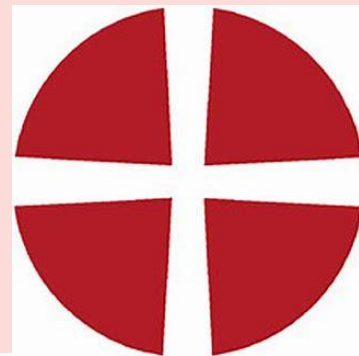


# Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023



## Prayer

Lord of the power and the glory,  
You became for us the servant of all.  
Show us the power and the glory of servanthood and  
enable us to minister to your world according to its  
needs and our abilities. Amen  
*Day 6 prayer, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023*

## Circuit Family News

It is with great sadness that we announce that Janet Harrison, passed away last Saturday. Janet was an active member of Hapton Church as well as within the Circuit, as a Circuit steward and the Circuit treasurer. Janet was a beautiful and faithful lady, with a kind and generous heart who had time for everyone. She touched the hearts of both the young and old, through her numerous volunteering roles including the Circuit Holiday club, the community lunch at Christ Church and in the past, the Christian Against Poverty (CAP) Job club.

Many of us will remember Janet for sharing her love and knowledge of cooking through the Circuit's 'Bake with Janet' videos. Janet will be greatly missed by her family, friends and lots of other people who knew her. Please hold her family in your prayers. We give grateful thanks for all that Janet has done in the name of Jesus Christ.

## **Circuit Prayer Tree**

The Circuit Bible and Prayer Focus group placed a Prayer Tree at last Saturday's 'A Winter's Celebration' heritage event. The prayers from this tree have been forwarded to the circuit prayer warriors for them to pray for over the next week or so.

Don't forget Suba [subashriedbarg91@gmail.com](mailto:subashriedbarg91@gmail.com) is always happy to receive prayers from you for individuals, situations, places etc. which she will forward in confidence via email to the circuit prayer warriors.

## Circuit Event



**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18<sup>th</sup> -  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**There will be prayers for Christian Unity at 12:00 noon throughout the week:**

- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> in Wheatley Lane Methodist Church
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Evening Prayers (7:00pm) at St Thomas's, Barrowford

## Future Circuit Events & Meetings

**Circuit Prayer Breakfast** on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 8am in Padiham Road Church. Carole Eldon and Kath Heyworth will lead this prayer gathering.

**Bible and Prayer Focus Group** on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in Wheatley Lane Church.

## Another successful Circuit Heritage event



10/10 was given by everyone who attended last Saturday's Circuit event 'A Winter's Celebration'. Over 50 people came along to the latest Circuit Heritage event and grateful thanks to the Exchange Project and St John's church for hosting the event. Six short informative and amusing talks on past local Methodists (William Sagar, Francis Duckworth, John Wesley, Thomas Dugdale and Mary Taft (nee Baritt) plus the Derwentwater tragedy) were given by members of the Circuit's Heritage Group alongside a heritage exhibition. The homemade soup, cakes and hot drinks served by people from St Johns church and The Exchange Project were delicious and greatly appreciated. The event was opened and closed with a prayer by Richard Hoyle and Revd Keith Richardson respectively. Revd Rick Ormrod blessed the Heritage Plaques which will be placed around the Circuit in the forthcoming weeks. The Circuit Heritage Group would like to thank those who came to this event plus the people who donated the cakes and soup. Their generosity raised over £100 for the local Methodist heritage work.

The Circuit continues to seek items relating to the local Methodist heritage so that the Burnley and Pendle Methodist Heritage Trail can be developed further. Also, we are looking for new members to join this proactive circuit group. The next Heritage event will be on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May which Southfield church will host and this time there will be two planned walks too. Please watch out for details.

