



BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT

THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 12th March – Monday 25th March 2024

Prayer time

Come, Holy Spirit, inspiration of prophets and strength of apostles. Come, Holy Spirit, power of the Father and wisdom of the Son. Come, Holy Spirit, source of all joy and rest of the weary. Come, treasure of Majesty and mercy of the Most High. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

Acts of Thomas, Syrian (3rd century)

Pray for:

- Pray for the situation in Gaza, and for all those who are caught up in the conflict. Pray that sufficient aid can reach those who need it most, and that a lasting ceasefire can be achieved.
- Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine, and that the Russian people can have the right to speak freely and honestly
- Pray for the people of Haiti, that a return to order will alleviate the chaos and suffering that the people are experiencing.
- Pray for our politicians, national and local, that they may make wise decisions that protect the most vulnerable, and not just for those who may vote for them.
- Pray for the continuing work amongst the most vulnerable in our own area eg Curry on the Street, Church on the Street and that our local foodbanks may have enough to meet the needs of their local community.
- Pray for our circuit, and our churches, our ministers, lay pastors and workers, and all those who lead and volunteer, that we can be bold in our faith, and reach out with love and compassion.

Circuit Events in the next fortnight

Local Preacher & Worship Leaders meeting TONIGHT (Tuesday 12th March) at 7.30pm at Brierfield Church

Circuit Lent Course on Zoom on Thursday 14th March at 7pm. Chapters 7 and 8 led by Revd Tony Graff. Log in details available from Circuit office.

Circuit Messy Church on Friday 15th March at Padiham Road, 3.30-5.30pm

Circuit Evening Service on Sunday 17th March at Padiham Road at 6pm led by Richard Hoyle

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

Circuit Lent Course on Zoom on Thursday 21st March at 7pm. Chapters 9, 10 and 11 led by Revd Rick Ormrod. Log in details available from Circuit office.

Circuit Messy Church on Friday 22nd March at Brierfield, 4-6pm

Circuit Mission Group at lunchtime on Saturday 23rd March in Burnley town centre. For more information contact Richard on 07503 491805 or on rdhoyle@btinternet.com

Church Events in the next fortnight

Hapton Methodist Church Choir presents "Travel in Song" on Friday 15th & Saturday 16th March at 7.30pm at Hapton. Tickets – Adults £5 & Childrens £3. (see below poster)

Wheatley Lane Church invite you to join them for the first of their 200th Anniversary Celebration Services. 'Spring Celebration' and Brunch on

Dear Friends,

It is always a joy to bring you good news!

Some of you have been asking what is happening to Rev Phil Gough, our Lancashire District Chair, when the new North West England District starts on September 1st under the leadership of Rev James Tebbutt.

I'm very pleased to be able to tell you that, subject to Conference, Phil has been appointed as the new District Secretary in the Ministry and Vocations hub of the new District. This is one of three senior leadership roles in the new District, alongside the District Chair, James Tebbutt, and the District Secretary for Administration and Compliance, who is yet to be appointed.

Phil said, "I am delighted, honoured and excited to be appointed to this role and, with God's help, will use the gifts and skills I have been given to further God's work in the new District".

James commented, "Phil brings with him many years of experience in the Methodist Church, as well as the gifts of pastoral sensitivity, empathy and humour. He is a very natural fit for this new role, and I very much look forward to working with him as the new North West England District becomes established".

Phil will still be coming to preach in our Circuit.

Please pray for Phil, both as he prepares for his new role and as he continues to lead the Lancashire District as our Chair until 31st August.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Rick Ormrod, Circuit Superintendent
Minister

Feedback on Circuit Newsletter – We are currently reviewing whether to continue to issue the circuit newsletter fortnightly or return to weekly publications. Please can you email Claire Slack your preference i.e. weekly or fortnightly before the end of March. Your voice is really important on this matter so please do take the time to email Claire. Grateful thanks.

