



BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT

THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 18th June – Monday 1st July 2024

Prayer

Lord the light of your love is shining...From north to south and east to west there is evidence of your love Lord, unfortunately we are so absorbed with the other side of the coin that there is a tendency to let the negatives overshadow the positives... Lord in your mercy help us to redress the balance, to appreciate even the smallest of things – a glowing sunset, a bird's song, a kind word spoken, a hug exchanged, and a loving memory... knowing that little acorns produce great trees

Loving Lord at this time we pray for PEACE as we remember that blessed are the peacemakers so we would remember those who strive for peace, those who mediate reconciliation between individuals, and groups, and especially between nations. Help us in our situation to foster peace, to break through barriers which divide us, to strengthen the bonds of mutual love, to seek to understand one another and especially to forgive each other...

We pray for an ever lasting peace not just a temporary truce as we remember those affected by war and the fear of war – we remember those living in darkness or despair and those suffering anxiety or uncertainty, and for those who are sad or are mourning – may they be surrounded by your peace, and may we strive to be peace-makers We thank you Lord for all that will be taking place in the coming days in our various churches – opportunities to be your witnesses. We praise you for our church Ministers and Leaders and Stewards and those who 'sit in the pews' We pray for the Timely Reflection walk around Fence and Wheatley Lane on Saturday – that it will indeed be a valuable time of meditation thus helping us to walk closer with you Lord.

We pray for all politicians – regardless of 'party' that they will have integrity to be ably willing to represent their constituents with wisdom.

We pray for our Royal Family, for King Charles and for the Princess of Wales that your special touch will restore them to full health and strength. As we count our blessings let us then pray how we can be a blessing to others.

Amen

Circuit Events in the next fortnight

Timely Reflections in Fence and Wheatley Lane on Saturday 22nd June 2–4pm.

A circular 3-mile walk starting at Wheatley Lane Methodist Church on good paths, with stopping points for reflection and prayer. (see poster).

Circuit Meeting on Tuesday 25th June at 7.30pm at Briercliffe Road church.

Church Events in the next fortnight

Friday Fun at Higherford Church on 28th June from 2pm (see poster).

Lego Church at Wheatley Lane Church on Friday 28th June at 3.15 – 4.30pm.

Coffee Morning at Higherford Church on Saturday 29th June 10am-12noon (see poster).

Future Circuit Events

Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 6th July at Christ Church.

Please note the June, July & August 2024 **Circuit Messy Church at Padiham Road**, Burnley have been Cancelled. The next Messy Church will be held in September. Please check for details on the Padiham Road M.C. Facebook page

Please Note - no Heritage Hub Open Morning in July due to holidays

Circuit Holiday Club on Tuesday 20th – Thursday 22nd August, 10am – 12.30pm. Contact Circuit office on circuitoffice@2101methodists.org to book a place.

Congratulations to Shirley Godfrey and Pat George for serving as local preachers in this



circuit for 60 and 50 years respectively. A recognition service was held last Sunday afternoon at St Andrew's Methodist church in Barnoldswick. Shirley and Pat each received a letter and long service certificate from the President and Vice

President of the Methodist Conference. Many thanks to all who attended this celebration.

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 StJohn's / the Exchange Project
 - 5th October Greenbrook
 - 7th November Wheatley Lane
 - 3rd 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.

[The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 2nd July 2024.](#)

[Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 1st July 2024.](#)

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Future Church Events

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

District



Feniscowles Methodist Church, Blackburn

Church Planter and Missional Pioneer

Starting from £27,000 per year (depending on experience),

37 hours a week, initial 3 year appointment

We are looking for someone with relational skills to build and create a missional Christian community on a newly built housing estate in the Feniscowles area of Blackburn, with the intention of planting and sustaining a church.

Closing date: 2nd July 12pm

For more information or to request an application pack please contact: revkirova@yahoo.co.uk

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, 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>

Posters

TIMELY REFLECTION

A WALK AROUND FENCE AND WHEATLEY LANE



Join us on **Saturday 22nd June** between **2-00pm and 4-00pm**, starting at **Wheatley Lane Methodist Church.**

Small groups will set off at 15-minute intervals, following the "Timely Reflections" meditative walk through Fence and Wheatley Lane. The walk is around 3 miles along roads and well-made paths.

Booklets with detailed directions are available on the day at a suggested donation of £3-00.

Refreshments available at church.

Phone Richard Hoyle for more details on 07503 491805



HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH
FRIDAY JUN 28TH JUNE 2PM

Rev Matt Butler
talking about the ACTS Ministry which supports widows and orphans in Burkina Faso
Money raised will help purchase a ambulance to support this project.

REFRESHMENTS SERVED
FOR A DONATION TO THIS PROJECT

EVERYONE WELCOME



COFFEE MORNING
10:00 – 12:00
Sat June 29th

HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH

All monies raised will be donated to the ACTS ministry to widows and orphans in Burkina Faso to help with the purchase of an ambulance



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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