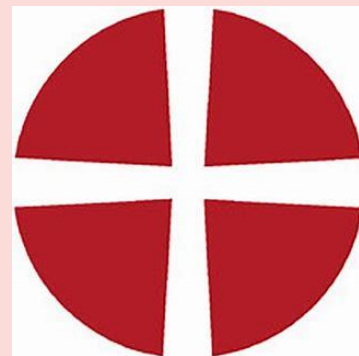


Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 22nd November 2022



Prayer

Come, love of the Lord Jesus and demand everything from us. Come, presence of the Lord Jesus and transform everything around us. Come, breath of the Lord Jesus and heal everything within us. Amen. **Based on a woman's prayer of Australia's First People**

Prayer Points

- For those affected by the earthquake in Indonesia. Pray for healing for those injured and for strength for those who have lost loved ones.
- For those who are victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. May they find the right help and support.
- For those who mourn the loss of their loved ones. May they find peace in knowing that others care.
- For those who are worried as winter approaches. May they experience God's love through the people they see.

Please forward your PRAYER REQUESTS to subashriedbarg91@gmail.com .

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 6th December – Local Preachers' Meeting at St John's/ The Exchange at 7.30pm

Thursday 8th December – Circuit Meeting at Central at 7.30pm

Circuit Event this week

Circuit Bible Study: "Sampling the Psalms". Wednesday 23rd November at 7.30pm. The link is available from Richard on rdhoyle@btinternet.com or Claire.

Church Events this week

Padiham Road

CHRISTMAS FAIR

PADIHAM ROAD METHODIST CHURCH
Brassey Street, BURNLEY BB12 8AD

Saturday, 26th November 2022
10:30am to 2:00pm

*The Rev. Rick Ormrod will open the Fair and
Wellfield School Choir will perform at 10:30am*

*Stalls include: Home-made Cakes & Preserves,
Good-as-New Items, Crafts, Gifts & Toiletries,
Dave's Wooden Items, Christmas Hamper Raffle,
Hand-made Cards, Books/DVDs/Jigsaws,
Tropic Beauty Products, Clairzart Paintings,
Brownies' Tombola, Animal Charities,
RSPCA Hoop-La! & Slimming World.*

*And for the Children: Toys and Games,
and a visit to Father Christmas.*

Refreshments served throughout, including Lunches.

Circuit Advent Letter from The Superintendent

Dear Siblings in Christ,

This coming Sunday 27th of November marks the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the Church Liturgical Year.

For many, Advent is about chocolate filled calendars and preparing for Christmas celebrations by buying presents and cards, making Christmas cakes, puddings and mince pies and trying to decide who to invite to our houses when (or who we will be visiting).

For Christians Advent is all that and more. For us it should be a time of Spiritual preparation and we look forward towards both the first coming of Christ in Bethlehem and to his promised return in glory. We will all have our different ways of doing that, but they should involve both reading the Scriptures and meditating on them and prayer. One way you can do this is by daily visiting our Circuit Facebook page where there will be a short reading and prayer every day during Advent.

During Advent there will be various special services in our Circuit Churches, but I would like to draw your attention to our Circuit Blue Christmas Service which will be held at Padiham Road Methodist Church on Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm. This is a service that is aimed at those for whom Christmas is not a happy time. The Advent and Christmas seasons can remind us of loved ones or relationships we have lost. The sights and smells of the weeks approaching Christmas, rather than bring joy and delight, can bring sadness and grief. A Blue Christmas service provides an opportunity to address the sadness, the pain of loss, and even the anger that can accompany the season.

Whatever you do to spiritually prepare for the celebration of the coming of Christ this Advent I hope that you will be blessed by God and be a blessing to others.

Yours in Christ,
Rick
Rev Rick Ormrod
Circuit Superintendent Minister

Future Church Events

St Johns



Would you like somewhere warm to go on a Thursday morning?

**Drop-in anytime between 10 am - 12 pm
Starting from 1st December 2022**

MEET FRIENDS FOR A CHAT, GAMES,
AND QUIZZES, OR A QUIET PLACE TO
SIT AND READ.

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ARE WELCOME.

FREE Hot drinks and Biscuits

**It will be warm and you will be
very welcome**



**St. John's Methodist Church,
Albert Road, Colne.**



Brierfield

Brierfield Methodist Church
Nativity Festival
and Christmas Market



Exhibits from Churches across the region from Barnoldswick to Hapton

- Festive stalls - gifts, crafts, homemade produce
- Festive photo booth - come and dress up!
- Food hamper raffle

Refreshments and hot meals

Fri 2nd December 2022 10 am - 4 pm
Sat 3rd December 2022 9 am - 3 pm

Adult admission £1 (Accompanied children free)

Everyone welcome

Circuit Methodist Heritage News

Can you help?

We are looking for information or documents etc related to the area's local Methodist Heritage to place in the Circuit's Heritage Resource Hub.

Please contact Kath Yates

(Kath_yates@yahoo.com) if you have any items that can be copied or donated to this central resource hub. Thank you.

Don't forget to look at the Heritage page on the Circuit website for more interesting information of our local Methodist Heritage.

There will be a number of heritage events in 2023 so watch out for details as we release them through future Circuit newsletters.

The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday 29th November 2022. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 28th November 2022.

Claire Slack,
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Brierfield would like to thank friends from Churches across the Circuit who are supporting our efforts to raise funds to repay our Circuit debt. We are indebted to them!

Wheatley Lane



CHRISTMAS MINI MARKET
Sunday 11th Dec 11am – 2pm
following Morning Worship
Refreshments, Festive Sandwiches, Cake Stall, Gift Stalls,
Raffle, Chocolate Tombola, Santa's Sack-Lucky Dip,
Guess the name of the Elf.
Some of our **MARKET** items
Are now available on our
Church Fundraising Facebook Page
Wheatley Lane Methodist Church Building Fundraising
We hope you will be able to join us.

Padiham Road



**Ightenhill
Community
Carols** Friday 16 Dec

6:15 Lantern Procession starting at
junction of Southern Avenue
and Ightenhill Park Lane

6:30 Carol singing in Ightenhill Park
or in Padiham Road Methodist
Church if weather is poor

- * Live music and traditional carols
- * Free hot drinks and mince pies
- * Special guest for the children

Organised by   Friends of Ightenhill Park
friendsofightenhillpark.btck.co.uk

In conjunction with   Padiham
Road
Methodist
Church
burnleyandpendlemethodists.org.uk

Voluntary donations
will be given to
Gannow
Community
Center