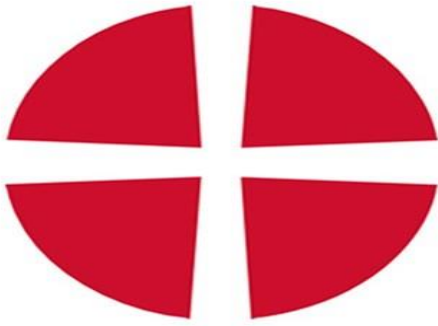




BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 25th November – Monday 8th December 2025

CIRCUIT PRAYERS of

Lord of all hopefulness...

Lord we do indeed pray for the many and varied 'hopes' across the world. For those hoping for peace, for those hoping for food and shelter, for those hoping for healing, for those hoping for friendship and understanding – for many of us, we already 'have' so do not need to 'hope' – may we always appreciate our bounty, and be ever mindful of the needs of others and respond to them wherever possible.

Lord of all joy...

Lord we thank you for the joys we experience – with family and friends, doing ordinary things, or even extraordinary things. We thank you for our churches and circuit and the ways in which we can singly, or together promote your gospel – joyfully!

Lord of all eagerness...

Lord we pray that we too can be 'eager' – eager to serve you, eager to let people know by our words and actions that YOU are special in our lives, and can be special in their lives too.

Lord of all faith...

Lord we pray you will enrich our faith so that we can be a shining light in your world, and so that we will steadfastly trust you to lead us through all times, both good and not so good.

Lord of all kindness...

Lord we think of the little boy in the book The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse, when asked what he wanted to be when he was grown up, his answer was 'kind' – that is our calling too. May we be kind to everyone, even those we are not too fond of.

Circuit Events in the next 2 weeks

LPs and WLs meeting on Monday 1st December at 7.30pm at Christ Church

Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 6th December at 8am at Padiham Road led by Rev Rick Ormrod

Circuit Christmas Celebration on Saturday 6th December at 5.30pm at St Johns, Colne

Circuit Meeting on Monday 8th December at 7.30pm at Central.

Church Events in the next 2 weeks

Christmas Fayre on Saturday 29th November, 10am – 2.30pm at Briercliffe Road. Poster below.

Christmas Fayre on Saturday 29th November 11am – 2pm at Greenbrook. Poster below

Christmas Nativity Switch on Monday 1st December at 6pm at Wheatley Lane.

Tuesday Fellowship on Tuesday 2nd December at 1.30pm at Brunshaw. The Over Fifty Something Group's show will be first now followed by the buffet which will now be served at 2.30pm

Coffee Hub Extra – Christmas Crafts on Thursday 4th December 2-4pm at Wheatley Lane. Poster below.

Christmas Market including car boot sale on Saturday 6th December 8.30am-12.30pm at Brierfield. Poster below.

Future Circuit Events

Circuit youth gathering on Sunday 14th December 6.30-7.30pm at Fence village hall. Poster below

Lord of all grace...

Brother sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you, pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Lord of Everything...

We thank you for your blessing, now enable us to be a blessing to others. AMEN.

The Men`s Shed

‘The Men’s Shed’ (TMS) is an international organisation that provides space and opportunities for (usually) men to come together to build, make, repair, create...and fundamentally to be around others and talk. ‘Sheds bring health benefits by encouraging physical and mental activity, and improved wellbeing by providing an enjoyable way to stay socially integrated in local communities, by being creative, and learning or passing on skills.’

TMS is not a Christian organisation, but it nevertheless creates opportunities to support people – many of whom may have real concerns about mental health. It also provides a safe space for us as Christians to be amongst those who may not otherwise come into our Churches. If you or someone you know would like to know more, why not contact us using the number on the flier, or come along to one of the sessions....



Future Church Events

Christmas Party on Thursday 11th December 12noon at Central. Poster below.

A Christmas old lang syne presented by Hapton Methodist church choir on Friday 12th December 7.30pm at Hapton Church. Poster below

Candlelight Carol Service on Saturday 13th December at 4pm at Briercliffe Road. Poster below.

