



BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 13th February – 26th February 2024

Prayer time

today as a Circuit we invite you to pray for St John's Methodist Church, Colne.
www.burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit.com/st-john-s



Please pray:

- Where there is war, we pray for peace. Where violence leads to instability in the surrounding region, we pray for the tensions to be reduced and for peaceful relationships to be developed. Where civilians are killed and their basic needs are denied, we pray for an end to the aggression and for the necessary aid to be supplied.
- For those living with life changing illnesses like cancer, for their families and the NHS workers who care for them. Amongst the patients we pray for King Charles. May his openness in sharing his news lead others to have health checks and be screened.
- As countries become increasingly self-interested we pray for a turn to cooperation and actions that lead to the flourishing of the world community as a whole.
- For our Circuit Ash Wednesday service on 14th February at 7.30pm at Briercliffe Road.

Circuit Events

Circuit Service on Ash Wednesday, on 14th February, at 7.30pm at Briercliffe Road Church, Burnley.

Circuit Messy Church on Friday 16th February 3.30 – 5.30pm at Padiham Road, Burnley

Circuit Evening Service on Sunday 18th February at St John's, Colne at 6pm

Circuit Meeting on Monday 19th February at 7:30pm on Zoom

Circuit Lent Course on Zoom on Thursday 22nd February at 7pm. Log in details available from Circuit office.

Circuit Messy Church on Friday 23rd February 4 – 6pm at Brierfield Church

Circuit Property Meeting on 26th February at 7.30pm at Padiham Road.

Church Events

Good Morning coffee morning at Higherford on Saturday 17th February 10am – 12noon

Bacon Butty Morning at Briercliffe Road on Saturday 17th February 10am – 1pm.

Circuit events after 27th February into March

Methodist Heritage Group meeting on Tuesday 27th February at Padiham Road, Burnley at 10.30am

- For the Messy Church sessions on 16th at Padiham Road and on 23rd at Brierfield.
- For the Circuit Service on Sunday 18th at 6pm at St John's. For Christvin as he leads the worship and for Joanne Duke a Pastor from Church on the Streets Ministries as she shares her journey of faith.
- For those taking part in Lent courses including the one arranged by the Circuit as we study Leslie Newton's book Revive Us Again.
- For the Circuit Property Meeting on 26th February at 7.30pm at Padiham Road.

An Invitation to Join the Burnley & Pendle 2024 Lent Course

During Lent, we will be reflecting on the book 'Revive Us Again' by Leslie Newton. We kindly encourage you to buy the book in advance and read the allocated chapters before our Zoom gathering. Here's the link to purchase the book <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Revive-Us-Again-PublishU-Book-ebook/dp/B0CHFYZYP>. Or you can simply type the title of the book on your Amazon app or web browser to make the purchase. Or please contact one of our staff members, who will be able to assist you. Please join 5 minutes in advance to help us start the session at 7 pm. Each session will last 30 minutes.

Please contact Rick for the Zoom link.

22nd February - Chapters 1 and 2 led by Rick.

29th February - Chapters 3 and 4 led by Richard.

7th March - Chapters 5 and 6 led by Christvin.

14th March - Chapters 7 and 8 led by Tony.

21st March - Chapters 9, 10, and 11 led by Rick.

Bible & Prayer Focus Group meeting on Tuesday 27th February at 329 Wheatley Lane Road, Fence at 7.30pm

Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 2nd March at 8am at Briercliffe Rd Church, Burnley led by Revd James Booth

Circuit Health & Safety Training on Saturday 2nd March between 9.30am and 12.30pm at Central Methodist Church Burnley.

Local Preacher & Worship Leaders meeting on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm at Brierfield Church

Circuit Meeting on Monday 18th March at Christ Church, Nelson at 7.30pm

Church Events in March

World Day of Prayer Friday 1st March prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine –
2pm at Hapton Methodist Church
7pm at Wheatley Lane Church

Slide Show Quiz at Higherford on Friday 8th March at 7pm

Circuit Mission Group

The Mission Group are hoping to organise some town centre outreach on Saturday 23rd March in Burnley, Colne and Barnoldswick. We will be giving out Hot Cross Buns and cards and so on, so if anyone would like to be involved, please contact Richard on 07503 491805 or on rdhoyle@btinternet.com

Community Lunch at Christ Church, Nelson
Unfortunately, due to illness the Community lunch at Christ Church is cancelled until further notice. Praying for a speedy recovery for Roy after a major operation.

Safety in Church

As part of The Methodist insurance cover requirements, anyone who is not an independent paid contractor, must have received some basic Health and Safety training before they undertake any maintenance work either inside or outside the church. Circuit is providing free training on Saturday 2nd March between 9.30am and 12.30pm at Central Methodist Church Burnley. All property stewards are to attend along with other appropriate volunteers.

Please book on through The Circuit office email. Places limited per session to 20 delegates (further sessions can be arranged if necessary)

Used Stamps

If you have any used stamps please could you save them and give them to Bea Foster. Thank you.

