



BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT

THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 27th February – Monday 11th March 2024

Prayer time

Today we ask you to pray and give thanks for all those who volunteer to take on roles within the Circuit: representatives at Synod and MWiB, our Safeguarding Coordinator, Property Secretary, Circuit Meeting Secretary, Archivists, the Heritage Team and the countless others who freely give of their time and talents to ensure the smooth running of our Circuit.

Please continue to pray:

- For peace in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Russia and the many other places of conflict in the world, giving thanks for the United Nations and other peacemakers working towards this goal.
- For our government and those in positions of power and influence that they will be guided into making decisions that benefit the most vulnerable and marginalised in our society. Pray for wisdom and integrity as difficult decisions are made in what are often highly pressurised situations.
- For all those suffering injustice because of poor decisions in the past and for people who find themselves needing to take industrial action in order to have their voices heard. Pray for understanding, justice and compromise where needed.
- For all those we know who are unwell, in hospital or at home, for those awaiting appointments or diagnoses, for our NHS both locally and nationally.

Circuit Events in the next fortnight

Bible & Prayer Focus Group meeting on Tuesday 27th February at 329 Wheatley Lane Road, Fence at 7.30pm

Circuit Lent Course on Zoom on Thursday 29th February at 7pm. Chapters 3 and 4 led by Richard. Log in details available from Circuit office.

Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 2nd March at 8am at Briercliffe Rd Church, Burnley led by Revd James Booth

Circuit Health & Safety Training on Saturday 2nd March between 9.30am and 12.30pm at Central Methodist Church Burnley.

Circuit Lent Course on Zoom on Thursday 7th March at 7pm. Chapters 5 and 6 led by Christvin. Log in details available from Circuit office.

Church Events in the next fortnight

World Day of Prayer Friday 1st March prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine – 2pm at Hapton Methodist Church
7pm at Wheatley Lane Church

Brunshaw Tuesday Fellowship will commence this year's syllabus with their AGM on Tuesday, 5th March. A lunch of pie and peas will be served at 1pm followed by the meeting. We will then meet fortnightly at 2pm for a series of speakers or activities. Therefore, on the 11th March there will be a Domino Drive followed by light refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Slide Show Quiz at Higherford on Friday 8th March at 7pm

- For the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March, that people throughout the world will pray, together or apart, for global and local situations that need the love and grace of Jesus Christ.
- For our Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 2nd March, 8:00am at Briercliffe Road.
- For Lent Courses, Messy Church, Alpha and all the initiatives taking place in our Circuit where we aim to share the love and understanding of our faith.
- For Mission opportunities where we as disciples of Christ can share the love of God with people who do not know him yet. We pray particularly for the events planned in our towns on 23rd March, the day before Palm Sunday.

Holy Week Services in the Circuit

Maundy Thursday (28th March)

Lunchtime Communion at Wheatley Lane led by Richard Hoyle at 12noon followed by a light lunch. If you wish to join us for lunch please text Denise on 07479200636, just to help us with numbers for catering. Thank you.

Service at Christ Church, Nelson at 7pm 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

Circuit events after 11th March

Local Preacher & Worship Leaders meeting on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm at Brierfield Church

Circuit Lent Course on Zoom on Thursday 14th March at 7pm. Chapters 7 and 8 led by Tony. Log in details available from Circuit office.

Circuit Meeting on Monday 18th March at Christ Church, Nelson at 7.30pm

Circuit Lent Course on Zoom on Thursday 21st March at 7pm. Chapters 9, 10 and 11 led by Rick. Log in details available from Circuit office.

Circuit Mission Group are organising some town centre outreach at lunchtime on Saturday 23rd March in Burnley, Colne and Barnoldswick. We will be giving out Hot Cross Buns and cards and so on, so if anyone would like to be involved, please contact Richard on 07503 491805 or on rdhoyle@btinternet.com

Church Events after 11th March

Hapton Methodist Church Choir presents "Travel in Song" on Friday 15th & Saturday 16th March at 7.30pm at Hapton. Tickets – Adults £5 & Childrens £3. (see below poster)

Wheatley Lane Church

You are invited to join us for the first of our 200th Anniversary Celebration Services 'Spring Celebration' and Brunch Sunday 17th March 9.30am
 Invited Preacher, Rev Michaela Youngson. We look forward to sharing in worship with Rev Michaela Youngson. Michaela began her Ministry here at Wheatley Lane in the mid 90's and is currently serving as Assistant Secretary of the Methodist Conference and Connexional Ecumenical Officer for the Methodist Church. Michaela was President of the Methodist Conference 2018.
 We will follow our morning worship with a brunch.

Easter Holiday Club Volunteers!