Sunday 17th March 9.30am led by Revd Michaela Youngson. Michaela began her Ministry at Wheatley Lane in the mid 90's and is currently serving as Assistant Secretary of the Methodist Conference and Connexional Ecumenical Officer for the Methodist Church.

Christ Church

The next community lunch at Christ Church will be held on Tuesday 19th March at 12noon. Everyone welcome. Thank you to everyone for your prayers for Roy who has made a good recovery from a serious illness.

Higherford

Friday Fun on Friday 22nd March at 2pm. A talk by two ladies from NHS and ME About the volunteers who raise money for Blackburn and Burnley Hospital Trust Cream Teas everyone very welcome.

Circuit events after 26th March

'A Spring Celebration' Methodist Heritage Event on 20th April at St John's/ The Exchange Project in Colne (see poster below)

Cake Request – if you can bake or donate a cake for this event please contact please contact Kath kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk . Thank you.

Timetable for the above event:

11.30 Exhibition on Colne churches & Mary Taft (nee Barritt) plus hot drinks available.

11.35 Welcome & dedication of Mary Taft plaque

11.45 Lunches

12.30 WALK or TALK. Join the Colne Town Trail walk or stay inside for a talk on the Town Trail

We do hope that you will join us at this event. If you require further information please contact Kathryn Yates, Richard Hoyle. Keith Richardson or Kath Heyworth.

Encounter (see poster below)

The circuit's second Encounter event will be held on Saturday 17th August at Higherford church. Guest speakers are Richard and Karen Hoyle who will share some of their journey of faith

Holy Week Services in the Circuit

Maundy Thursday (28th March)

12noon at Wheatley Lane led by Richard Hoyle followed by a light lunch.

7pm at Christ Church, Nelson led by Revd Rick Ormrod

Good Friday (29th March) Services

9am at Brierfield led by Revd Tony Graff

9.30am at Padiham Road led by Revd Rick Ormrod

10am at Greenbrook led by Revd Tony Graff

10am at Higherford led by Richard Hoyle

10am at Wheatley Lane LA

11am at Christ Church led by Revd Rick Ormrod

11am at St Johns led by Revd Tony Graff

3pm at Barley led by Richard Hoyle

Thank You

A big thank you to all who have given me stamps, they will be sent to Embrace the Middle East, which helps Christian partners tackle poverty and injustice.

Bea Foster

Prayer Breakfast

'Again, truly I tell you: if two of you on earth agree about any matter that you pray for, it will be done for you by Father in heaven,' Matthew 18v19.



You are invited to join us at the next prayer breakfast on SATURDAY 6TH APRIL at 8am at BRIERFIELD CHURCH led by Revd Tony Graff. Prayers during this time together can be spoken quietly in our hearts or spoken aloud. Following the prayer time there is an opportunity to chat with others whilst having a free breakfast. We do hope you can join us.

stories. We are sure if you came to the first one that you will want to come again as it was a wonderful and inspirational time in God's presence with fellow Christians. If you didn't come in January, then please come along on the 17th as we know that you will find it encouraging and refreshing in your faith journey. Further details from Tony Graff, Denise Wheeler or Kath Heyworth.

Church Events after 26th March

Swishing Night for ladies' accessories on Friday 5th April at 7pm at the Fence Village Hall. Pie & Pea supper £5. This event is in aid of Wheatley Lane Church Funds. See poster below for details.

Wheatley Lane Youth Fellowship Reunion on Saturday 20th April at 7pm at Fence Village Hall.

Community Events

Blackburn Cathedral, 'Threads through Creation' is an extraordinary, uplifting art exhibition at Blackburn Cathedral, on show from 6th March to 14th April as part of a nationwide tour of 20 cathedrals. It took Christian textile artist Jacqui Parkinson three years - and eight million stitches! The show consists of twelve beautiful silk panels re-imagining the story of creation from Genesis. You've read it in black and white - now see it in amazing colour! The panels are huge (2.7m high, up to 3.5m wide) and truly breathtaking. See www.blackburncathedral.com Admission free, donations welcome More photos at www.creation-threads.co.uk

The newsletter will be published fortnightly. The next one will be on Tuesday 26th March 2024. Please note this will cover 2 weeks from Tuesday 26th March to Monday 8th April 2024. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 25th March 2024. Claire Slack, Circuit's Communication & Information Coordinator - 07752278664 circuitoffice@2101methodists.org

Posters

Blackburn Cathedral
6th March to 14th April



Threads through Creation

spectacular stitching on a huge scale: eight million stitches expressing God's love!

NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

THE EQUIP SERIES



- TUE 12 MARCH
- WED 17 APRIL
- THU 16 MAY
- MON 10 JUNE
- TUE 16 JULY
- WED 14 AUGUST 2024

MONTHLY ONLINE EVENTS

HOSTED ON ZOOM

7.30 - 8.30PM

[ARRIVE FROM 7.20PM FOR A 7.30PM START]

Come along to these information evenings and be equipped as we move towards the launch of the North West England District. These evenings will include:

- Devotions
- An update from each sub group, to increase our knowledge and understanding of how the new district will look and feel
- Q and A session

These events will run on a monthly basis, and you are invited to attend any/all of these sessions. To Join:

[https://zoom.us/j/94658827054?](https://zoom.us/j/94658827054?pwd=2mNKUG3SWdieXJack2yZW5lT3MlZz09)

[pwd=2mNKUG3SWdieXJack2yZW5lT3MlZz09](https://zoom.us/j/94658827054?pwd=2mNKUG3SWdieXJack2yZW5lT3MlZz09)

(Meeting ID: 946 5882 7054 Passcode: 125750)

To access via phone dial 0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240 and follow prompts.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, PLEASE EMAIL NWEDCOMMUNICATION@OUTLOOK.COM.

Hapton Methodist Church Choir



PRESENTS

"TRAVEL IN SONG"

"SING COUNTRY & WESTERN"



Fri & Sat 15th/16th

March @ 7.30pm

Adult £5 Child £3

inc. Tea/Coffee

& Biscuits



CIRCUIT MESSY CHURCH AT PADIHAM ROAD METHODIST CHURCH



COME AND JOIN US

CRAFTS, STORIES, SONGS, FOOD & FUN!

Friday 15th March

3:30pm-5:30pm

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Contact 07469761773

kellykershaw@2101methodists.org

HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH



Saturday 23rd March 10am - 12 noon
TOASTED TREATS
Including Hot Cross Buns

Everyone is welcome to this fundraising event.

A SWISHING EVENING

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL AT 7PM

SALE OF UNWANTED & PRELOVED LADIES' ACCESSORIES SCARVES, JEWELLERY, BAGS, HATS, ETC. WITH A PIE AND PEA SUPPER

AT FENCE VILLAGE HALL BB12 9QH

PIE SUPPER £5
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS
HOMEMADE DESSERTS & HOT DRINKS ON SALE
OPPORTUNITY TO WIN GREAT PRIZES

Donations of items to 10 Millbrook Fence or contact kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk

In aid of Wheatley Lane Methodist Church

Circuit Methodist Heritage
A Spring's Celebration

Saturday 20th April 2024
11.30am - 1.30pm

at
The Exchange Project/St John's Methodist Church,
Colne, BB8 0RY

Short talks on Mary Taft (nee Barritt) and the Colne Heritage Trail with display.
A guided walk of Colne's Town Trail.
Exact timings of activities available on the Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit website in April.
Light refreshments and hot drinks available.

All welcome.

Donations towards costs.

Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit
Invite you to

Encounter

on Saturday 17th August 2024
at Higherford Methodist church

Guest Speakers : Richard and Karen Hoyle

Coffee from 11 am
11.30 - 12.15 Testimonies by speakers
12.15 Lunch

Free event, though donations accepted on the day.

Please contact Kath kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk
or Denise denart@sky.com for further information
and to book your place, stating any dietary requirements
before Monday 12th August 2024.