

Burnley & Pendle

Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 28th April - Monday 11th May 2026



Prayer Points

Please pray:

- We lament the deadlock in peace talks between America and Iran and the continuing attacks between Israel and Lebanon. We pray for an end to the hostilities that have led to so many deaths in Iran, Lebanon, the Gulf Arab states and Israel.
- For the people of Gaza as they live with a severe water shortage. This is due to the destruction caused by the war of the networks that provide clean water and remove and treat sewage. Israel also limits the supply of hygiene products like soap and washing powder. Since the start of the war about 19 people have been killed while they distribute water or repair the systems that supply it.
- We thank God for the courage of those who make a stand against the cruel acts of the powerful. Amongst them we pray for Pope Leo as he speaks up for the rights of immigrants in detention to take communion and as he defends the idea that war is only just when it is in self defence and waged when all peace efforts have failed.
- For the Prayer Breakfast at Greenbrook on Saturday 2nd May at 8am and for Barbara Cole as she leads it.

Upcoming Circuit Events

- Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 2nd May at 8am at Greenbrook Church, Burnley led by Barbara Cole
- Circuit Youth Gathering on Sunday 10th May 6.30-7.30pm at Fence Village Hall.
- Circuit Pentecost Worship on Sunday 17th May at 6pm at The Exchange Project, St Johns Church, Colne

Upcoming Church Events

- 240 year celebration of Southfield Church on Saturday 2nd May from 10am at Southfield Church (more information on the next page)
- Coffee Morning and toasted treats on Saturday 9th May 10am -12noon at Higherford Church
- Tuesday Fellowship 'A Jammy Story' with Kath Heyworth on 12th May at 2pm at Brunshaw Church.
- Springtime Brunch Bonanza on Saturday 16th May 9.30am - 1pm at Higherford Church
- Noahs Ark trail on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th May 11am- 4pm at Wheatley Lane Church
- An afternoon with The Lancashire Lad on Thursday 21st May at 2pm at Higherford Church

See posters below

Southfield Celebration

It's 240 years since the founder of Methodism, John Wesley, preached at Southfield, resulting in local man William Sagar building Southfield Chapel to fulfil his promise to Wesley.

To commemorate this we will be open from 10am on Saturday 2nd May for anyone to have a look round the chapel, its heritage and have a brew and a bite with us.

This will be followed by our usual Saturday service at 5pm, lead by Rev Adrian Perry, with Wesleyan hymns.

Circuit Prayer Shawl Ministry

We have a couple of prayer shawls that are available to give to individuals who are in need of our prayers. If you know of anyone we could give a prayer shawl to please contact Rev Tony Graff. Thanks.

Circuit Competition for Children

As part of this year's circuit's Methodist Education Project we are inviting children within the circuit to participate in a competition. We are looking for children to write a song or poem based on 'the love of God'. Winning items will be part of the Methodist Education Heritage exhibition in October. Please send entries to Claire in the circuit office before the 24th July 2026. Please encourage entries from the children you know connected to the life of the circuit. Thanks.

Who fancies a visit to Barton Grange?

On Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 2.00pm for tea/Coffee and optional cake. You might come across other Methodist Women from other parts of the District. It happened last year and some even went earlier and had lunch first.

If you are interested please contact me. We can sort out transport when we know how many would like to go.

Tel. Sheila 07553456745

I look forward to hearing from you.

WANTED

Volunteers to work in our coffee bar on Fridays (9.45-2pm) and Saturdays (9.45-12.30pm).

The coffee bar at Central Methodist Church is a friendly and welcoming space forming an important part of our Christian Outreach in Burnley Town Centre. We are looking for reliable people who can open up, serve refreshments and deal with money. No experience is necessary but a friendly caring attitude and good communication skills essential.

Please contact Heather for further information on 07566781347

Next Circuit Newsletter

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 12th May 2026. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 11th May 2026. Thank you.

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For Children in Year 6 & above

Please contact Adrian or Ian so we know who's attending.... or if you want to know more information. Adrian-07469 761773 Ian-07462 743587

Higherford Methodists Coffee Morning with Toasted Treats



Saturday 9th May

10.00 - 12.00

Proceeds will be split between

Higherford and Christian aid

CIRCUIT YOUTH GATHERING

2nd Sunday in the month
6.30 - 7.30PM
AT FENCE VILLAGE HALL



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Wheatley Lane
Methodist Church

Noah's Ark

trail through the village
Sat 16th + Sun 17th May

11am - 4pm

Fun for all the family

Come and search for Noah's animals
Pick up your map from church.
All proceeds for church funds.



trail map
£2

PRIZES

Stalls in church
raffle - tombola
refreshments
bacon butties
sandwiches
cakes

Wheatley Lane Methodist Church
BB12 9ED

'Wildfire' Pentecost Worship

On Sunday 17th May 2026, 6pm
at The Exchange Project, St Johns,
Colne

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An afternoon with
'The Lancashire Lad'
Stories and Songs



Thursday May 21st 2pm

£7 including traditional refreshments

EVERYONE WELCOME

SPRINGTIME BRUNCH BONANZA

Saturday 16th May
Free admission
9.30 am - 1.00 pm

Bacon, sausage & egg butties.

Plant Sale

Raffle

Variety of stalls.

Tea, coffee and cake.

Books and jigsaws

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