

# **BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT**

# **THE METHODIST CHURCH**

## God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### **Prayer time**

Lord God, as we share information of our events and notices for your work in this Circuit, let us remember in Jesus' name those in the wider world who are in need of prayer support at this time.

Amen.

### **Please pray -**

- We pray for our local communities, especially for those who are finding it difficult to make ends meet. May the love of Jesus and the compassion of the Holy Spirit bring peace, love and hope.
- We give thanks and pray for all those staffing our Foodbank collection points and for all those in our towns who work and volunteer in Community Groceries and Foodbank Distribution. We pray for a time when this support is no longer needed, and people are able to earn enough money to support themselves.
- We pray for all those we know who are ill or grieving or going through any crises in their lives at this time.
- We continue to pray for peace in places where there is war, conflict and political upheaval. We particular remember the people of Gaza; Israel; Palestine; Ukraine; Yemen; Afghanistan; Somalia. We pray for strength and renewed commitment for all those seeking peace and a lasting resolution to conflict.
- We pray for refugees and asylum seekers everywhere; for those who live on the streets of our own nation; for those who have had to move out of their homes for whatever reason.

### **Circuit Events**

**Circuit Messy Church** on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 4 – 5.30pm at Christ Church, Nelson

**Circuit Prayer Breakfast** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 8am at Christ Church, Nelson led by Revd Rick Ormrod

**Friday Fun** on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 6.30 – 8.00pm at St John's, Colne

**Circuit Mission Group meeting** on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2:00pm on Zoom. Please contact Richard Hoyle for log in details

**A Winters Celebration** (a Methodist heritage event) on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 11.30am – 1.30pm at Central Methodist Church, Burnley

### **Church Events**

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

**Warm Space** on 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursday of the month 10am – 1.30pm at Briercliffe Road Church, Burnley

### **Circuit events after 13<sup>th</sup> February into March**

**Circuit Service** on Ash Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30pm at Briercliffe Road Church, Burnley.

**Circuit Messy Church** on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 4 – 6pm at Padiham Road, Burnley

- We continue to pray for the Methodist Church Stationing Committee as it meets to match Circuits with the Ministers still available for appointments. We pray for our own Circuit's needs and for wisdom in moving forward, whatever the final situation may be.
- We pray for all those who have been affected in any way by the problems with the Post Office IT System. We pray for swift justice and compensation for all those whose lives have been ruined or, in fact, lost due to this terrible scandal.

We bring these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, who we trust to hear them and answer them in the best possible way and in the best possible timing. Amen

### **An Invitation to Join the Burnley & Pendle 2024 Lent Course**

Dear Friends,

As in previous years the Circuit Staff will be running a Lent Course on Zoom for the Circuit every Thursday evening in Lent at 7:00pm, starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Details of the Zoom log in details will be available from Claire in the Circuit Office from 12<sup>th</sup> February.

This year we'll be basing the course around the book *Revive Us Again* by Leslie Newton, who is Chair of Yorkshire North & East Methodist District and married to our current President of Conference, Gill Newton.

*Revive Us Again* explores how the founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, achieved extraordinary impact across the UK. It is hoped that by studying something of the message and methods of Wesley, which Leslie Newton has clearly identified, we can see how, by reclaiming these treasures, Methodism can be transformed and once again transform society.

I hope you will be able to join us for what will hopefully be an engaging and inspirational time together during Lent. We need revival throughout British Methodism and maybe we can, as a Circuit, play a part in that revival.

Yours in Christ

Rick

**Circuit Evening Service** on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at St John`s, Colne 6-7pm

**CIRCUIT EVENING SERVICE**  
**From Desperation to Ordination**

In November 2023, Joanne Duke was ordained as a Pastor with Church on the Street Ministries. Her journey of faith and recovery started many years ago and Joanne would like to share it with you.

Date - 18th February  
 Time - 6 pm - 7 pm

Please join us for Worship, Word, and Testimony  
 @ St. John's Methodist Church, Albert Road, Colne.

Followed by refreshments

St. John's Methodist Church

**Circuit Messy Church** on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 4 – 6pm at Brierfield Church

**Methodist Heritage Group meeting** on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at Padiham Road, Burnley at 10.30am

**Bible & Prayer Focus Group meeting** on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 329 Wheatley Lane Road, Fence

**Circuit Prayer Breakfast** on Saturday 2nd March at 8am at Briercliffe Rd Church, Burnley led by Revd James Booth

**Local Preacher & Worship Leaders meeting** on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at Brierfield Church

**Circuit Meeting** on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Christ Church, Nelson

## **Encounter**

The circuit launched a brand-new event 'Encounter' just over a week ago and what a truly amazing event. Grateful thanks to Sarah and Mark Jason for sharing their inspirational stories and to Trudy and Elaine for serving the food and drinks. It was great to see so many people from across the circuit sharing in fellowship. Many thanks to everyone who came and to all who helped with the washing up and tidying up at the end.

Date for your diary - The next 'Encounter' will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August at Higherford church. Watch out for more details nearer the time and don't forget to invite your friends to come along with you.