Carol Service on Sunday 14th December at 11am at Padiham Road then South Pennine Singers Christmas Concert. After the Carol Service there will be pie & peas lunch prior to concert at £4 each; combined ticket - lunch and concert £8. Lunch to be pre booked by 1 Dec by ringing 07850 435622. Posters below.

Tuesday Fellowship on Tuesday 16th December at 2pm at Brunshaw. Carol Service followed by Christmas cake and Shortbread.

Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm at Higherford. Poster below

Community

Churches Together invite you to the Cruck Barn Carol service on Tuesday 2nd December at 6pm at the Pendle heritage centre, Barrowford. Poster below

District

District Vacancy: District Property Secretary

The North West England Methodist District (NWED) is seeking to appoint an additional District Property Secretary. The role is home-based, with travel throughout the District.

The District Property Secretaries will work in collaboration with the churches and circuits within the District, and provide oversight of the properties owned by the District.

For more information and to apply [click here.](http://www.nwedmethodists.org.uk/vacancy/district-property-secretary/)
www.nwedmethodists.org.uk/vacancy/district-property-secretary/

Circuit News

Circuit Hymn/Song competition

Congratulations to everyone who entered the Circuit's Hymn / Song competition. The standard of entries was high.

The two winning entries were from Pat Sunderland and Jackie Lloyd. Both these items will be sung at the Circuit Heritage Songs of Praise on Saturday 17th January 2026 at 2pm at Padiham Road church.

Valerie Ormrod and Alan Gillies both received highly commended for their respective entries. Certificates will be presented at the above mentioned event to winners.

Circuit Zoom Services

We, Burnley & Pendle Circuit, continue to offer online Sunday morning services via Zoom. It provides an opportunity for those people who can't attend Sunday worship in a church to attend a service. We have people attending online worship due to various circumstances e.g. being in a care home, housebound, work commitments, away on holiday etc. The login link is the same every Sunday. Please contact Claire circuitoffice@2101methodists.org for it.

Most of the services are streamed from St John's Church however once a month Esther Beaumont leads a service from Scotland. For more details please see the Circuit Preaching Plan on the Circuit website.

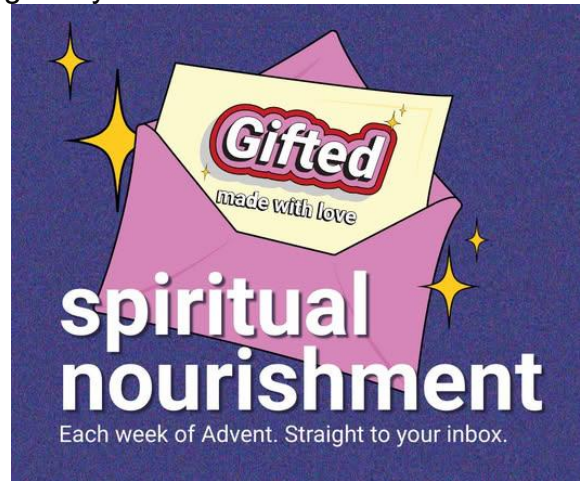
Instead of missing out on church worship, why not join in on Zoom?

Coffee Bar at Central Methodist Church

Volunteers are urgently required to work in our friendly coffee bar at Central Methodist Church, which is an important part of our Christian Outreach in Burnley Town centre. Must be reliable, trustworthy, able to handle money, some knowledge of food hygiene regulations and have excellent communications skills. Please contact Heather for further information on 07566781347.

Wider Methodist News

Our gift to you 📖



Spiritual nourishment each week of Advent - delivered directly to your inbox 📖 Sign up for a regular rhythm of prayer and reflection during this busy time of year at

methodist.org.uk/christmasresources/

[#GiftedChristmas2025](https://twitter.com/GiftedChristmas2025)

Circuit Facebook Page

Don't forget to join the Circuit Facebook Page to keep up to date with what is happening in the circuit throughout Christmas and beyond.

www.facebook.com/burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 9th December. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 8th December 2025. Thank you.

