

Burnley & Pendle

Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 1st September - Monday 14th September 2026



Prayer of the Day

Saviour, Lord, Jesus, most Gracious God,
Oh help! My life is so full of things that I need to do and cope with.
Remind me that I am not on my own in all this.
Refocus my mind to recognise your presence in all things.
Open my heart to receive again the peace and love that you offer.
Water, with your Spirit, the dry areas of my life.
Just let me be still, held in your loving arms.
Open my life to the joy of knowing your presence, even in the darkest times.
You are all I need and may I be all you need me to be. Amen

Caroline Stead, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference 2026/2027

Prayer Card 2026/27

Local Circuit Prayer cards
for 2026-2027 are now
available in your church

We invite you to pray daily each month for
specific people, churches and opportunities :

1st - St Andrew's Church
2nd - Wellfield School
3rd - Southfield Church
4th - Local Preachers & Worship Leaders
5th - Briercliffe Road Church
6th - Hapton School
7th - Circuit Staff
8th - St John's Church
9th - The Donnison Family
10th - Wheatley Lane School
11th - Barley Church
12th - Central Church
13th - NW England District
14th - Brunshaw Church

15th - Youth Work
16th - The Exchange Project
17th - Circuit Meeting members
18th - Hapton Church
19th - Christ Church, Nelson
20th - Ecumenical partners
21st - Greenbrook Church
22nd - Supernumerary Ministers
23rd - Padiham Road Church
24th - Higherford Church
25th - Circuit Stewards
26th - Local Methodist Heritage
27th - Local mission opportunities
28th - Wheatley Lane Church
29th - Methodism in the UK
30th - Methodism worldwide
31st - Circuit roles

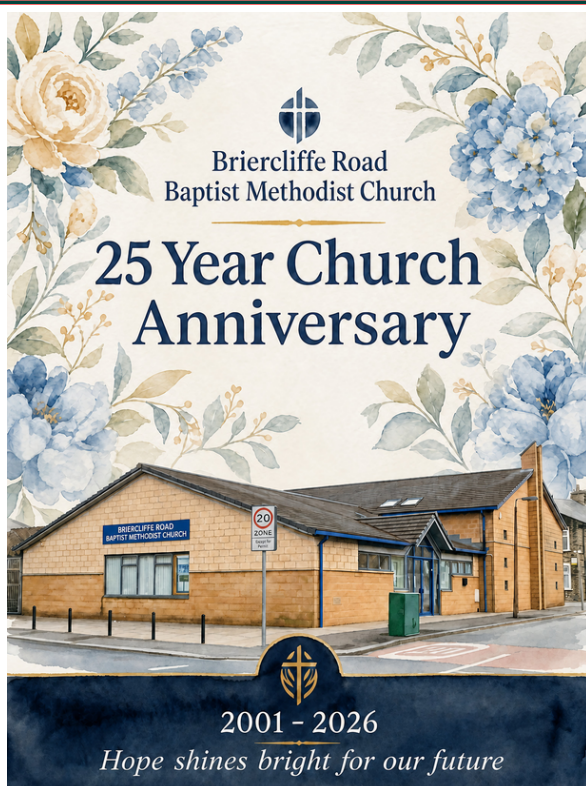
Upcoming Circuit Events

- Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting on Thursday 3rd September at 7.30pm at Higherford Church
- Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 5th September at 8am at Wheatley Lane Church led by Carole Eldon & Marian Driver
- Rev Steven Donnison and his family's Welcome Service on Sunday 6th September at 4pm at Padiham Road Church, Burnley NB: the new start time.
- Circuit Meeting on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm at Wheatley Lane Church

Upcoming Church Events

- Toys & Books recycle drop-in on Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th September 8.30 – 10am & 2.30–4pm at Wheatley Lane Church. See poster below
- 'Who killed the secret agent' on Friday 4th September at 7.30pm and Sunday 6th September at 2.30pm at Greenbrook Church. See poster below
- Brunshaw Tuesday Fellowship commence their autumn syllabus on Tuesday 8th September at 2pm at Brunshaw Church with a Beetle Drive followed by light refreshments. Everyone welcome
- Coffee Hub Extra – 'How to make a terrarium' on Thursday 10th September 2–4pm at Wheatley Lane Church. See poster below
- Harvest Festival coffee morning on Saturday 12th September 10am–12noon at Higherford Church. See poster below
- Easy-beats ukulele band on Sunday 13th September 2–4pm at Hapton Church. See poster below
- Ann and Trudy's Sri Lankan Adventure on Friday 18th September at 7.30pm at Higherford Church. See poster below
- Palestine-Israel on Monday 28th September from 6.30pm at Higherford Church. See poster below

Invitation



You are warmly invited to the celebration of 25 years of worship at Briercliffe Rd Church, Burnley, BB10 3DY

Saturday 5th September 2026 10am – 1pm

Enjoy coffee & scones with an opportunity to look at photos through the years, write a memory to be included in an album, participate in a craft to decorate the church, see what was in our time capsule and enjoy some birthday cake while catching up with friends and listening to the band

Sunday 6th September 2026 11.00am

Share in worship to rededicate our church to praising God and serving the community
Followed by a light lunch

This weekend is an important point in the life of the church. Please feel free to invite past members.
Free event, no tickets required

Request for cakes

The next heritage event focusing on Methodist Education in Burnley and Pendle will be on Saturday 17th October at Padiham Road Church. We are looking for some cakes to serve with tea and coffee. If you can bake a cake or donate one please contact Kathryn Yates. Thank you

Brierfield Church

Thank you to all our Circuit friends for their kind words and support on what was an extremely difficult day at our Thanksgiving Service, after 165 years of worship in our building.

