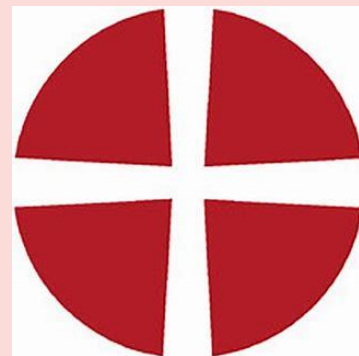


Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 13th September 2022



Prayer

A prayer on the death of Her Majesty the Queen

Creator God,
We give thanks for the life of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.
We honour her life of service built on a firm foundation of faith and an exemplary commitment to duty.
Comfort those who mourn and bring peace to those in distress.
We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Taken from the Methodist Church Website

Prayer Points

- King Charles III and members of the Royal family as they mourn the loss of a mother and grandmother as well as a friend and monarch, let them feel your loving arms surrounding them
- for the British government at this time of uncertainty and change, give them wisdom
- for those who are lonely, let them know they are loved
- for those who are struggling, give them the right support they need

Circuit Events

This Week

17th and 18th September – Burnley & Pendle Methodist Heritage Resource Hub Open Day from 2-5pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church – If any church has items or photographs etc they wish to display during the weekend, please contact Kath Yates to arrange for collection or bring them to Padiham Road Church on Friday September 16th between 10am and 2pm. Many Thanks

In October

1st October – Circuit Prayer Time at 9am St Andrew's Methodist Church led by Shirley Godfrey

3rd October – Circuit Meeting at 7.30pm in Christ Church, Nelson in the Lounge

Circuit Bible Study: "Sampling the Psalms". Richard Hoyle will be leading the next Circuit Bible Study starting on **Wednesday 5th October at 7:30pm** for 6 weeks, on Zoom. It will be in 2 sections with a break for two weeks, 26th Oct and 2nd Nov with the final session on 23rd November. The link will be available from **Monday 3rd October** from Richard on rdhoyle@btinternet.com

Message from the Circuit Superintendent

Dear Friends,

On Friday we woke up to a changed country following the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the day before.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth is for many of us the only Queen we have ever known, and it seems strange to think that she is no longer with us. Many of us have felt a profound sense of loss that has taken us by surprise and over the coming days we will remember the Queen in our own ways.

Much has been said about Elizabeth II, about her dedication to duty, both here in the UK and throughout the Commonwealth. She promised at the age of 21 to devote her life to service and has kept that promise throughout her long life.

I think for me what stood out most about the late Queen was her strong Christian faith, the faith that sustained her throughout her life and faith she wasn't afraid to speak about publicly and share with others. I believe it was her Christian faith that made her the successful and hardworking Head of State that she was. I was very moved when I found out she would sometimes sign her letters "your servant Elizabeth R", an attitude that surely extended from her Christian discipleship and her recognition that whilst she was Queen, Jesus is King of Kings (and Queens).

On Saturday a new King, Charles III, started his service as our Monarch: but for him and the Royal family that meant of course grieving for a dearly loved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and aunt. Like any grieving family they need our prayers.

We need to pray for each other, too, as we come to terms with what will be a significant change in our country and as we mourn Queen Elizabeth II.

As a Circuit we will be holding a short service of Prayer and Reflection on Zoom this coming Thursday at 7:30pm, led by myself, Tony and Richard, a chance to gather together and bring to God some of our thoughts and feelings at this historic time of change. (for log in details please contact Richard Hoyle or Claire at the Circuit office)

Yours in Christ,

Rick

7th October – Circuit Messy Church 4-6pm at Christ Church, Nelson.

Holiday Bible Club – see poster below



Circuit Half Term Holiday Bible Club

Singing, stories, craft, games and snacks.
For Primary aged children

There will be a group for 11to 13years with different activities

Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th October 2022

**Christ Church
Carr Road Nelson**

10am - 12.30pm

£4 per child

For more information contact
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Methodist Church Events this week

Greenbrook Church – Greenbrook Theatre Group on Saturday 17th September – “Songs for September” Has been Postponed until Sunday 2nd October at 3pm for more information Contact Wendy Curson on 07789603602 or 01282 426889.

Christ Church - Community lunch starts again at on 20th September, 12 noon. £4 per person for a 2 course meal plus tea/coffee. All welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE -SAVE THE DATE!

Brierfield's Nativity Festival
FRI 2nd DEC - SUN 4th DEC
Brierfield will shortly be inviting all

Local Preacher Commissioning Service.

Dean Lawson, who started his local preacher training in this Circuit will be recognized as a Local Preacher tonight Tuesday, 13th September 2022 at 7.30 pm in Frodsham Methodist Church. This Local Preacher Commissioning service for Dean Lawson will be available to watch online using the following Livestream link:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/FrodshamMethodistChurch>

Ukraine Appeal Update



Many thanks for all the continued support for the Ukraine appeal. Another full van load went from the Circuit last Friday to add to the 400 tonnes that has been sent to Ukraine. We received an email from International Aid Trust thanking us as a Circuit for what we are doing.



The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday 20th September 2022. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 19th September 2022.

Claire Slack,
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Circuit Churches to dress a table with Nativity displays. (This will be similar to the Christmas Tree & Flower Festival we held in 2018, and would have been staged in 2020!.)

The displays can be in 'human form' and used to promote activities within each individual Church.

Refreshments and hot lunches will be served. Seasonal stalls, produce too!

The aim is to promote all our Circuit Churches and raise funds to pay back some of our Circuit debt.

Support from you all will be welcomed!

Parkside

Following the recent closure of Parkside and in order to find new homes for some of the contents, we are inviting the other churches in the Circuit to an Open Evening on Friday 30th September from 5pm-7pm and Saturday 1st October from 10am – 12 noon. Donations for items will be most welcome.

Thank You

Dear All,

At my Tea and cakes event for Palestine we raised the incredible sum of £650. Thank you to all who supported the event and were generous in their giving. I fly out to Palestine on Sept 12th to volunteer with Angleena, our Methodist Liaison Officer based in Bethlehem, where I will be staying until Nov 27th. The money will be used to give donations to the various groups I meet, as their need is great. Please remember me in your prayers.

Thank you Bea