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

Poster Page

Briercliffe Road Church
Melville Street
Burnley
BB10 3DY



**Christmas Fayre to be held
at Briercliffe Road Church on
Saturday 29th November 2025
10a.m. - 2.30p.m.**

Chocolate Tombola

Guess how many sweets in the jar

You will be made very welcome



A variety of Stalls



Food & cakes for sale



Childrens Christmas Craft activities



Father Christmas
(£2 including present)

JOIN US FOR A
**CHRISTMAS
FAYRE**

**29th
November
11am-2pm**

**GREENBROOK
METHODIST
CHURCH**

£1 ENTRY
ACCOMPANYING CHILDREN FREE

- OPENED WITH SONGS PERFORMED BY GREENBROOK PANTOMIME SOCIETY
- LOTS OF STALLS INCLUDING: CHRISTMAS, TOY, CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA, RAFFLE & LOTS OF INDEPENDENT STALLS TO GET YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING STARTED
- SELECTION OF HOME MADE CAKES
- PANTOMIME TICKET FOR JAN 26 AVAILABLE
- LUNCH SERVED FROM 11:30AM

GREENBROOK METHODIST CHURCH

**COFFEE HUB
EXTRA!**

You are invited to join us
at a
**Christmas Craft
Workshop**

**Thursday 4th December
2-4pm**

Coffee and cake will be served.
Small donations accepted.

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

For further details:
kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk or 07861459918



**Brierfield Methodist
Church**

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Inc Car Boot Stalls

**Sat 6th December
8.30 am - 12.30pm**

Gifts, floral arrangements, homemade cakes, jams
and much more!

Hot lunches & refreshments

Admission Adults 50p
Accompanied children free.

Stalls available at £5 inc 6' table
Bookings & info 07887 855 719

Churches Together
invite you to the

Cruck Barn Carol Service



6pm, Tuesday 2nd December
The Cruck Barn,
Pendle Heritage Centre, Barrowford.

Mince pies and drinks served after the service!

Hapton Methodist Church Choir

Presents:

**"A CHRISTMAS
OLD LANG SYNE"**



Fri. 12th Dec .

@ 7.30 pm

Adults £5 Children £3
inc. Tea & Mince Pies

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Central Methodist Church
Thursday 11th December
12 noon

**Pie & Peas, Cakes and
Entertainment**

Tickets £12 from Coffee Bar
or ring 07566781347



Candlelight Carol Service

Briercliffe Road Church

On Saturday the 13th of December at 4pm



Music is led by a choir, organ and live musical accompaniment.

The service is followed by light refreshments.

All Welcome.

PADIHAM ROAD METHODIST CHURCH
Brassey Street, BURNLEY BB12 8AD

CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2025, 11am

Our Carol Service will be held on Sunday, 14th December 2025, at 11am
This will be followed with a *Pie & Peas Lunch at 12:30pm
At 2pm the South Pennine Singers will be performing their Christmas Concert

*Pie & Peas Lunch Tickets	£4:00 per person (Child £2)
South Pennine Concert	£5:00
Discounted price for Lunch and Concert	£8:00 per person (Child £5)
NB: For Concert only you may pay on the door.	

*Meat & Potato Pie OR *Cheese & Onion Pie
with Peas, Pickled Red Cabbage, or Beetroot

NB PLEASE PRE-BOOK your Lunch Ticket by Monday, 1st December
with Kath on 07850 435622 or Margaret on 07980 077439
or any of the Stewards, stating your choice of pie.
Thank you.

**South Pennine
Singers'**

**Christmas
Concert**

Sunday 14th December
2pm
Padiham Road
Church
Entrance £5.00

Refreshments



For Children in
Year 6 & above

**Circuit Youth
Gathering**

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER
6.30-7.30pm at Fence
Village Hall

Please contact Ian Wheeler, so we know
who's attending..... or if you want to know
more information.
Email - ianwheeler@2101methodists.org
Tel - 07462 743587



Carols by Candlelight



Sunday 14th December
6.30pm
Higherford Methodist
Church