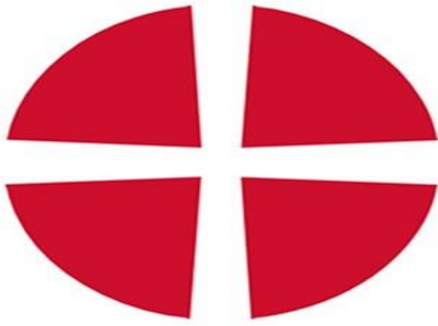




BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 14th October – Monday 27th October 2025

Prayer

Dear Lord – we worship you – no it isn't Sunday, but we realise we should treat every day as though it was! So we worship you this day and always. And on this day we say 'thank you' for all the mercies you bestow upon you, and on this day we say 'sorry' for the times we have messed up and said or done something which is alien to our Christian faith.

On this day we especially thank you that a ceasefire in Israel has been agreed and acted upon, and hostages and detainees have been released. We pray now that life for all will take on some normality which will lead to a better future. May it be the earnest desire of all and especially those at the Peace Summit in Egypt to strive for peace in all lands so that those living in darkness will see a great light, and all their burdens will be lifted – and while we think of those suffering in many and varied ways we realise just how blessed we are – may we never take for granted such blessings...

Regardless of our own political allegiance we pray for our Government that they will work towards the common good for all – as they grapple with complex issues, to which there are no easy answers. May justice and truth prevail in all lands.

We pray for the Methodist Circuit in general, and our individual church families in particular – praying for the welfare of all personnel who like the Government are grappling with all kinds of issues.

Church Events in the next 2 weeks

Bacon butty morning 10am-1pm on Saturday 25th October at Briercliffe Road. Poster below

Churches together at Higherford 10am-12noon on Saturday 25th October at Higherford. Poster below

Future Circuit Events

Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 1st November at 8am at Christ Church led by Richard Hoyle.

Bible and Prayer focus meeting on Tuesday 4th November at 7.30pm at Ian and Denise's.

Future Church Events

Goldilocks ladies clothing and accessories event 10am-2pm on Saturday 1st November at Higherford. Poster below

Rag wreath workshop 2-4pm on Thursday 6th November at Wheatley Lane. All are welcome just being yourself, a pair of scissors and a donation for the wreath ring and material.

For the love of stitching 10am-3pm on Saturday 22nd November at Higherford. Poster below

District

District Christmas Card Competition

It might only be October, but we are excited to launch our District Christmas Card competition! It's only 79 days to Christmas, not that we're counting...

The competition will be open to all children and young people that attend churches across the District or attend messy churches, forest

May we individually offer prayers of gratitude, for this day, and for the opportunities that God places before us to serve him – as John Wesley would say **do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can...**

And now may we go about our daily lives with laughter in our eyes, smiles on our lips, songs in our hearts, and merriment in our soul, and above everything else may we share the joy that Christ has given us.

AMEN

Circuit Prayer Breakfast

Can you help please? We are looking for churches to host the following prayer breakfasts please: on the 6th December 2025 and 3rd January 2026.

Also, we need people to lead these prayer gatherings.

So if your church can host one of these prayer breakfasts or you would be willing to lead one then please contact Kath.

kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk / 07861459918.

Hymn/Song Competition

The deadline for this Circuit competition is Friday 31st October. See poster

Date for your diary

The next Encounter event is on Saturday 31st January 2026 at 11am at Briercliffe Road. At this informal event we will hear faith stories from four people in the circuit. Then for lunch there will be soup and rolls followed by cake. This event is for church goers and non-church goers so please come along and bring your family and friends. Further information available from Rev Tony Graff. See poster.

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 28th October. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 27th October 2025. Thank you.

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churches and church affiliated uniformed organisations.

The winning design will be the cover of the District Christmas card, sent out by the District Chair and other Senior Leadership at Christmas. For further details click [here](#). To download the entry form, click [here](#).

We are also on the lookout for people to join our judging panel. So if you think that you have the Christmas spirit in abundance and think you know what makes a great Christmas Card, please email: admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk with a line explaining why you would like to be on the judging panel.

Wider Methodist News

Tent of Nations

As a District, we were privileged to hear Daoud Nassar of the Tent of Nations on Mon 22nd Sept by Zoom and in person at Hapton Methodist Church. The Nassar family received the Methodist Peace Award in 2017.

Daoud shared the powerful story of their educational, ecological farm, surrounded by 5 illegal settlements. We saw and heard how the farm stands as a statement of resilience and non-violent resistance. A humbling story to listen to, of the family's Faith, courage and unwavering commitment to justice based on their motto 'We refuse to be Enemies'.

As church leaders and the Methodist Church in the UK, Daoud emphasized the importance for the need to advocate for the Tent of Nations and speak out at the political level, encourage official church delegations and church members to visit the Tent of Nations if they plan a trip to the Holy Land. International presence is the only remaining protection for the Tent of Nations.

You can learn more about the Tent of Nations on www.tentofnations.com and contact the UK friends of Tent of Nations at tonfriendsuk@gmail.com to know more how to support and become a friend of Tent of Nations.

Please continue to pray that God will continue to bless the family and hold them close to himself and pray for their safety. Thank you.

Bea Foster

Poster Page

Briercliffe Road Church
Melville Street
Burnley
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Bacon Butty Morning to be held
at Briercliffe Road church
on
Saturday 25th October 10am - 1pm.
£5 pounds per person
with unlimited brews payable at the door.
Come along and enjoy the company

A collection of autumn-themed illustrations including a yellow teapot and cup, a burger, a scarecrow in a field, and two smiling coffee cups.

CHURCHES TOGETHER at HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH



Saturday 25th October
10am - 12 noon
American Themed Treats

Everyone is welcome to this
fundraising event for
'Christians Against Poverty'



Higherford
Methodist Church

Goldilocks

ladies clothing and accessories
Saturday 1st November
10am - 2pm
Hot Lunches
Raffle
Stalls inc
Pendleside Hospice Cards

A decorative border featuring stylized autumn leaves in shades of orange and brown.

HIGHERFORD METHODIST
CHURCH

FOR THE LOVE OF STITCHING

a celebration of quilts, bags, cushions etc

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22ND
10AM - 3PM

HOT LUNCHES; RAFFLE
SALES TABLE with proceeds to
Alzheimer's Society
Have a go at English Paper Piecing

A background of abstract, colorful shapes in blue, green, orange, and purple.

Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit
Heritage
Write A Song or Hymn
Competition

Open to all ages

On the theme of
'God's grace in love and action'

Closing date 12 noon on 31st October 2025

The winning song to be sung at a musical
celebration event on 17th January 2026 at 2pm at
Padiham Road Methodist Church

Entries to Claire,
circuitoffice@2101methodists.org
or 07752278664



Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit
Invite you to

Bite size Encounter

on Saturday 31st January 2026
at Briercliffe Road Church,
Melville Street, Burnley.

Instead of a guest speaker, we will enjoy faith stories
shared by a few people from churches within the circuit.

Coffee from 11am
11.30am - Bite Size Testimonies
12.15pm Lunch

Free event though donations accepted on the day.

Please contact Kath kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk
for further information
and to book your place, stating any dietary requirements before
Monday 26th January.