Denise, Tony & Kath

## **Circuit Mission Group**

There will be a meeting for this group on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2:00pm on Zoom. It is a lovely group of people representing our Circuit Churches, who meet to discuss ways of sharing the love of Jesus in our communities. We have organised things such as picnics, walks and made suggestions for outdoor services and that sort of thing. If you wish to come to the meeting, please let the stewards of your church know and then email me for the contact details.

With much love,  
Richard [rdhoyle@btinternet.com](mailto:rdhoyle@btinternet.com) 07503  
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## **Circuit Service on Ash Wednesday**

You are invited to a Circuit Service on Ash Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30pm at Briercliffe Road Church. This service will include Holy Communion. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time to share with Jesus in his journey to the cross and prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter.

## **Church Events in March**

**World Day of Prayer Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine –  
2pm at Wheatley Lane Church  
7pm at Hapton Methodist Church

## **Community Lunch at Christ Church, Nelson**

Unfortunately due to illness the Community lunch at Christ church is cancelled until further notice. Praying for a speedy recovery for Roy after a major operation.

## **Safety in Church**

Methodist insurance requires that any volunteer or church employee, who carries out maintenance or repair work at your church, has Health and Safety training. Where there have been accidents or injuries to employed, (not contractors) or volunteer workers, Methodist insurance has stipulated this training in order to validate any claims. To fulfil this obligation, the Circuit is providing free training for all property stewards. Dates and times for these sessions will be advertised in the future via the Circuit newsletter and we urge all property stewards and volunteer or employed maintenance workers to attend.

## **Used Stamps**

If you have any used stamps please could you save them and give them to Bea Foster. Thank you.

## **Circuit Prayer Card**

Throughout February details from the Circuit Prayer card will appear daily on our social media platforms (Circuit Facebook & Circuit Instagram). Please add any specific prayers in the comments daily.

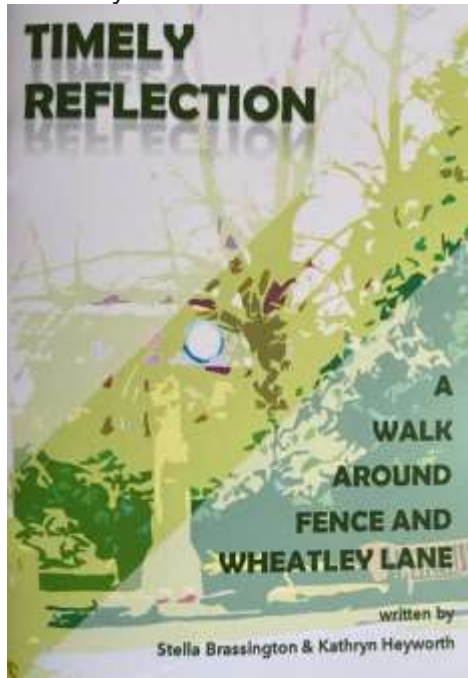


## Wheatley Lane 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Photo Competition

Wheatley Lane Church is holding a Photo Competition. There are 4 categories .....Faith, Hope, Love & Creation. Please send your photo/s to [wlmchurchfacebook@gmail.com](mailto:wlmchurchfacebook@gmail.com) or 329 Wheatley Lane Road by 12noon on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

- A Timely Reflection



Two members at Wheatley Lane church have written a spiritual walk booklet for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The walk takes you around the villages of Fence and Wheatley and you are invited to stop at various locations to reflect on the local heritage and on certain aspects of your life. Booklets cost £3 and are available from

Stella [brassingtonstella@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brassingtonstella@yahoo.co.uk) or Claire [circuitoffice@2101methodists.org](mailto:circuitoffice@2101methodists.org)

## District

Please find below a short link to a video from James Tebbutt in which he talks about the volunteering opportunities in the NWE District.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJufGOS6B7o>

## Community

Sion Pantomime Society Presents  
By kind permission of Lazy Bee Scripts

# Dick Whittington

by James Barry

Monday 12th to Saturday 17th  
February 2024

7.15pm Monday to Friday  
2.15pm Saturday

Box Office:  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/sion-panto-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sion-panto-society)  
Tel: 0333 666 3366

Adults £9  
Children £6

Sion Baptist Church  
Church Street  
Burnley BB11 2DW

Booking fees apply. Please check our Facebook page @sionpanto for all the latest ticket and event information

The next few newsletters will be published fortnightly. The next one will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Please note this will cover 2 weeks from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Claire Slack, Circuit's Communication & Information Coordinator - 07752278664 [circuitoffice@2101methodists.org](mailto:circuitoffice@2101methodists.org)

## Circuit Heritage News

Two more of the Methodist Heritage Trail plaques have been put up. One inside the White Bear Inn in Barrowford and the other one on the exterior wall of waterfall Cottage in Roughlee.



Don't forget the next heritage event is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at Central church, Burnley. – see poster for more details.

**Circuit Methodist Heritage  
A Winter's Celebration**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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