Kath Yates, Richard Hoyle, Keith Richardson & Kath Heyworth



### Disney Pixar 'Soul'

Jamie Foxx leads an all-star cast in this hilarious, heart-filled adventure. Pixar's SOUL introduces Joe, who lands the gig of his life at the best jazz club in town. But one misstep lands Joe in a fantastical place: The Great Before. There, he teams up with soul 22 (Tina Fey), and together they find the answers to some of life's biggest questions.

**Christ Church,  
Carr Road, Nelson  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**4pm**

There will be a break when pie and peas will be served

To reserve a place  
please contact  
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**Local Preacher Accreditation Service** is 5<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm at Wheatley Lane Church. At this service a number of local preachers who have each served faithfully for 40 or more will be presented with certificates, as well as the recognition of a new local preacher.

## Future Church events

### Hapton Methodist Church Choir

**PRESENTS:-**  
**OKLAHOMA "SOME ENCHANTED EVENING" SOUTH PACIFIC**  
Fri. 3rd & Sat 4th  
Feb'23 @ 7.30pm  
Adults £5  
Children £3  
HALF A SIXPENCE

**WANTED.** A volunteer to take over the responsibility for Christian Aid in the Circuit. Please contact Bea Foster if you are interested or if you require further information. [bea\\_foster@hotmail.com](mailto:bea_foster@hotmail.com) 07875517043

## District News

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Join us for our Churches Together in Lancashire Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service, available via Zoom, on TUESDAY 24th JANUARY 7.30pm. The service will include the commissioning of Rev'd Phil Gough, Chair of the Lancashire District, as the new Chair of Churches Together in Lancashire.

Please do join with us, and with Christians of all denominations from right across Lancashire, celebrating with one another, and seeking greater unity.

### **PODCAST – 'A Place For Us'**

Work is under way on our next District podcast, due out in the next week or so – with some great guest interviews, and news of things happening around the District. If you've not had the chance to listen to our FIRST 'A Place For Us' podcast, then here's the link – it's well worth a listen:

<https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-6bivy-132a0c6>

## **Wider Methodist News**

### **Christian Aid - Talking Climate Justice this Lent:**

This Lent - reflect on the transformative nature of our faith and seeking justice. In this 6 week Talking Climate Justice small group discussion guide, you'll explore Lenten themes (repentance, sacrifice, redemption, reparation and restoration) to help you grapple with the realities of the climate crisis.

Each week you'll explore a new theme with bible readings, stories and prayers to stir up ideas of how you and your church can act together for climate justice. This material is perfect for small/home groups, flexible for Lenten lunches and café church.

To find out more, or to download the study, click below: [Talking Climate Justice - Lent Discussion Guide - Christian Aid](#)

## **Holy Land Event**

Bea Foster and friends will be sharing their experiences from their Holy Land Visit on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at the Faith Centre, Barden Lane Campus, Barden lane, BB10 1JD. Traditional food served from 6.30pm. Presentation at 7pm. Please support. Donations welcome.

## **Community**

**LEADERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE CHANGE**

6 weeks online programme for faith and community leaders who are passionate about their communities and making their neighbourhoods better, safer and more connected. It covers key concepts and tools of community organising that enable grassroots leaders to build teams across cultural divides, develop power analysis, identify issues of common concern and design a plan of action that will lead to a local change.

# storytelling for impact # building relational power  
# power and self-interest # power analysis  
# building diverse teams # collective leadership  
# 5 steps to effective social change # negotiation skills

The programme will run in 2 cohorts (you can choose the daytime or the evening sessions):

Evening sessions: Tuesdays 6pm till 8pm  
on 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th February and 7th, 14th March

Daytime sessions: Thursdays 11am till 1pm  
on 16th, 23rd February and 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March

To register your interest please contact Nudrat at [nudrat.mughal@nearneighbours.org.uk](mailto:nudrat.mughal@nearneighbours.org.uk) or 07938 021785

Limited spaces available!

**NEAR NEIGHBOURS**  
BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

Building Bridges in Lancaster

**The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Thank you .**

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