

BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT

THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 16th January – Monday 29th January 2024

Prayer time

Your purposes stand firm, O God. Your power trustworthy, your rest safe, your truth beyond telling, your searching without end, your love un-forgetting and your indwelling for ever.

Tukaram, Indian mystic (c. 1608-1649)

Please pray -

- In a time of deepening conflicts and rising tension, we pray for those with authority and influence, that their words and actions may lead to peace and justice.
- In a year where many countries will elect new leaders, we pray that there may be candidates who have integrity and who are committed to working for the good of all those they hope to serve; we pray that the information given to voters will be accurate and free from the influence of those who intend to cause harm; we pray for voters, that they will use their votes wisely.
- The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place between 18th and 25th January. We pray that Christians will share in the prayer of Jesus that his followers may be one and obey his new commandment that we love one another. We pray that God will deepen relationships between those from different Churches as we pray and work together.
- We pray for our Circuit, as we receive a visit from a Presbyter who may come to live and work with us in September. We pray that this will be a good match both for them and for us and that their future with us will be very fruitful.

Circuit Events

Circuit Service on Sunday 21st January at 6pm at Greenbrook.

'Encounter' on Saturday 20th January from 11am at Higherford Church

EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion)

Training - Wednesday 24th January 6:30 - 9:30pm at Padiham Road Church. Contact Claire to book your place.

Circuit Alpha Day on Saturday 27th January 10am-1pm at Barley

Safeguarding Foundation training course on Saturday 27th January 10am- 1pm at Hapton Church. Contact Claire to book on.

Church Events

Briercliffe Road Church Mums & Toddlers on every Tuesday 9.30 - 11am (term times only)

Warm Space on 2nd and last Thursday of the month 10am – 1.30pm at Briercliffe Road Church

Coffee morning on Saturday 27th January 10 – 11.30am at Greenbrook Church

Circuit events in February

Circuit Messy Church on Friday 2nd February 4 – 5.30pm at Christ Church, Nelson

Closing Service of St Peters building on Saturday 3rd February 2024 at 1.30pm at St Peter`s, Earby

- We pray for the Circuit Messy Church at Padiham Road on Friday as the people there begin this new act of service. We pray for those who will lead and help, especially Kelly, and for the young people who take part, may they enjoy it and through it be drawn to God and God's love.
- We pray for our Encounter event on Saturday 20th at Higherford; for Sarah and Mark Jason as they share their story. May we recognise that we each have our own story of our own life with God, may we have the confidence to share these stories and may our relationships deepen as we listen to each other telling them.
- We pray for our Circuit Service on Sunday at Greenbrook, for Rick as he leads the worship and for Father Gerard Kelly from Christ Church, Nelson as he preaches.
- We pray for the Circuit Alpha Day on Saturday 27th. May all those who take part be open to the presence and action of the Holy Spirit.
- We pray for Claire who is recovering from her second operation after breaking her leg during the Christmas holidays.

Donations

An Ukraine Support group meet at Central Methodist church. This group is looking at supporting a family from Ukraine who are moving to this area. If you have any furnishings or household goods you are willing to donate to support this initiative please contact Heather Johnson (centralmethodistburnley@gmail.com).

Cake Request

Can you please bake a cake or two for the Heritage event on Saturday 10th February? If so, please contact Kathryn Yates. Thank you.

Thank you from Wheatley Lane church

Grateful thanks to everyone who collected corks over the Christmas period. We were

A Winters Celebration on Saturday 10th February 11.30am – 1.30pm at Central Methodist Church, Burnley

Church Events in March

World Day of Prayer prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine on Friday 1st March 7p.m at Hapton Methodist Church

Community

Prayer Vigil on Friday 19th January 8am – 8pm outside 1 Nicholas Street, BB11 2AQ

Lou Fellingham & Friends Made For You Women's conference in Burnley

Sat 27 Jan 2024 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM at Life Church, BB12 6QP

This is a day conference for women of all ages, hosted by Lou Fellingham and Life Church Lancashire. Featuring worship and word from Lou along with special guests Philippa Hanna and Taylor Blentiff, this will be a time to be refreshed, inspired and equipped.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/madeforyouevents/1007760>

District – job vacancies

District Secretary for Ministries and Vocation

Do you have a passion for helping equip the church for mission and ministry? Are you committed to supporting individuals in ministry and vocational discernment, and enthusiastic about collaborative working? Do you have the skills to lead in building and maintaining good practice in a newly amalgamated District of the Methodist Church? If so, this post may be for you.

£45,000-£55,000 p.a., full-time minimum 6% employer pension contribution. Also open to ordained ministers under standard conditions of the Methodist Church in Britain. Each successful applicant will be a lay member/joint member or ordained minister in good standing of the Methodist Church in Britain, or an ordained minister able to be authorised as such. Closing date for applications: 17:00 – 7th February 2024. Interviews will be held on 28th February 2024.

really pleased with the response. If you get any more during 2024 please contact us. Denise & Kath

Wheatley Lane 200th Anniversary

- **Photo Competition**

Wheatley Lane Church is holding a Photo Competition. Choose from one of the following category/categories then send them to wlmchurchfacebook@gmail.com or 329 Wheatley Lane Road by 12noon on Monday 26th August 2024. Please state which category the entry is for. For more information please contact Kath kathheywort@hotmail.com

- **A Timely Reflection**

Two members at Wheatley Lane church have written a spiritual walk booklet for the 200th anniversary celebrations. The walk takes you around the villages of Fence and Wheatley and stopping at various locations to reflect on its heritage and on certain aspects of our lives too. Booklets cost £3 and are available from Stella brassingtonstella@yahoo.co.uk or Kath kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Events 18th -25th January 2024

Thursday 18th January: 7:00pm On Zoom

Friday 19th January: 12:00 noon Wheatley Lane

Methodist Church

Sunday 21st January: 11:00am United Ecumenical

service at St Thomas's C of E Church, Barrowford.

