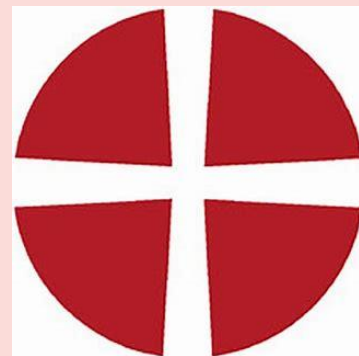


Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 6th September 2022



Prayer

Dear God, We pray for everyone in this world and ask you to bless us all. Jesus, our dear brother, asked his disciples to share his word. They didn't cower away but did as asked. They didn't convince everyone; who can but you, Lord? We pray that people, young and old, may turn to you. We pray for those in countries with war; people who have lost someone they loved deeply; those struggling with Covid-19; those who have been abused and those who abuse others. May they believe in you, praying with whole hearts, realising you're really here. We want to be as obedient as the disciples to spread the word of the gospel. We love you, Lord. Amen.

**Jessie Gadd, age 16, YIPS Youth Group,
Grimsby and Cleethorpes Circuit from the
Methodist Prayer Handbook 2022/2023**

Prayer Points

- For the children, young people and staff as they start a new academic year in the local schools and colleges. Help them to be educated in safe and caring environments.
- For Pakistan, for all the people of Pakistan who have been affected by the flooding and for those who are responding to the crisis.
- For the British Government and the new Prime Minister as they govern the country over the forthcoming months.
- For those worried about the rising cost of living. Let the church provide the right practical and spiritual help that is needed.
- For the Burnley Circuit staff and Circuit Stewards as they form a new team to led the Circuit in a positive, inspirational and spiritual way.

Circuit Events

In September

8th September - Local Preachers Meeting with Holy Communion at 7.30pm in Wheatley Lane Methodist Church

9th September Circuit Messy Church – see poster below



**We invite you to join us for
Circuit Messy Church at Christ
church Methodist church
nelson**

Friday 9th September 2022

Friday 7th October 2022

Friday 4th November 2022

Friday 2nd December 2022

4pm - 6pm

£1 per child

Crafts, food, stories, songs and
good fun

for families of all ages

All children must be accompanied by an
adult

call Wendy - 07961044563 for more info

email: wendyfryer@2101methodists.org

**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

Messages from the Circuit Superintendent

Dear Friends,

Happy New Methodist Year!

The Methodist Church Year begins on the 1st of September and like the calendar New Year is often seen a chance to start afresh, a time for positive change and new beginnings, a time to move forward with fresh hope and optimism.

On Sunday afternoon we formally welcomed Rev Tony Graff to our Circuit, and I can already see that Tony will bring fresh enthusiasm and insights to our Circuit life together. We have a refreshed Circuits Stewards' team too, with Jill and Gwen having stepped down after six years faithful service and hard work that has benefitted Burnley & Pendle Circuit, and Barbara Cole taking up the role.

As our District Chair, Rev Phil Gough, observed on Sunday afternoon there are a number of challenges facing us as Christian people. We need to discern what God is saying to us, both as a Circuit and as Churches. What is God already doing in our churches and communities? What fresh things is God calling us to undertake both this year and in the longer term? What is God asking us to lay down? How can we best help the people of our local communities, especially those who are genuinely fearful of rising domestic energy costs and who may be unable to afford to heat their homes at all? As Christian people what help can we offer, both spiritually and practically? In order to do anything effectively as God's people we need to be deeply aware of God's presence in our lives and to have faith that God can do through us, what we might believe to be beyond our own abilities and resources. Our God is an awesome God with infinite resources and through us God can do more than we can ever dream of or imagine.

Our Lancashire District mission statement is Transforming lives and communities which is very similar to our own Circuit Mission Statement, Sharing God's grace in word and action. As we move forward into this new Methodist Year may we all, as individual Christians, as churches, as schools

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

Holiday Bible Club – see poster below

Circuit Half Term Holiday Bible Club

BE the light!

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

There will be a group for 11 to 13 years 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
wendyfrayer@2101methodists.org
Tel: 07961044563

and as a Circuit work with God towards making that transformation a reality.

