

# BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT THE METHODIST CHURCH

# God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

#### Please pray for -

- A resolution to the fighting in both Gaza and Ukraine, so that the ordinary people who are suffering may be able to finally live in peace.
- The families affected by the school collapse in Indonesia
- All those affected by the shootings at the church in Michigan
- An end to the hatred being caused towards those who are seeking shelter.
- A political system in our country that is honest and compassionate
- Our circuit as we seek to find a new Superintendent
- Rick and his family as he seeks to find the right appointment
- All our churches and congregations that their hearts will be filled with love and a sense of peace and justice. Amen.

#### Circuit Events in the next 2 weeks

THIS SATURDAY .....Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8am at Brierfield led by Rev Tony Graff.

Circuit Mission Action Team (MAT) meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10am at Wheatley Lane Church. (Please note change of details) This will be another joint meeting with the Circuit Bible and Prayer Focus group.

An Autumn Celebration - Hapton Heritage Event on Saturday 11th October. The 5 mile walk starts at 1pm and the 2 mile walk starts at 1.15pm both from Hapton church. An informative exhibition and light refreshments available from 2pm in the church. Good parking. Poster below.

Circuit Youth Gathering Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm at Fence Village Hall.

## **Church Events in the next 2 weeks**

THIS THURSDAY ...... Coffee Hub Extra - Card-making Workshop on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2-4pm at Wheatley Lane. Coffee and cake will be served. We hope you can join us and bring your friends too for a fun afternoon. Materials provided though small donations accepted for church funds. All are welcome to this new monthly initiative.

# Brunshaw's Tuesday Fellowship will be at 2pm on 7<sup>th</sup> October at Brunshaw.

Our speaker will be Kath Heyworth who will talk to us about "The Band who stayed together". Based on the eight musicians on the Titanic, two of whom were Methodists. Followed by light refreshments. Everyone welcome.

### **Family News**

Irene Waddington, a retired local preacher has passed away at the age of 101 years old. Irene will be fondly remembered by many within the circuit. Her funeral will be at 1pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at St John's church in Colne. Also, the service will be available online. Please contact Claire for log-on details.

#### **Circuit Prayer Breakfast**

Can you help please? We are looking for churches to host the following prayer breakfasts please: on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup> December and 3rd January 2026. If your church can host one of these prayer breakfasts please contact Kath. <a href="kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk">kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk</a> / 07861459918. If we don't get any offers to host we will just meet for prayers without a breakfast. Many thanks.

#### Date for your diary

The next Encounter event is on Saturday 31st January 2026 at 11am at Briercliffe Road. We are looking for individuals from around the circuit to share a story from their faith journey lasting between five and ten minutes. If you would like to share your story, please contact Rev Tony Graff asap. Thanks

#### Request

Have you any unwanted material? In November, The Coffee Hub Extra at Wheatley Lane will be holding a Rag Wreath making workshop. We are looking for material to make the wreaths with especially any colours that would be good for Christmas Wreaths. Please contact Claire if you have any material to donate. Thank you.

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Thank you.

Claire Slack, Circuit's Communication & Information Coordinator - 07752278664 circuitoffice@2101methodists.org

An Afternoon of music at 2pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at Hapton. Poster below

#### **Future Church Events**

Bacon butty morning 10am-1pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October at Briercliffe Road. Poster below

#### **Community News**

'Renew' for women - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm (refreshments from 7.15pm) at St Mary's church in Rawtenstall. 'Reach out and touch' (poster below). Please contact Claire for further details.

#### **District**

#### Canva Training - online design software

There will a fun and informative Canva Training session at Central Methodist Church, Preston on October 9th from 1pm-4pm.

This 3 hour training session will provide a basic introduction to using Canva to create social media posts and flyers and help you to get to know the platform.

You will need to bring your laptop on the day and have access to a Canva account. To sign up for a free account, use the link here.

For further details and to book your place, click <u>here</u>. If you have any questions, please contact our Digital

Enabler: rimmers@nwedmethodists.org.uk

#### **Wider Methodist News**

With tensions rising in communities across the UK, the Methodist Church has released a new recording of the hymn 'Let us build a house where love can dwell', known to many as 'All are welcome'. More than 140 Methodist churches have contributed their voices to the project. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyVrOwyv3Z0&utm\_source=Methodist%20Church%20House&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=15179526\_Methodist%20News%2025%2F09%2F2025

## Poster Page

Hapton Methodist Church

PRESENTS:

"An afternoon of live music with Adrian & friends"

Sunday 12th Oct. at 2pm





5 mile walk starting at 1pm

> 2 mile walk starting at 1.15pm

Both walks will start and finish at Hapton Methodist Church. There will be an exhibition of Methodism in Hapton and light refreshments in the church from 2pm

For more info contact circuit office 07752278664 circuitoffice@2101methodists.org



Briercliffe Road Church Melville Street Burnley **BB10 3DY** Bacon Butty Morning to be held at Briercliffe Road church Saturday 25th October 10a.m. - 1p.m. £5 pounds per person with unlimited brews payable at the door. Come along and enjoy the company

Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit Invite you to



on Saturday 31st January 2026 at Briercliffe Road Church, Melville Street, Burnley.

Instead of a guest speaker, we will enjoy faith stories shared by a few people from churches within the circuit.

> Coffee from 11am 11.30am - Bite Size Testimonies 12.15pm Lunch

Free event though donations accepted on the day.

Please contact Kath kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk for further information and to book your place, stating any dietary requirements before Monday 26th January.

