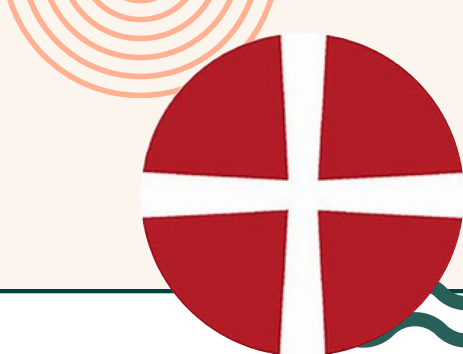


Burnley & Pendle

Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 14th July - Monday 27th July 2026



Circuit Prayers

Summer suns are glowing over land and sea , Happy light is flowing bountiful and free, everything rejoices in the mellow rays, all earth's thousand voices, swell the psalm of praise

As the sun shines down upon us we praise God for its warmth, remembering too the warmth, the care and the love of God's son Jesus.

We thank God for his other provision too, water – absolutely necessary to protect from too much sun. Water – to refresh by quenching our thirst, to cleanse us, and especially to baptise us to help us commit our lives to serving him.

Like a mighty river flowing, like a flower in beauty growing, far beyond all human knowing, is the perfect peace of God

Lord, we do crave peace – peace in our world – where there is conflict, peace in our country – where there is disharmony, peace in our lives – where there is distress...

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me, let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, we are family, let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Jesus said **My peace I give you** – may we willingly accept this gift, not to keep, but to give away to others. AMEN

Upcoming Circuit Events

- Missions Team meeting today (Tuesday 14th July) at 11am at Ian's
- Encounter on Saturday 15th August from 11am at Brunshaw Church, Burnley – poster below
- Rev Steven Donnison and his family's Welcome Service on Sunday 6th September at 4pm at Padiham Road Church, Burnley NB: the start time has been changed.

Upcoming Church Events

- Coffee Morning with Toasted Treats on Saturday 18th July at 10am – 12noon at Higherford Church

See poster below

Circuit Farewell

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this I will have moved into my new Manse in Lanchester, in the North West Durham Methodist Circuit.

I want to thank you all for five happy years as your Circuit Superintendent. I have tried my best to serve the Lord in Burnley and Pendle in the role to which God called me, and I hope that I got more right than I go wrong.

I have been supported by some great Circuit Staff colleagues: Mark Jason, Tony Graff, Adrian Perry, Claire Slack, Christvin Edbarg, Wendy Fryer and Richard Hoyle and by wonderful teams of Circuit Stewards and Church Stewards. Their support has been greatly appreciated, especially in February and March when I was unwell.

I will remember each and every church and member with love and look forward to hearing about how the Circuit grows and changes under the leadership of my successor, Rev Steven Donnison.

I must admit that I write this with a tear in my eye as I think about the final services in churches over the past few weeks and my Circuit farewell service, such generosity and so many kind words spoken and written. Thank you.

I pray for you all as I move on, that the Kingdom of God would continue to grow in your churches and Circuit and that you would love each other as Christ loves you.

God bless

Rick

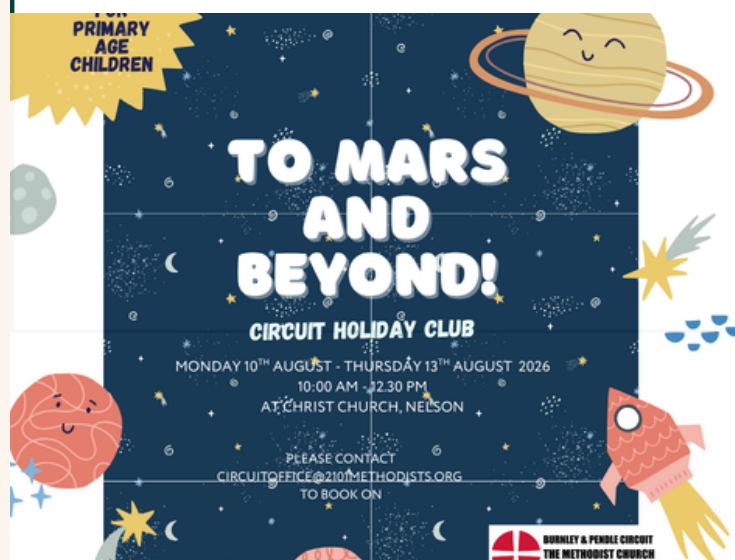


3Generate is the Methodist Church in Britain's annual youth assembly, which takes place every October at the NEC in Birmingham. Children and young people from ages 8-18 from across the Connexion come together for a weekend jam-packed with faith, fun and worship. This year dates are 2nd - 4th October 2026 and the Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit are going. Tickets will cost around £40 as the Circuit and District are subsidising it. Please contact Rev Adrian Perry for more information and to book a ticket ASAP, We need to confirm numbers by Monday 27th July. adrianperry@2101methodists.org



Circuit Holiday Club

This year the Circuit are holding a Holiday Bible Club at Christ Church, Nelson. Monday 10th - Thursday 13th August 2026, 10am - 12.30pm. Please contact the Circuit Office for more information and to book your child/ren on.



Next Circuit Newsletter

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 28th July 2026. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 27th July 2026. Thank you.

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Posters

Higherford Methodist Church Coffee Morning with Toasted Treats



Saturday 18th July
10.00 - 12.00

Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit
Invite you to

Bite size Encounter

on Saturday 15th August 2026
at Brunshaw Methodist Church,
Rimington Ave, Burnley BB10 4NN.

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 10th August.



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