Yours in Christ,

Rick

This Saturday 10th September, the Lancashire District Synod will be held at Christ Church Methodist Church in Nelson. As hosts for this event Rick on behalf of the Circuit has sent the following letter to all Synod representatives in advance of the event. There is an open invitation to everyone in this Circuit to also attend this Synod. Please find the information below.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of your Methodist siblings in Burnley & Pendle Circuit it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to you to our District Synod at Christ Church, Cross Street, Nelson, BB9 7EN.

As parking at Christ Church itself is very limited we are restricting it to those who especially need to park there, either because of mobility issues, or because you need to bring equipment or resources. We have made arrangements for the two-hour disk parking restriction to be lifted on the two nearest council car parks, Booth Street and Stanley Street, but you should not park on the restricted streets which are under Lancashire County Council control. There is also an unrestricted car park about ten minutes' walk from the church down Carr Road at Victoria Park, but there is a steep slope involved.

The ideal way to travel to Synod, assuming no rail strike that day, is by train as the railway station is only five minutes' walk from the church, and train travel is the most environmentally friendly option. If you are coming by car, please could you arrange car sharing wherever possible to help with car parking and again a greener option.

Can I also ask if you can bring your own thermos / eco mug to Synod, which is again a greener option and saves on washing up.

The Burnley and Pendle Circuit was formed in 2018 from the former Burnley Circuit and Pendle Circuit and stretches from Padiham, Hapton and Burnley

Methodist Church Events



Wheatley Lane - Lego Church

Fri 9th Sept 3.15pm - 4.45pm

for families. On the 2nd Friday in the month.

Higherford – Harvest Coffee Morning

Higherford Methodist Church
invite you to a

Harvest Coffee Morning

Saturday 10th September
10.00am – 12.00pm

The invitation card is framed with a decorative border of red circles. It features the text 'Higherford Methodist Church invite you to a Harvest Coffee Morning' with a coffee cup icon. Below the text is a photograph of a bowl of fresh fruit, including a melon, apples, grapes, and strawberries. At the bottom, it specifies the date and time: 'Saturday 10th September 10.00am – 12.00pm'.

Greenbrook Church – Greenbrook Theatre Group on Saturday 17th September - Songs for September

A selection of songs and scripts to enjoy
£7 PER PERSON Including refreshments
Tickets from Wendy on 07789603602

through Nelson and Colne as far as Earby and Barnoldswick. We currently have fifteen churches and three schools: Wheatley Lane which is Methodist Voluntary Aided School and Wellfield and Hapton Schools which are joint Methodist and Anglican schools. Like most Circuits and Churches, we are still dealing with effects of the Covid pandemic and lockdowns, but congregations are now growing again, and our activities are resuming.

Our Circuit Mission Statement is 'Sharing God's Grace in Word and Action' and our focus as a Circuit is always on this, by continuing to do the things which have proved effective in our mission and ministry but also by willing to be open to new ways of doing things and to following God wherever God leads us. Key to this is effective communication using traditional methods and social media, including a Circuit Website and Facebook page.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Circuit and to sharing in an uplifting time of fellowship at Synod.

Yours in Christ

Rick

Local Preacher Commissioning Service.

Dean Lawson, who started his local preacher training in this Circuit will be recognized as a Local Preacher next 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>

Higherford

Higherford Methodist Church

An Old Person's Guide to Nostalgia



A talk about nostalgic, old-fashioned sweets followed by Afternoon Tea

Thursday 22nd September

1.30pm



Tickets: £10

Tel: 01282 697765 to book

Brierfield Messy Church



We invite you to join us for Messy Church at Brierfield Methodist church

Friday 23rd September 2022

Friday 28th October 2022

Friday 25th November 2022

Friday 16th December 2022

4pm - 6pm

£1 per family

Crafts, food, stories, songs and good fun

for families of all ages

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AND WIDER

South Pennine Singers

Lay Pastor, Richard Hoyle and Peter Yates from Padiham Rd are both members of the South Pennine Singers, a local choir of long standing. We are

Circuit Summer Holiday Club



The Circuit Summer Holiday Bible Club took place Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th August and was enjoyed by 30 children over the week. The theme was Superheroes, this led to the children beginning to understand that Jesus is their Superhero. We looked at different Bible passages and found that superhero qualities can't always be seen on the outside of a person but that it is the inside that counts. The children took part in crafts, science activities, games and opening and closing assemblies and they thoroughly enjoyed taking part. On Friday parents were invited to watch a snippet of what the children had been doing and we all shared lunch together. The children collected money from doing jobs at home which is being sent to Derian House Children's Hospice. The total raised was £210.