It was great to hear more than a hundred voices singing, with former ministers attending and sending messages. It was good to see so many local preachers in attendance too, they work tirelessly for our Circuit - we appreciate all their years of service in BB9.

We are delighted that the collection for LPMA raised the wonderful sum of £367. Thanks to all who gave so generously.

Please hold us in your thoughts and prayers, some have found new homes, but several are yet searching.

Holiday club

The holiday Bible Club was very well attended, with 25 children each day. We went to Mars and beyond with Commander Adrian and the alien EP3 20.

The children thoroughly enjoyed it. Each day the children went home and did jobs to earn money to support Derian House Childrens Hospice. The total sent from the children and families was £230. The families enjoyed lunch on the Thursday to end the week. Rev Adrian led a service at Christ Church on the Sunday where he explained what the children had been doing and incorporated it into the whole service.

Thank you to all involved in any way.



Encounter



Grateful thanks to Ann, Paul and Trudy for sharing their inspirational and encouraging stories with us at the Encounter event last month. Also, to Brunshaw church for providing a delicious lunch and to everyone who came along - it was great to see you.

The next two Encounter events will be in 2027 - on Saturday 23rd January when Rev Tony Graff will share his story and on Saturday 14th August when Jemma Wraight will return to Lancashire to share her faith story. Please book these dates in your diary so you don't miss out.

Embrace the Middle East - Stamp Fellowship

Some people within our Circuit collect stamps and send them via Bea to Embrace the Middle East. Please find below a short thank you from them.

Thank you for your kind donations of stamps which help support our education programme, which is a powerful and effective way to lift people out of poverty and equip them with the skills to help themselves and transform their communities.

Our Stamp Fellowship has raised over ten thousand pounds in the last three years alone.

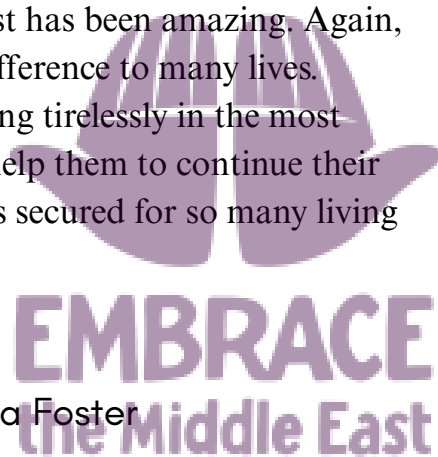
Thank you so much for standing with our Christian partners as they provide wonderful projects to enhance the lives of children and their families every day.

Your support, prayer, and compassion for children in the Middle East has been amazing. Again, we want to say thank you for the part you have played in making a difference to many lives.

Our partners continue to be salt and light in their communities, serving tirelessly in the most challenging of situations. Your support of the stamp fellowship will help them to continue their service, enabling lives to be changed, hope to be rekindled and futures secured for so many living on the margins.

Kind regards

If you would like to get involved with this please contact Bea Foster



Community



Next Circuit Newsletter

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 15th September 2026. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 14th September 2026.

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WLMC think ECO  **Toys & Books**
Recycle drop-in

at
Wheatley Lane
Methodist Church

Wednesday 2nd Sept
Thursday 3rd Sept
Friday 4th Sept
8.30-10am & 2.30-4pm each day

Light refreshments available too

Why buy new when there's good toys and books that someone can't use but you can.
(Small donations accepted).



Children's Toys and Books
can be donated in August to Elaine or Kath
email: egreenall150@gmail.com
kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk

NODA
The NODA Group

GREENBROOK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS:

WHO KILLED THE SECRET AGENT?
SCRIPT BY CHRIS MARTIN



GREENBROOK METHODIST CHURCH, BURNLEY, BB2 6NZ

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026
7:30PM
£12 PER PERSON
PIE AND PEASUPPER

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026
2:30PM
£15 PER PERSON
AFTERNOON TEA

COFFEE HUB EXTRA Workshop



Join us on the second Thursday in the month 2 - 4pm

10th Sept - How to make a Terrarium.
8th October - Autumn Stitch and Sew.
12th November - Christmas Crafts.
10th December - Christmas Celebrations.
Look out for full info on each workshop, or contact Kath.

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



HIGHER FORD METHODIST CHURCH
Invites you to join us for a

HARVEST Festival
COFFEE MORNING

Saturday September 12th
10am - 12 noon

Bring your gifts of tins and packets for the Food Bank

Sunday September 13th
11am Harvest Service

Hapton Methodist Church

Sunday 13th Sept.

2 - 4pm

**EASY - BEATS
UKULELE BAND**



£5 inc Tea
& Biscuits

Ann and Trudy's
Sri Lankan Adventure

Friday 18th September 7.00pm

Higherford Methodist Church

Corned Beef Hash Supper

£8.00 Names to Trudy on 07738 002426



Shalom
Peace
Salam

PALESTINE-ISRAEL

WOMEN FOR PEACE BURNLEY INVITE YOU
TO COME AND HEAR DAOUD NASSAR
a Palestinian farmer from the
Tent of Nations Farm in the West Bank
MOTTO - WE REFUSE TO BE ENEMIES

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
6.30^{PM} Brew and Nibbles
7^{PM} Start

Higherford Methodist Church,
Gisburn Road, Barrowford,
Nelson BB9 6JH

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