

Burnley & Pendle

Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 13th October - Monday 2nd November 2026



Please pray for...

- An end to the hostilities in Ukraine, Gaza, Iran and other parts of the Middle East
- All those who were involved in the tragedy of the boat sinking in Djibouti
- Those affected by the floods in Nepal
- Those children and young people who are still struggling to settle in to new school environments
- Our Circuit Staff and Leadership Team as we await the outcome of 2027's Stationing process
- All our circuit churches and worshippers as we seek to follow Gods plan to love one another

Upcoming Circuit Events

- October, 10am-2pm at Padiham Road Church, Burnley.
- Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 7th November, 8am at St Andrews Church, Barnoldswick led by Revd Adrian Perry
- Circuit Youth Gathering on Sunday 8th November, 6.30-7.30pm at Fence village hall, Fence

**A Celebration
of Methodism
Education**

Sat 17th October

10.30am to 2pm
at
Padiham Road Methodist Church
BB12 8AD

An exhibition highlighting Methodist
Education in Burnley & Pendle over the
last 200 years including displays from
Hapton, Wellfield and Wheatley Lane
Primary Schools.

Light refreshments will be available.



 **BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT
THE METHODIST CHURCH**
God's grace in love and action

**YEAR
6 +**

*When: 2nd Sunday
in the month – Term time!
Time: 6.30 – 7.30pm
Where: Fence Village Hall,
BB12 9QH*

**CIRCUIT YOUTH
GATHERING**

*Pizza
Hot dogs
Games
Crafts
Music*

*Please let Adrian or Ian
know if you are coming!*

**Time
to chill
and chat**

Upcoming Church Events

- Methodist Education at Wheatley Lane Methodist Primary School over the years this Thursday 5th October 2-4.30pm at Wheatley Lane Church.
- Thank God its Friday on Friday 16th October 12noon -1pm at Central Church, Burnley. The Church is open every Friday for anyone to call in for a time of quiet & reflection....our volunteers will make you a cup of tea or coffee. On Friday 30th October at 12.30pm, we shall hold a short communion service. Everyone is welcome. Why not come along?.
- Jacee on Sunday 18th October 2-4pm at Hapton Church, Burnley.
- Quingo night on Friday 16th October at 6pm at Higherford Church.
- The South Pennine Singers on Sunday 18th October at 2.30pm at Greenbrook Church, Burnley.
- Brunshaw Tuesday Fellowship invite you to their next meeting on Tuesday, 20th October at 2pm when our speaker, Mrs. Kath Heyworth will share with us 'The Tale of Two Nelsons', followed by light refreshments. Everybody welcome.
- American coffee morning on Saturday 24th October 11am-12noon at Higherford Church.
- 'Musical Moments' with Adrian on 29th October 2-4pm at Wheatley Lane Church.
- 'Crafternoon' on Thursday 5th November 2-4pm at Wheatley Lane Church.
- Goldilocks on Saturday 7th November 10am-1pm at Higherford Church.

See posters below for more information on these church events.

Foundation Governors

Within the Burnley & Pendle Circuit we have close connections with 3 faith schools (Hapton Church of England/Methodist, Wellfield Methodist/Anglican and Wheatley Lane Methodist). At each of these schools we have foundation governors who are members of a church from within the circuit. Currently we are looking for new governors in each of the 3 schools. If you are interested in becoming a school governor or you would like further information please contact Claire at the circuit office or the minister at your church.

A brighter future for our children

HAPTON C.E. METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Inspiration, wisdom and discovery through Jesus

WE NEED SCHOOL GOVERNORS!

Could you help shape the future of our children?

Hapton CE Methodist Primary School is looking for enthusiastic and committed volunteers to join our Governing Board.

School governors play a vital role in supporting our school, providing challenge and helping to ensure every child receives the very best education.

- No experience in education needed
- Not just for parents
- Use your skills to support local children
- Help shape the future of our school and community

Interested?

For an informal chat, please contact:

Kimberly Saville (Acting Headteacher) head@hapton.lancs.sch.uk or David Edmondson (Chair of Governors) davidedmondson@hotmail.com

Our School Our Community Their Future

'I will lift up my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.' Psalm 121 v 1-2

Thank you from Bea

I would like to thank everyone who came to listen to Daoud Nassar, a Palestinian Christian Farmer at Higherford.