Wheatley Lane Church 200 years

One of the members of Wheatley Lane church has taken on the church's fundraising initiative 'The Parable of the Talents' and has created these coasters to celebrate the church's 200th anniversary. These coasters are limited and cost £4 each. Please contact Cath Nutter (01282 690591) if you would like to buy one.



Wider Methodist Community

This year Connexional Lent Bible study will be based on Charles Wesley's famous hymn 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'. Please use the link below and sign up to receive these each day, beginning on Wednesday 14th February, and discover a rhythm of reflection over Lent.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/lent-and-easter/unbounded-love/>

To celebrate the launch of the new A Methodist Way of Life discipleship toolkit, the Evangelism and Growth Team is producing a new monthly blog series on leadership and culture change. Whether you are mission planning, starting New Places for New People or re-orienting your church's focus to discipleship, hopefully these monthly blogs will provide encouragement and guidance.

The next few newsletters will be published fortnightly. The next one will be on Tuesday 27th February 2024. Please note this will cover 2 weeks from Tuesday 27th February to Monday 11th March 2024. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 26th February 2024. Claire Slack, Circuit's Communication & Information Coordinator - 07752278664 circuitoffice@2101methodists.org

District

Planting new worship communities

On Saturday 2nd March, Anthony Clowes is hosting a regional event aimed at encouraging and supporting those who are involved in planting new worship communities. Click the link below for details.

[Inspire 2024 Tickets, Sat 2 Mar 2024 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Vacancy: Circuit Operations Manager

Full-time - 40 hours per week (some flexible working is necessary) Do you think strategically? Are you someone who wants to see people released for mission and ministry? Have you got experience in management and oversight? The North Lancashire Methodist Circuit seeks to appoint a full-time Operations Manager. The successful applicant will play a leading role in operational matters across the Circuit. This role will release resources for mission by helping to provide professional management, advice and oversight in the areas of property management, operations, compliance and administration. The successful applicant will be required to work within the strategic direction of the circuit as shaped by the Circuit Leadership Team and in line with Methodist Church disciplines. We are an equal opportunities employer but the role requires a sympathy with the aims and ethos of the Methodist Church. Please note - the post is subject to obtaining a satisfactory enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) disclosure.

Salary starting at: £31,000 per annum

Closing date for applications: Friday 29th February 2024.

The Interviews will be held in the week beginning 18th March 2024

or further information and for an application form, please contact: Mrs Ruth Champley - ruth787@btinternet.com or 01524-417031 / 07394 591 394

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Safeguarding Training - Advanced Module

1 - Online This course is split into three parts:

- Advanced Module (online) e-learning - this takes between 4 and 7 hours, depending on your learning style, to complete. It can be completed in smaller sections over approximately 3 weeks. The accompanying Workbook is for your personal use and is not assessed.
- Handbook – to support learning during Advanced Module (online) and for further study and resources.
- Advanced Module (online) Gathered Session – a 2-hour group session via Zoom to consolidate learning from the e-learning on:

Tuesday 16th April - 7.00p.m. to 9.00p.m.

(bookings close on Tuesday 26th March) OR

Wednesday 22nd May – 10.00a.m. to 12 noon

(bookings close on Wednesday 1 st May) OR

Wednesday 19th June - 2.00pm to 4.00pm

(bookings close on Wednesday 29th May)

To book on this online course please use this link <https://lancashireadvancedmodule.eventbrite.co.uk>.

2 - Face to Face : This course is split into three parts:

- Preparing the Ground – reading (up to 1 hour 30 minutes) – completed prior to, and brought along to, the face to face session.
- Core Learning Session – a face to face session from 10.00a.m. to 3.30pm on Thursday 14th March – at Penwortham Methodist Church, PR1 9XR (bookings close on Thursday 7th March
- Handbook – to support learning during Advanced Module (online) and for further study and resources.

To book onto a course use the Eventbrite link

<https://LancashireAdvancedModuleFaceToFace.eventbrite.co.uk>. Once registered, you should receive an instant email from Eventbrite which contains the link to the Preparing the Ground reading.

Any problems please contact Graham Kay, District Safeguarding Officer 07704 037011

/lancashire.district@dso.methodist.org.uk or Ann Snell, the Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

Posters

**CIRCUIT MESSY CHURCH AT
PADIHAM ROAD METHODIST CHURCH**



**COME AND JOIN US
CRAFTS, STORIES, SONGS, FOOD & FUN!**

**Friday 16th February
3:30pm-5:30pm**

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Contact 07469761773
kellykershaw@2101methodists.org

HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH

**Saturday 17th February
10am - 12 noon**



*Start your day with freshly
brewed coffee
and great company*

Briercliffe Road Church
Melville Street,
Burnley
BB103DY



Bacon Butty Morning

**Saturday 17th February
10a.m. to 1p.m.**

£3.50 Bacon butty including coffee & tea
Everyone Welcome



**CIRCUIT MESSY CHURCH AT
BRIERFIELD METHODIST CHURCH**



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4pm-6pm**

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