Monday 22nd January: 12:00 noon Higherford Methodist Church

Tuesday 23rd January: 12:00 noon The Inghamite Church, Fence

Wednesday 24th January: 10:30am Eucharist at St Thomas's, Barrowford

Thursday 25th January: 7:00pm: Joint Ecumenical Service at Higherford Methodist Church.

The resources for these events have been prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso facilitated by the local Chemin Neuf Community. The chosen theme is "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" (Lk 10:27)

These will take place In Preston: exact address to be confirmed. An Occupational Requirement exists for the postholder to be a Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

[Job Description](#)

[Person Specification](#)

[Application Form](#)

District Secretary for Administration and Compliance

Do you have the skill, experience and vision to lead in building and maintaining good practice for a newly amalgamated District of the Methodist Church? Are you enthusiastic about collaborative working? Are you a solution-finder, and a skilled administrator? If so, this post may be for you.

£45,000-£55,000 p.a., full-time minimum 6% employer pension contribution.

Each successful applicant will be a lay or ordained member in good standing of a church eligible for membership of Churches Together in England or a similar ecumenical body based in another country. Closing date for applications: 17:00 – 7th February 2024. Interviews will be held on 26th February 2024. These will take place In Preston: exact address to be confirmed. An Occupational Requirement exists for the postholder to be a Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

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For more information visit

www.burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit.com/district

[The next few newsletters will be published fortnightly. The next one will be on Tuesday 30th January 2024. Please note this will cover 2 weeks from Tuesday 30th January to 12th February. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 12th February 2024.](#)

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Posters

Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit
Invite you to a brand-new event

Encounter

on Saturday 20th January 2024
at Higherford Methodist church

Guest Speakers: Revd Mark and Sarah Jason

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 15th January'24



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GREENBROOK METHODIST CHURCH

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 27th January 2024

10 am to 11.30 am

HOME-MADE CAKES

BRIC-A-BRAC

and

unlimited TEA or COFFEE

(for a small donation)

WELCOME!

CIRCUIT MESSY CHURCH AT
CHRIST CHURCH METHODIST CHURCH
NELSON



COME AND JOIN US

CRAFTS, STORIES, SONGS, FOOD & FUN!

Friday 2nd February

4:00pm-5:30pm

All children must be accompanied
by an adult

WARM SPACE

Would you like somewhere warm
to go on a Thursday?

Starting 11th January 2024, every 2nd Thursday
in the month and the last Thursday
until the end of April Between 10.a.m - 1.30p.m.

Meet Friends for a chat, Games, and company
or a quiet place to sit and read.

All ages welcome.

Hot drinks and Biscuits available
or soup and a roll.

It will be warm and you will
be made very welcome.



Briercliffe Road Church
Melville Street, Burnley
BB10 2NH



CLOSING SERVICE OF ST. PETER'S BUILDING

Please join us
at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday
3rd February 2024
for a service of worship,
celebration and
thanksgiving

Led by Rev. David & Mrs. Hazel
Edmondson, Rev. Rick Ormrod and
Student Minister Christvin Edbarg.

Followed by refreshments - a buffet,
to which everyone is invited.

To ensure there is enough food for
everyone, we kindly request you to RSVP
with Anthony 07596469548 or Christvin
07925291307 by the 28th of January.



outside 1 Nicholas St, BB11 2AQ - MPs office

Come and join us to call for a Ceasefire,
pray and sign a petition in support of
Peace for All in the Holy Land.

Contact Bea Foster
07875 517043
bea_foster@hotmail.com
for more details

Circuit Methodist Heritage A Winter's Celebration

Saturday 10th February 2024
at
Central Methodist Church,
Burnley BB11 1DU

11.30am - 1.30pm

A presentation and short talks on
Methodism in the centre of Burnley.
Soup, cake and hot drinks available.

All welcome.

Donations towards costs.



Wheatley Lane Methodist Church

Photo Competition

based on

Corinthians 13:13 & Genesis 1: 1
4 Categories FAITH, HOPE, LOVE & CREATION

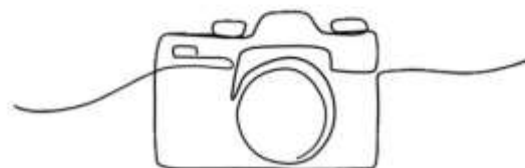
How to take part?

Please select which category
or categories you would like
to enter and then send your
photos to
wlmchurchfacebook@gmail.com
or 329 Wheatley Lane Road
BY 12 noon MON 26th
AUGUST stating which
category you wish to enter.

Photo Exhibition

All photos entered in the
competition will form an
exhibition in the church from
Tues 2nd to Fri 6th Sept
8.30-10am and 2.30-4pm.

Winners will receive a certificate
and all winning photos will appear
in a 2025 calendar.



Further information from Kath: kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk

*Briercliffe Road Church
Mums & Toddlers*

*TUESDAYS
9.30 - 11.00
(Term times only)*

*£2 Pounds per family
Toys craft & a snack*

WELCOME