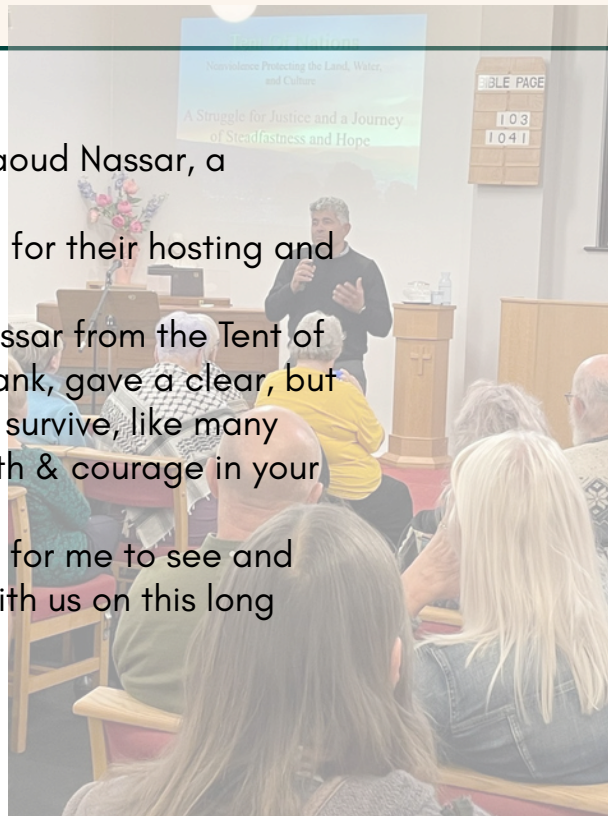
A special thanks to the people from Higherford Church for their hosting and hospitality.

A person who was there sent this message - Daoud Nassar from the Tent of Nations Farm, near Bethlehem, in the occupied West Bank, gave a clear, but emotionally powerful talk about his family's struggle to survive, like many others, we were very moved. Wishing you all lasting faith & courage in your struggle for peace & reconciliation in Palestine.

Daoud responded by saying- It is also an inspiring time for me to see and feel all this support and solidarity. Glad that you are with us on this long journey for justice.

Any one who wishes to know more please contact me.

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North West England District's 2026 Christmas Card Competition

Calling all young artists! The North West England District is delighted to launch its annual Christmas Card Competition, giving children and young people from across the District the opportunity to have their artwork featured on this year's official District Christmas card. The winning design will become the front cover of the Christmas card sent by members of the District Senior Leadership Team to churches, partners and organisations across the District at Christmas this year.

The competition is open to all children and young people who are part of churches across the North West England District, including those involved in Messy Church, Forest Church, pupils at Methodist schools and church-affiliated uniformed organisations.

Whether it's the Nativity, a winter scene, angels, stars or another creative interpretation of the Christmas story, we're looking forward to seeing colourful, imaginative designs that capture the joy and hope of Christmas!

Entry forms and more information can be found at <https://nwedmethodists.org.uk/district-christmas-card-competition-2026/>

The closing date for entries is Monday 23rd November.

We can't wait to see the wonderful creativity of children and young people from across our District and to share the winning design this Christmas!

Methodist Women in Britain

Lancashire Methodist Women in Britain half day on Thursday 22nd October 2-4pm at Bamber Bridge Church. See poster below

Next Circuit Newsletter

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 3rd November 2026. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 2nd November 2026.

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Methodist Women
in Britain

NWE District

Lancashire MWiB Half Day

At

**BAMBER BRIDGE METHODIST
CHURCH**
Station Rd, Preston. PR5 6ED

On

THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER
2-4pm

From Lancashire to New Zealand
Latest news from home and abroad

Please support this afternoon, bring a friend and enjoy a cuppa and a chat as we explore MWiB.



Higherford Methodist Church

**American
Coffee Morning**

Saturday 24th October
10.00am – 12.00pm

American themed snacks
Stalls
Raffle

Wheatley Lane
Methodist Church

Coffee Hub Extra
Musical Moments
with
Rev Adrian Perry



**THURSDAY
29TH OCTOBER**
2 - 4pm
during COFFEE HUB

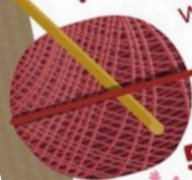
in Wheatley Lane Methodist Church
BB12 9ED (next to the school)

Come and join us for an afternoon full of music
in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.
Coffee and cake will be served.
Small donations accepted.

For further details:
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or 07861459918

Wheatley Lane
Methodist Church

A new community venture
CRAFTERNOON
with Mo & Sharon



**THURSDAY
5TH NOVEMBER &
3RD DECEMBER**
2 - 4pm
during COFFEE HUB

in Wheatley Lane Methodist Church
BB12 9ED (next to the school)

An opportunity to spend time doing your knitting and
crocheting with others PLUS to learn new skills from the
experts. It's also for those who would like to learn how to
knit or crochet in a supportive environment.
Cake and coffee served. Small donations accepted.

Higherford
Methodist Church

GOLDILOCKS

Ladies clothing and accessories

Saturday 7th November
10am - 1pm

Hot Lunches
Raffle
Stalls
Pendleside Hospice Cards