The next Circuit Holiday Bible Club will take place at Christ Church on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th October. There will be a group for 11-13 years with age-appropriate activities. For more information contact Wendy Fryer.

Resources

Book recommendation by Karen Hoyle

12 Things God Can't Do by Nick Tucker

I heard the author interviewed in early June, a couple of weeks before the book was published, and he was saying that the idea came when he was singing 'My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do.' He was struck by the thought that there *are* things that God can't do. For example, he can't lie, he can't sleep, he can't be surprised and he can't die, all of which should fill us with relief, confidence and peace. So

looking to recruit new members and if anyone is interested please speak to Richard or contact Peter on 01282 458912 or peterc.yatespd2@gmail.com
We rehearse on Friday evenings at Padiham Rd from 7.30pm till 10.00pm. We perform up to four concerts a year. Our repertoire is an eclectic mix of classic to modern. An ability to read music is helpful but not imperative!! Please give it some thought.

ADVANCE NOTICE -SAVE THE DATE!

Brierfield's Nativity Festival

FRI 2nd DEC - SUN 4th DEC

Brierfield will shortly be inviting all 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!

District

A hearing aid and an empty glasses case were found at Wesley Hall, Blackburn, following the Welcome Service of Revd. Phil Gough, our new Chair of District, on Saturday 20th August.

Please contact Pauline, the Centre Manager at Wesley Hall, if these items belong to you. Mobile Number: 07563 691277. Email: cmwesleyhall@gmail.com
Usual office hours are 9am - 12:00pm Monday - Friday.

this book looks at 12 things that God can't do, exploring, on the one hand, God's awesome 'otherness', and yet how He became one of us in the person of Jesus. While it covers some quite deep theology, it is written in easily accessible language with a touch of humour at times, and I found myself stopping in the middle of almost every section and saying, "This is really good!"

Sunday 11 September Education Sunday

The theme of this year's Education Sunday is based on the Gospel readings of the lost sheep and the lost coin, with the title, '**You are not lost!**'.

In addition to the published materials from Churches together in England, Barbara Easton (Head of Service for the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust) has recorded a short video sermon that will be available to put into your service on that day.

[Access the Education Sunday resources here](#)



Reflect
Methodist spirituality

Open Day—Conference 2022

'Loving the Church'

Keynote speaker—Rev Graham Thompson,
President of the Methodist Conference 2022-2023

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Afternoon workshops - to include Labyrinth, guided meditation, heritage tour, singing etc.

All are welcome—Admission is free, donations accepted to cover expenses

Tea and Coffee will be provided—please bring your own packed lunch, or order one for £3.50, to be paid on the day

November 5th 2022, 10 for 10.30am to 3.30pm

Victoria Hall, Knowsley Street, Bolton, BL1 2AS

To book your place, follow this link:

<https://barmd.org.uk/civicrm/event/info?id=99&reset=1>

Stanhill Methodist Church, Oswaldtwistle

Stanhill Methodist Church

Nab Lane, Stanhill

Oswaldtwistle

BB5 4PT



Heritage Weekend

September 9th, 10th and 11th 2022

Our theme this year is Sunday School and School Assembly

Friday 9th September and Saturday 10th September

Chapel open 11am – 3pm. Displays of memorabilia.

Refreshments, snacks and drinks available.

Sunday 11th September

As this is Education Sunday, we will have an "Old Skool Classics" service at 2.30pm, featuring your favourite school assembly and Sunday School songs.

Refreshments afterwards from the School Tuck Shop



Come and see our unique and historic chapel – one of the few remaining examples of a United Free Methodist Chapel.

All Welcome

The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday 13th September 2022. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 12th September 2022.

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