



BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action



Newsletter Tuesday 26th March – Monday 8th April 2024

Prayer time

Come and reign, O Christ, in our home and its life; in our church and its mission; in our nation and its politics; in our world and its affairs.
Come, O Christ. Come and reign.

Mary Sumner (1828-1921)

Pray for:

- That the gentle King Jesus who comes humbly riding on a donkey may cut off the guns, tanks and bombs which are today's chariots, war horses and battle bows. May he bring peace and justice to the nations. Where there is war may there be a lasting ceasefire. Where there are hostages may they be released. Where people are in need may they receive humanitarian aid.
- For the Church as we keep Holy Week and celebrate Easter. May we stay close to Jesus as he takes the way of the cross and share with him in the new life of the resurrection.
- For our Muslim sisters and brothers as they continue their journey through Ramadan.
- For those living in poverty. The Child Poverty Action Group report that one third of people in the UK between infancy and adulthood are impoverished. May those with authority and influence make the changes that will bring in a just and more equal society.

Circuit Events in the next fortnight

Easter offering service planning meeting on Friday 5th April at 10am at Christ Church, Nelson

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

Circuit Easter Holiday Club on Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th April 10am- 12noon at Christ Church, Nelson (see poster below)

Holy Week Services throughout the Circuit

Maundy Thursday (28th March)

12noon at Wheatley Lane led by Richard Hoyle followed by a light lunch.

7pm at Christ Church, Nelson led by Revd Rick Ormrod

Good Friday (29th March) Services

9am at Brierfield led by Revd Tony Graff

9.30am at Padiham Road led by Revd Rick Ormrod

10am at Greenbrook led by Revd Tony Graff

10am at Higherford led by Richard Hoyle

10am at Wheatley Lane LA

11am at Christ Church led by Revd Rick Ormrod

11am at St Johns led by Revd Tony Graff

3pm at Barley led by Richard Hoyle

Saturday (30th March) Service

5pm at Southfield led by Fisher

Easter Sunday (31st March) Services

9.30am at Greenbrook led by Revd Tony Graff

9.30am at Hapton led by B Dickinson

9.30am at Padiham Road led by Revd Rick Ormrod

9.30am at Wheatley Lane led by Richard Hoyle

11am at Briercliffe Road led by Doreen Landriau

- For those living with cancer; for those with young families as they find ways to share what they are going through with their children; for those in the public eye that they may be given space to focus on getting well; for Catherine, Princess of Wales, her family and for King Charles.
- We thank God for the rescue in Nigeria of students and staff who were abducted from a school earlier this month.
- For the Circuit Prayer Breakfast at Brierfield on 6th April and for Tony as he leads it.

Easter Message from Revd Rick Ormrod

Dear Friends,

We are in Holy week and its almost Easter Day, so I hope you don't think it premature if I greet you all with "Happy Easter".

I recently came across this quotation, "The life of Jesus is bracketed by two impossibilities: a virgin's womb and an empty tomb. Jesus entered our world through a door marked 'No Entrance' and left through a door marked 'No Exit.'"

Every year on Easter Day we celebrate the seemingly impossible, a man is executed on a Roman cross and his death confirmed with a Roman spear thrust into his side (John 19:34-35) and then, after being laid in a cold tomb is resurrected to new life three days later.

It's impossible, and yet it is my firm conviction, and that of over a two and a half billion Christians on this earth that it happened. It happened because things that seem impossible to us are not impossible to God. We know it happened because there are eyewitness accounts of the risen Jesus walking, talking, cooking and eating.

John Updike wrote a poem reflecting on the Resurrection:

*Make no mistake: if he rose at all
it was as His body::;*

11am at Brierfield led by Revd Tony Graff
11am at Central led by Revd Rick Ormrod
11am at Christ Church led by Revd Roger Green
11am at Higherford led by Richard Hoyle
11am at St Andrew`s led by Revd Geoff Nadin
11am at St John`s led by Christvin Edbarg

Church Event in the next fortnight

Wheatley Lane

Swishing Night for Ladies' Accessories on Friday 5th April at 7pm at Fence Village Hall. Pie & Pea supper £5. This event is in aid of Wheatley Lane Church Funds. See poster below for details.

Circuit event in April

'A Spring Celebration' Methodist Heritage Event on Saturday 20th April at St John's/The Exchange Project in Colne (see poster below). The timetable for this event is:

11.30 Exhibition on Colne churches & Mary Taft (nee Barritt) plus hot drinks available.

11.35 Welcome & dedication of Mary Taft plaque

11.45 Lunches

12.30 WALK or TALK. Join the Colne Town Trail walk or stay inside for a talk on the Town Trail

We do hope that you will join us at this event. If you require further information please contact Kathryn Yates, Richard Hoyle, Keith Richardson or Kath Heyworth.

Cake Request – if you can bake or donate a cake for the above event please contact please contact Kath kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk [07861459918](tel:07861459918) . Thank you.

Church Events in April

Wheatley Lane Youth Fellowship Reunion on Saturday 20th April at 7pm at Fence Village Hall.

Friday Night is Music Night with South Pennine singers at Padiham Road on Friday 26th April at 6.30pm (see poster below).

