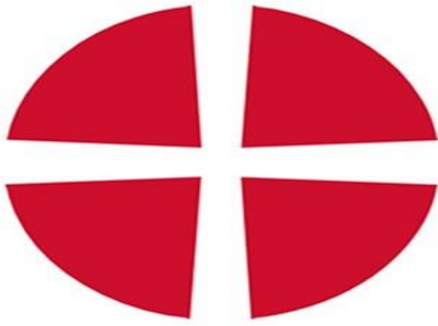




BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 11th November  – Monday 24th November 2025

Please pray:

- On this Remembrance Day, please pray for all those who have given their life in service to their country, and also all those who continue to serve in the armed forces. Remember to, those have been left bearing the scars of war, whether physically or emotionally.
- Continue to pray that the fragile peace will hold in Gaza, and that residents will soon be able to return to their homes without fear or further attacks
- Pray for peace in Ukraine, and that all negotiations will soon bring about an end to the conflict
- Pray for the people of America, especially those currently affected most by the government shutdown and that there may be an end to the political posturing, which affects those most in need
- Pray for a positive effect of the COP30 discussions, and that those countries who refuse to take part, may see the very real dangers ahead if we do not act
- Pray for our churches and circuit, as we await the outcomes of discussions this week in respect to stationing.
- Pray for Rick and Susan, and for a positive outcome in their stationing journey

Church Events in the next 2 weeks

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

Christmas Fair on Saturday 22nd November, 10am – 1.30pm at Padiham Road. Poster below.

Tuesday Fellowship on Tuesday 18th November at 2pm at Brunshaw. A welcome return of Rev Tony Graff to give us Part 2 of his interesting talk.

Future Circuit Events

LPs and WLs meeting on Monday 1st December at 7.30pm at Christ Church

Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 6th December at 8am at Padiham Road led by Rev Rick Ormrod

Circuit Christmas Celebration on Saturday 6th December at 5.30pm at St Johns, Colne

Circuit Meeting on Monday 8th December at 7.30pm at Central.

Future Church Events

Christmas Fayre on Saturday 29th November, 10am – 2.30pm at Briercliffe Road. Poster below.

Tuesday Fellowship on Tuesday 2nd December at 1pm at Brunshaw. Christmas Party with entertainment once again by "Over Fifty Something Group" at 1pm followed by a buffet at 2pm.

Coffee hub extra on Thursday 4th December 2-4pm at Wheatley Lane. Poster below.

Circuit Zoom Services

We, Burnley & Pendle Circuit, continue to offer online Sunday morning services via Zoom. It provides an opportunity for those people who can't attend Sunday worship in a church to attend a service. We have people attending online worship due to various circumstances e.g. being in a care home, housebound, work commitments, away on holiday etc. The login link is the same every Sunday. Please contact Claire circuitoffice@2101methodists.org for it.

Most of the services are streamed from St John's Church however once a month Esther Beaumont leads a service from Scotland. For more details please see the Circuit Preaching Plan on the Circuit website. Instead of missing out on church worship, why not join in on Zoom?

Hymn / sing competition update

We received 13 entries for the above circuit competition organised by the Circuit Heritage Team. Thank you to all who entered both from within the circuit and wider. The judges will start looking at the entries this week so hopefully details of the winner will be announced in the next newsletter. So, watch this space.

Date for your diary

The next Encounter event is on Saturday 31st January 2026 at 11am at Briercliffe Road. This event is for church goers and non-church goers. If you haven't been to an Encounter event before then please come along and give it a go. For those of you who have been to past Encounter events then you know how good they are so you will have already got the date in your diary. Further information available from Rev Tony Graff. See poster.

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 25th November. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 24th November 2025. Thank you.

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

Christmas Party on Thursday 11th December 12noon at Central. Poster below.

Candlelight Carol Service on Saturday 13th December at 4pm at Briercliffe Road. Poster below.

Carol Service on Sunday 14th December at 11am at Padiham Road then South Pennine Singers Christmas Concert. After the Carol Service there will be pie & peas lunch prior to concert at £4 each; combined ticket - lunch and concert £8. Lunch to be pre booked by 1 Dec by ringing 07850 435622. Posters below.

Tuesday Fellowship on Tuesday 16th December at 2pm at Brunshaw. Carol Service followed by Christmas cake and Shortbread.

District

District Christmas Card Competition

The deadline for submissions is next **Monday 17th November**. For further details visit www.nwedmethodists.org.uk/district-christmas-card-competition/

All We Can: Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal

All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain are raising funds for Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal. They are working with the Methodist Church in the Caribbean, to support those who have been affected.

An appeal page has been set up where you can donate, along with resources that can be used in your church.

www.allwecan.org.uk/appeal/hurricane-melissa/

Poster Page



CHRISTMAS FAIR

PADIHAM ROAD METHODIST CHURCH
Brassey Street, BURNLEY BB12 8AD

Saturday 22nd November 2025
10:00am to 1:30pm

The Fair will be opened by Headteacher of Wellfield School, Mrs Maria Ellet, with singing by the School Choir at 10:00 am

Stalls include: Home made Cakes and Preserves, Jewellery, Good-as-New Items, Hand-made Crafts, Gifts, and Toiletries, Christmas Hamper Raffle, Hand-made Cards, Books/DVDs/Jigsaws, Dave's Wooden Items, Build-a-Brownie, RSPCA Hoopla! U3A Organisation, Slimming World, Tropic Beauty Products, Wellfield's Chocolate Tombola, Brownies Teddy Tombola, Air Cadets Table Games

And for the Children: Toys and Games and a visit to Father Christmas and Mrs. Christmas

Refreshments served throughout, including Lunches



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



Briercliffe Road Church
Melville Street
Burnley
BB10 3DY

Christmas Fayre to be held
at Briercliffe Road Church on
Saturday 29th November 2025
10a.m. - 2.30p.m.
You will be made very welcome

Chocolate Tombola

Guess how many sweets in the jar

A variety of Stalls

Food & cakes for sale

Childrens Christmas Craft activities

Father Christmas (£2 including present)



COFFEE HUB EXTRA!

You are invited to join us
at a
Christmas Craft Workshop
Thursday 4th December
2-4pm

Coffee and cake will be served.
Small donations accepted.

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

For further details:
kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk or 07861459918

Wheatley Lane Methodist Church



Candlelight Carol Service

Briercliffe Road Church

On Saturday the 13th of December at 4pm



Music is led by a choir, organ and live musical accompaniment.

The service is followed by light refreshments.

All Welcome.

PADIHAM ROAD METHODIST CHURCH
Brassey Street, BURNLEY BB12 8AD

CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2025, 11am

Our Carol Service will be held on Sunday, 14th December 2025, at 11am
This will be followed with a *Pie & Peas Lunch at 12:30pm
At 2pm the South Pennine Singers will be performing their Christmas Concert

*Pie & Peas Lunch Tickets	£4:00 per person (Child £2)
South Pennine Concert	£5:00
Discounted price for Lunch and Concert	£8:00 per person (Child £5)

NB: For Concert only you may pay on the door.

*Meat & Potato Pie OR *Cheese & Onion Pie
with Peas, Pickled Red Cabbage, or Beetroot

NB PLEASE PRE-BOOK your Lunch Ticket by Monday, 1st December
with Kath on 07850 435622 or Margaret on 07980 077439
or any of the Stewards, stating your choice of pie.
Thank you.

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.

