

# Burnley & Pendle

## Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 3rd February - Monday 16th February 2026



### Prayer Points

Wednesday 4th February is World Cancer Awareness Day. Please pray for those living with cancer; their families and friends; and those who care for them as surgeons, doctors, nurses and carers.

February is LGBTQI+ History Month. Please pray that any barriers to variety and difference, including those in our own hearts, will be lifted so that we and our churches may be places where all are welcome.

Please pray:

- for the protesters in Iran, those who have been killed; those who have been put in prison; and those who have been traumatised by the things that they have seen.
- for the protesters in Minneapolis, including the Native American people who have been harassed and told to go back to their reservations.
- for the screening in Brierfield on Friday 13th February of the film *Where Olive Trees Weep*, about the struggles and resilience of the Palestinian people; and for Women For Peace who are organising this event.
- for the Circuit Prayer Breakfast at Brunshaw on 7th February and for Sheila Chadwick as she leads it.

### Upcoming Circuit Events

Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 7th February at Brunshaw at 8am led by Sheila Chadwick

Circuit Youth Gathering on Sunday 8th February at Fence Village Hall 6.30-7.30pm

### Upcoming Church Events

Decoupage Pot Workshop this Thursday 5th February at Wheatley Lane (Poster below)

Valentines Day coffee morning on Saturday 14th February at Briercliffe Road, Burnley 10am - 1pm. (Poster below)

**Job vacancy within the Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit**

*Circuit Youth Pastor*

For more information visit  
[www.burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit.com/job-vacancies](http://www.burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit.com/job-vacancies)

**Closing date - Saturday 21st February 2026**



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### Circuit Celebration Service

We invite you to a Celebration Service at 3pm on Sunday 22nd March 2026 at Christ Church. This service is to celebrate the service that local preachers give to this circuit. During the service certificates will be presented to Barry Dickinson and Ian Wheeler who have been local preachers for 60 and 50 years respectively. Also, the service will mark the retirements of two local preachers Shirley Godfrey and Erica Atkinson. So please come along and join in this special celebration service.

After the service tea and cakes will be served. Any offers of cakes or biscuits would be appreciated – please contact Claire. Thank you.

### Encounter 2026

Last Saturday's Circuit Encounter event hosted by Briercliffe Road church was amazing. Four members of the circuit – Ann, Neville, Vivienne and Denise – shared their inspirational and encouraging faith stories.

Grateful thanks to the four speakers plus to the Briercliffe Road team for their excellent hospitality.

**Date for your diary** : the next Bite-Size Encounter is on Saturday 15th August at 11am at Brunshaw Church.

If you are willing to share part of your faith journey at this event please contact Tony Graff.



### 'Wildfire' Musical – Taster evening

Dear friends

You will hopefully have heard about the Roger Jones' Pentecost musical 'Wildfire', that we are presenting on the weekend of 15th – 17th May 2026 (See posters)

We are having a taster evening on Tuesday 10th February, Padiham Road, 7.30pm, where we will be showing the musical on screen, to give you a taste of what it's about and what's involved. We invite you to come along if you think you'd like to be part of the production in any way. We will be getting a choir together (the bigger the better!), we'll need people for the drama, dancers, musicians and technicians.

Hope to see you on 10th, but if you can't make that night and would like to be involved, please let me know!

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### NWE District

Bible Month Training day is approaching, and this year, we're streaming live from Cliff College on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 10am–3pm, and you can watch via YouTube. If you already want to book in for yourself or your church, you can do that straight away, here: <https://bible-month-training-2026.eventbrite.co.uk>.

Once you've booked, and you're hosting a venue for others, you can [find resources to promote it here](#).

# COFFEE HUB EXTRA!

You are invited to join Sue and Kath  
at a  
**Decoupage Pot Workshop**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
2-4pm**

Coffee and cake will be served.  
Small donations accepted.

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



For further details:  
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On the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026, the Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit will be celebrating Pentecost by presenting Roger Jones' musical 'Wildfire' which tells the story of Stephen, the first of Jesus' followers to die for his faith. It starts from the day of Pentecost, and follows his ministry in the early Church and how the Gospel then spread through the world. If you enjoy singing, acting or dancing and interested in being part of the Circuits production of this please come along to this evening event.

## *Pentecost Musical – 'Wildfire' Taster Evening*

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm at  
Padiham Rd, Burnley

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### Next Circuit Newsletter

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Please forward any contributions to me especially about events happening in your church before 5pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Thank you.

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Valentines Day    
Coffee Morning at Briercliffe Road Church  
Melville Street  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Between 10a.m. & 1p.m.

  

Toasted teacake or a slice of cake & unlimited brews  
£4.00 pay at the door  
Please come along and enjoy the  
company, you will be made very welcome.

  