats at Higherford church on Saturday 11th May 10am-12noon (see poster below)

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) 9th-19th May 2024

Thy Kingdom Come is a worldwide prayer movement that happens each year between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday. This year the Circuit's Bible and Prayer Focus Group have distributed to our churches over 250 tealights with a Bible verse attached to them. These are to be given out to people at community outreach events during the above-mentioned period.

Also the TKC prayer journals have gone out to churches to be distributed on Sunday 5th May or earlier. These journals are for daily use between Ascension Day (9th May) and Pentecost Sunday (19th May). This year, as always, we invite you to choose 5 people who do not yet know the love of God for themselves, and to pray for them each day. Please make sure you get one of these journals over the next two weeks in advance of the 9th May. Please look at the TKC website for more information.



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.

Community Lunch at Christ Church on Tuesdays 14th May at 12 noon. All welcome.

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.

Future Circuit Events

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.

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. More details later.

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.

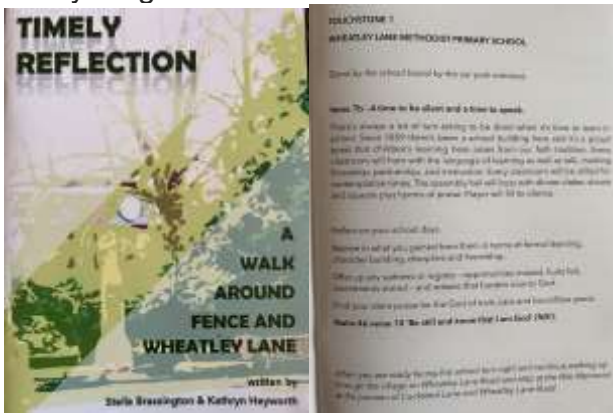
There will be a circular walk starting at Wheatley Lane Methodist Church following the "Timely Reflections" booklet (put together by Stella Brassington and Kath Heyworth) around the villages of Fence and Wheatley Lane. To avoid congestion and for safety reasons, small groups of people will set off from 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 needed on what can be a very busy road. There are stopping points for reflection and prayer, so the walk will take as long

A Timely Reflection

A second batch of this unique booklet has been printed. So if you haven't already purchased your copy please contact Kath on kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk or 07861459918. Copies will also be available to buy on the 22nd June at Timely Reflections event being organised by the Circuit (see separated notice).

The booklet takes you on a walk around the villages of Wheatley Lane and Fence looking at their heritage as well as prompting the reader to reflect on their own life. The booklet focuses on Ecclesiastes chapter 3 - A Time for Everything.



Wheatley Lane Daisy Chain Installation and Lego Church Model

Congratulations to WL church and the local community on creating their wonderful Daisy Chain Installation as part of their 200th church anniversary celebrations. Also, to the young people at Lego church for designing and building this awesome model of the church. Anyone wishing to buy a Lego brick in this model please contact Claire at the circuit office.



as you wish. Booklets are available at church at a suggested donation of £3:00.

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)

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

District

The North West England District is now on Facebook

- <https://www.facebook.com/nwedmethodists/>
Please do take a look, like it, follow it.

Vacancies - Please visit <https://barmd.org.uk/content/vacancies> for current vacancies for the North West England District.

Fairtrade

With your help, we can take big steps forward in helping farmers and workers fight back against exploitation and the climate emergency. With global cost-of-living crisis making the future so uncertain for all of us, this is more important than ever right now. Why Fairtrade? Because - right now - trade just isn't fair. Farmers and workers around the world are suffering because they don't get the profit their hard work deserves. Millions are forced to sacrifice education, medical treatment and any hope of planning for the future just to survive.

And the climate emergency is already hitting them hard. Even though they did the least to cause it. Crops are failing, extreme weather is more frequently ruining harvests and plant diseases caused by the changing climate are ever more common.

The Coronavirus pandemic poses a big threat to these rural communities around the world too. Often with limited health care services, farmers and workers also face the a highly uncertain future and collapsing markets. Fairtrade is one way to make a difference, through choosing products with the FAIRTRADE Mark every time you shop. Products with the FAIRTRADE Mark meet the rigorous Fairtrade Standards, meaning farmers and workers get a better deal and the product was produced in the most sustainable way possible. But Fairtrade is much more than a Mark. It's a global movement committed to urgent action to stop exploitation and fight back against the climate emergency. And we're so glad you've joined.

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>

Update on MWiB

Since January 2024 Lancashire MWiB have a new way of working. There is no longer a President and Vice President. The official District Officers are Jennifer Jones (Secretary) & Gillian Womersley (Treasurer). A small volunteer group will support the planning of future events. In February the annual conference was held at the Glendower hotel in St Annes attended by delegates from both the Liverpool and Bolton & Rochdale Circuits.

In March there was a half day morning event followed by a lunch at Kirkham Methodist Church. This was an event to say thank you to the Past President Julia Robinson, the Past Vice President Jane Harper and our Forum Representative Wendy Bridgeman for their years in office and steering us through the difficult period of the pandemic. The chosen charity for the next 12 months is The Leprosy Mission Muzaffarpur Hospital in the Bihar state, India. The fortnightly Saturday morning MWiB zoom meeting still continues, all are welcome to join an hour that includes a short devotion and plenty of chat. If you would like any more information on any of the above topics please get in touch with Jennifer jennifer15bam@gmail.com

[The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 21st May 2024.](#)

[Please note this will cover 2 weeks from Tuesday 21st May to Monday 3rd June 2024.](#)

[Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 20th May 2024.](#)

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Posters

Friendship Group

**Group meetings at
Christ Church, Carr Road,
Nelson,
2pm - 3:30pm**

**On Tuesdays:
9th May, 23rd May,
6th June, 20th June, 4th July
And every alternate Tuesday**

**Come and join us for music, chat,
crafts, coffee/tea and cakes.
No charge**

Whalley Methodist Church

**Eco Spring Fair
Saturday 11th May
10:30am-3pm**





Fundraising Event For All The Family!

Environmentally friendly crafts, thrift stall, organically grown plants, locally sourced produce and fairtrade products available. Also face painting, tombola, toy stall, free children's activity, raffle, cakes and more! Food and drinks also served.

Free entry, donations gratefully received.

**Fundraising for
Christian Aid**



**You're
invited!**

What: Coffee Morning with Toasted Treats

When: Saturday 11th May

Where: Higherford Methodist Church

Time: 10am - 12 noon

All welcome, bring a friend.

We're raising funds for Christian Aid to help people in poverty around the world. We'd love you to join us!



**Your gift can change lives! Find out more at
caid.org.uk or christianaid.ie**

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

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

Colours.
FUNDRAISING 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





4pm - 5:30pm

On

1st Friday of every month

at

Christ Church, Carr Road,

Nelson

Games

Singing

Craft Activities

Bible stories

FOOD

videos

Children and Parents/Carers Welcome

Next session - 7th June 2024

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 BURNIA FASO RAISING FUNDS FOR AN AMBULANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ORPHANS AND WIDOWS

152, WHEATLEY LANE ROAD, FENCE, BB12 9QC

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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

NWED LAUNCH EVENT

SAVE THE DATE | 31 08 24

VICTORIA HALL, BOLTON, BL1 2AS



This event is an opportunity to celebrate as five districts become one, to form the North West England District. Starting at 2:30pm, the event will include the welcome service for Rev. Dr. James Tebbutt, our District Chair (subject to Methodist Conference), and will also welcome the wider District Team. The President of Conference will be preaching, along with the Vice-President and Secretary of Conference in attendance.