*if the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the molecules.
reknit, the amino acids rekindle,
the church will fall.
Let us not mock God with metaphor,
analogy, sidestepping, transcendence.
making of the event a parable, a sign painted
in the faded credulity of earlier ages:
let us walk through the door.
The stone is rolled back, not papier-mâché,
not a stone in a story,
but the vast rock of materiality that in the slow
grinding of time will eclipse for each of us the
wide light of day.*

No other explanation than Resurrection fits the evidence of the Bible's resurrection accounts. On that first Easter Day Jesus rose from the grave to show us that death is not the end but the transition to eternal life. May God bless us all this Easter with greater understanding, firmer faith and complete acceptance of the miracle of Easter.

Yours in Christ,
Rev Rick Ormrod
Circuit Superintendent Minister

Thank You

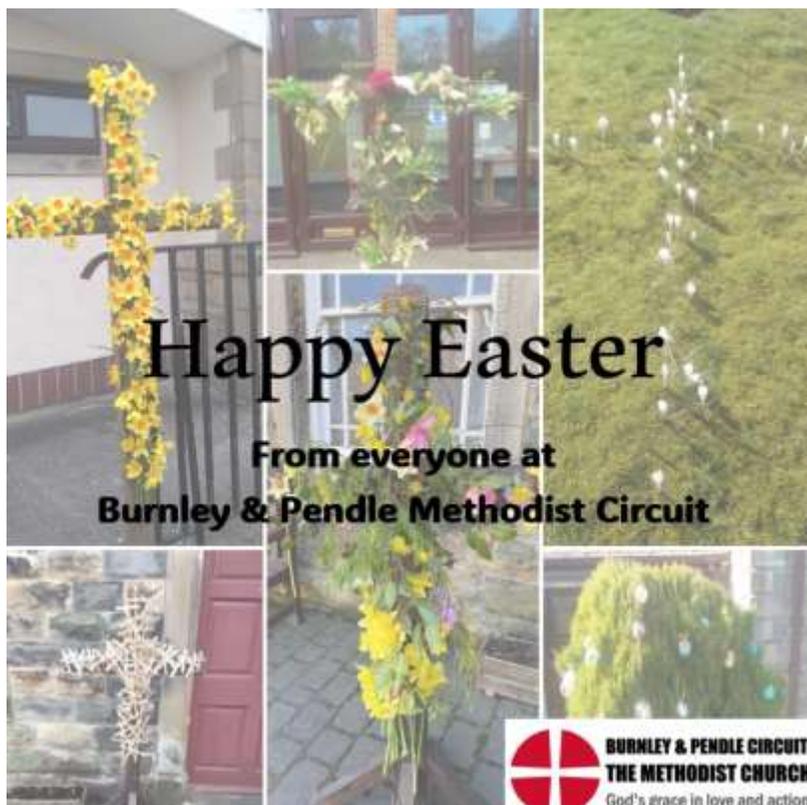
Just to let you know Bea has received an email from Embrace the Middle East thanking all those that sent stamps in. All the proceeds will directly go to supporting their education projects across the Middle East.

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

This year the circuit is offering churches free TKC prayer journals as well as TKC tea lights with a Bible verse. These items are for sharing within your congregation and at any community group/event at your church. To order your journals and tea lights please contact Claire before Sunday 14th April. There is a limited number of both items.

For more information please see Revd Tony Graff or Kath Heyworth.

Details of the circuit TKC evening services on Ascension Day (9th May) and Pentecost (19th May) will be available in the next circuit newsletter.



The next newsletter will be on
Tuesday 9th April 2024.
Please note this will cover
2 weeks from Tuesday 9th April
to Monday 22nd April 2024.
Please forward any contributions
to me before 5pm on
Monday 8th April 2024.

Claire Slack, Circuit's Communication & Information Coordinator - 07752278664
circuitoffice@2101methodists.org

Posters

Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit
EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th
April 2024
10 AM - 12 PM
At Christ Church, Carr Road,
Nelson BB9 7EN.

Primary School age Children Only

Please contact the circuit office by
Tuesday 2nd April 2024 to book your place...
Email - circuitoffice@2101methodists.org
£2 per child per day.



A SWISHING EVENING

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL
AT 7PM

SALE OF
UNWANTED &
PRELOVED
LADIES'
ACCESSORIES
SCARVES,
JEWELLERY, BAGS,
HATS, ETC.
WITH A PIE AND
PEA SUPPER

AT
FENCE
VILLAGE HALL
BB12 9QH

PIE SUPPER £5
BRING YOUR OWN
DRINKS

HOMEMADE
DESSERTS & HOT
DRINKS ON SALE

OPPORTUNITY TO
WIN GREAT PRIZES

Donations of items
to 10 Millbrook
Fence
or contact
kaththeyworth@hotmail.co.uk

In aid of
Wheatley Lane
Methodist
Church



Circuit Methodist Heritage
A Spring's Celebration

Saturday 20th April 2024
11.30am - 1.30pm

at
The Exchange Project/St John's Methodist Church,
Colne, BB8 0RY

Short talks on Mary Taft (nee Barritt) and the Colne
Heritage Trail with display.
A guided walk of Colne's Town Trail.
Exact timings of activities available on the Burnley and
Pendle Methodist Circuit website in April.
Light refreshments and hot drinks available.

All welcome.

Donations towards costs.



**FRIDAY NIGHT
IS MUSIC
NIGHT**

with the
**SOUTH PENNINE
SINGERS**

Friday 26th April
6.30pm

Padiham Road Methodist Church
Tickets £5.00