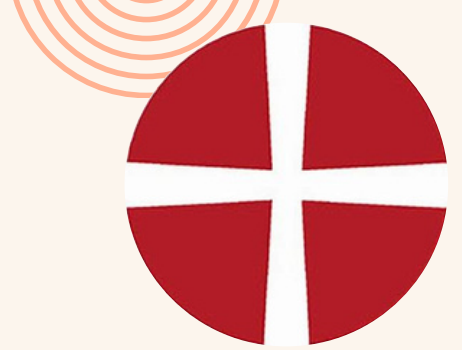


# Burnley & Pendle

Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 12th May - Monday 25th May 2026



## Prayer Points

Please remember to pray for -

- A peaceful resolution to the conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza and Iran.
- All the newly elected councillors in England, Scotland and Wales, and that they will use their positions to bring people to together and to care for those who most need it.
- All those passengers on the cruise ship affected by the hantavirus, that they will find help and healing.
- Our Pentecost service on Sunday evening, that it will inspire and enthuse those who attend
- The Noah's Ark trail over this weekend at Wheatley Lane, that it will draw the community in, and they will be inspired to find out more about church and faith through their attendance.
- Our circuit staff and stewards as we seek to make positive decisions for the future of our circuit

## Upcoming Circuit Events

- Circuit Wildfire Pentecost Circuit on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm at The Exchange Project, Colne. See poster below

## Upcoming Church Events

- Tuesday Fellowship 'A Jammy Story' with Kath Heyworth today (12<sup>th</sup> May) at 2pm at Brunshaw Church.
- Springtime Brunch Bonanza on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am - 1pm at Higherford Church
- Noah's Ark Trail on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 11am- 4pm at Wheatley Lane Church
- An afternoon with The Lancashire Lad on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2pm at Higherford Church

See posters below

## Thy Kingdom Come 2026

Thy Kingdom Come 2026 starts this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May for 11 days. This year's theme is 'God with us'; the God who is with us in the everyday - in the joys and sorrows of life (and everything in between) and the One who, through His spirit, longs to reveal Himself to those who do not yet know Him. Over the 11 days, leaders from across the traditions will share and explore a different Bible story daily, which demonstrates God's transformative presence, power and love at work in the lives of people and communities, TKC prayer journals are available in churches throughout the circuit or from the TKC website. [www.thykingdomcome.global/thy-kingdom-come-2026](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/thy-kingdom-come-2026)

## Circuit Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are available from Rev Tony Graff for you to give to individuals who are in need of our prayers. Please contact Tony if you require one or if you have a shawl to donate to this important ministry. Thank you.

## Outreach Chef/Cook Vacancy

St Philip's Centre in Nelson which is a mission to those on the margins are looking for a chef or cook to help the centre fulfil their aims of hospitality, outreach and community building. The person could be a member of another church. For more information and/or an application pack and confidential declaration form please contact:

Yvonne Bolton [stjchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stjchurchoffice@gmail.com), 01282 447590; St Philip's Centre and St John's Church Centre, Nelson.

Closing date: midnight 10 June 2026

Interview date: 18 June 2026

## Circuit Competition for Children

As part of this year's Heritage Methodist Education Project we are inviting children within the circuit to participate in a competition. We are looking for children to write a song or poem based on 'the love of God'. Winning items will be part of the Methodist Education Heritage exhibition in October. Please send entries to Claire in the circuit office before the 24th July 2026.

Please encourage entries from the children you know connected to the life of the circuit. Thanks.

## District Grants

A reminder that the District has grants available! Large grant applications for the next Grants Committee meeting on 6th July 2026 are encouraged - make sure you submit early in order for your application to be reviewed at this meeting. Of course, small grant applications can be submitted at any time.

The District Grants Policy has recently been updated and can be found at <https://nwedmethodists.org.uk/district-advance-fund/>

## Next Circuit Newsletter

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 26th May 2026. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Please note this will cover 3 weeks. Thank you.

Claire Slack, Circuit's Communication & Information Coordinator - 07752278664 [circuitoffice@2101methodists.org](mailto:circuitoffice@2101methodists.org)

# SPRINGTIME BRUNCH BONANZA

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Free admission  
9.30 am - 1.00 pm

Bacon, sausage & egg butties.

Plant Sale

Raffle

Variety of stalls.

Tea, coffee and cake.

Books and jigsaws

## HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Wheatley Lane Methodist Church

# Noah's Ark

trail through the village  
Sat 16<sup>th</sup> + Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May  
11am - 4pm  
Fun for all the family  
Come and search for Noah's animals  
Pick up your map from church.  
All proceeds for church funds.

trail map £2

PRIZES

Stalls in church  
raffle - tombola  
refreshments  
bacon butties  
sandwiches  
cakes

Wheatley Lane Methodist Church  
8812 9ED

# Wildfire' Pentecost Worship

On Sunday 17th May 2026, 6pm  
at The Exchange Project, St Johns,  
Colne

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

## HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH

### An afternoon with 'The Lancashire Lad'

Stories and Songs



Thursday May 21st 2pm  
£7 including traditional refreshments  
EVERYONE WELCOME