With Easter fast approaching, the Circuit is greatly in need of volunteers to help run the Easter Holiday Club which will be held at Christ Church from Monday 8th April – Thursday 11th April, 10:00am-12:30pm. This is a great opportunity to support the Circuit in our work with children and share our love of Jesus Christ. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way please get in touch with our children's worker, Kelly. Contact kelly.kershaw@2101methodists.org 07857530591.

District

Equip Series

Come along to these information evenings and be equipped as we move towards the launch of the North West England District. These evenings will include:

- Devotions
- An update from each sub group, to increase our knowledge and understanding of how the new district will look and feel
- Q and A session

These events will run on a monthly basis, and you are invited to attend any/all of these sessions:

- Tue 12 March 2024
- Wed 17 April 2024
- Thu 16 May 2024
- Mon 10 June 2024
- Tue 16 July 2024
- Wed 14 August 2024

7:30-8:30pm (join from 7:20pm for a 7:30pm start) (see poster below).

Please do let us know if you will be attending, just to help with numbers for catering. Email: wlmchurchfacebook@gmail.com Wheatley Lane Methodist Church.

Community Events

Singing for Peace/Justice in Palestine/Israel on Saturday 2nd March 11am-12noon. March through Burnley town Centre. Meet at Central Methodist car park. (see poster below)

Renew for women on Monday 11th March at St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. 7.15pm refreshments for 7.45pm start. (see poster below)

The newsletter will be published fortnightly. The next one will be on Tuesday 12th March 2024. Please note this will cover 2 weeks from Tuesday 12th March to Monday 25th March 2024. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 11th March 2024. Claire Slack, Circuit's Communication & Information Coordinator - 07752278664 circuitoffice@2101methodists.org

Posters



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024
FRIDAY 1 MARCH
A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE!
I beg you, bear with
one another in love

2 p.m.
Hapton
Methodist
Church

ALL WELCOME

INFORMED PRAYER, PRAYERFUL ACTION
24/7 • 365 DAYS A YEAR • PRAYER MOVEMENT • ECUMENICAL INTERNATIONAL • WOMEN-LED
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Bridges to Burnley

**Singing for
Peace/Justice in
Palestine/Israel**



**Saturday
2nd March**
11.00 am - 12 noon

**March through
BURNLEY Town Centre**

Meet Central Methodist Car Park at 10.45 am

ALL WELCOME

Contact Bea Foster: bea_foster@hotmail.com for more details



HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH

SPRING FAIR

Saturday 2nd March

10am - 2pm

Hot lunches, home produce, tombola,
raffle & other stalls



Higherford Methodist Church

ANDREA'S

SLIDE SHOW

QUIZ

On Friday 8th March

At

7.00pm

CORNED BEEF HASH SUPPER

£8.00



Renew
for women

Monday 11th March 2024
St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall
7:15 Refreshments for 7:45 Start

"A Spring clean for your heart"
Keep - Give Away - Throw Away to make room for the new!
Speaker Rev. Janet O'Neill

Free event - No need to book - just turn up!
For more information email renew@rossendalecofe.church

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Wheatley Lane Methodist Church.

Hapton Methodist Church Choir

 **PRESENTS**

"TRAVEL IN SONG"

"SING COUNTRY & WESTERN"



Fri & Sat 15th/16th
March @ 7.30pm

Adult £5 Child £3
inc. Tea/Coffee
& Biscuits



NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

THE EQUIP SERIES



TUE 12 MARCH
WED 17 APRIL
THU 16 MAY
MON 10 JUNE
TUE 16 JULY
WED 14 AUGUST
2024

MONTHLY ONLINE EVENTS

HOSTED ON ZOOM

7.30 - 8.30PM

(ARRIVE FROM 7.20PM FOR A 7.30PM START)

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[https://zoom.us/j/94658927054?](https://zoom.us/j/94658927054?pwd=ZmNKUGI3SWdieXJscKZyZW5tT3MrZz09)

[pwd=ZmNKUGI3SWdieXJscKZyZW5tT3MrZz09](https://zoom.us/j/94658927054?pwd=ZmNKUGI3SWdieXJscKZyZW5tT3MrZz09)

(Meeting ID: 946 5892 7054 Passcode: 125750)

To access via phone dial 0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240 and follow prompts.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, PLEASE EMAIL NWEDCOMMUNICATION@OUTLOOK.COM.

HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH



Saturday 23rd March 10am - 12 noon
TOASTED TREATS
Including Hot Cross Buns

Everyone is welcome to this
fundraising event.

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.



Together!

a day for all working with
children & young people

Together! is a day of
worship, workshops,
resources, ideas &
support for all those
volunteers and lay
employees, working with
children, young people
and families in the
Lancashire District.



Saturday 23rd March 3.30pm-7pm
@Leyland Methodist Church

The event is free to attend.
Booking is essential via
lancsmethodist@btinternet.com
or <http://tinyurl.com/yc2rs75b>

