



# **BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT** **THE METHODIST CHURCH**

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## **Please pray:**

- The people of Gaza, and all those caught up in the fighting there, that there will be a peaceful solution found in the very near future
- The situation in Ukraine, that rather than the current posturing, people will begin to talk and look for a way to find a peaceful resolution
- All the people who have been affected by the terrible floods in Europe this week, that they might find relief and safety
- The people of the war torn Sudan where starvation is a massive issue, that they may receive the help and support they so desperately need
- Those still suffering the effects of Typhoon Yagi which swept through Asia, that their sufferings can be eased
- Our own government that they will find the means to support those who are most in need
- All those young people starting or returning to University, that they will find their paths in life
- Our churches, ministers, lay workers and congregations that they may feel Gods presence inspiring them to be beacons of light in our communities

## **Circuit Events in the next few weeks**

**Circuit Messy Church at Padiham Road on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 3.45-5.45pm.** (See poster below)

**Circuit Meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm at Padiham Road**

## **Church Events in the next few weeks**

**Community Lunch at Christ Church, Nelson on Today (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September) at 12noon.**

**Brunshaw`s Tuesday Fellowship on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm at Towneley Park, followed by lunch at Towneley Garden Centre.**

**Coffee Morning at Higherford Methodist on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 10am-12noon** (See poster below)

**Coffee Morning with toasted treats at Higherford Methodist on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 10am-12noon.** (See poster below)

## **Circuit Advent Project**

The online resources team are doing daily videos to be published during advent on our circuit social media starting the 1<sup>st</sup> December leading up to Christmas Day. This project was a huge success in 2022.

The idea is to include someone from every church in the Circuit and Circuit Schools along with the Circuit staff team. We will be making short videos as this will enable us to share via different platforms including Facebook shorts, Instagram reels, YouTube shorts and even via WhatsApp. The filming sessions will take place on Monday 14th October from 6pm – 8 pm and

## Message from Rev Adrian Perry

'Forget the former things, Do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing...! (Isa 43:18-19 NIV)

Dear friends

It's hard to believe that as I write I'm nearly 2 weeks into my appointment in the Burnley & Pendle Circuit! But here I am, and I'm pleased to be able to write for this week's newsletter.

New beginnings carry with them varied thoughts and emotions, including anticipation, excitement, anxiety, hope, and a sense of wondering what's ahead. And in many ways that also describes the life of those who embark on the journey of discipleship. We never really know what lies ahead. But we are loved by a God who does.

This time last year it became clear that unexpectedly I would be taking a year out of active ministry. And during that time I have experienced some of the worst and best of emotions in my life and faith.

One thing that has remained consistent though is the promise of God that all shall be well, to not dwell on the past, and to look with confidence to the future, knowing that He is 'doing a new thing'.

I wonder what that 'new thing' is for you. I wonder what the 'new thing' is for our Circuit that God might be doing.

My prayer for us all at the start of this journey together is that we will be confident in the presence and love of God, and that we will trust in His guidance and providence.

With my prayers and good wishes,  
Adrian

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Tuesday 15th October from 10am – 12 pm at Higherford Methodist Church. If you would like to be involved in this please contact Christvin at ([christvinedbarg@2101methodists.org](mailto:christvinedbarg@2101methodists.org)), plus which filming session is best for them by Sunday 22nd September 2024. Once we have everyone signed up, we will send them out a time slot along with their script.

Kind regards,  
Online resource team.

## Community

### **Tent of Nations News**

Daoud from the Tent of Nations, the Christian family whose motto is 'We refuse to be enemies' is having a Zoom meeting with any interested on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 7-8.30 to update on the present situation of illegal settlers trying to take over their land. Here is the link to register to attend: <https://forms.gle/RedzaqfZMdRjMkqs5>  
Your support is very important to the family, who have received the Methodist Peace Award in the past, that they are not forgotten.  
Hope to see some of you there  
Thank you.  
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### Action for Children

'A Place to Call Home' is Action for Children's new campaign that launched on Monday 9 September 2024 outside the Houses of Parliament. The aim is to encourage the Government to provide better quality homes for children in care. For more information please visit [A Place to Call Home: Action for Children's Urgent Call to Reform UK Care System - Methodist Church](#)

**The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.**  
**Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

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Posters

**CIRCUIT MESSY CHURCH AT  
PADIHAM ROAD METHODIST CHURCH**

Your invitation to:



**Messy Church**

Friday | 20th September

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3.45 PM – 5.45 PM

All Children must be accompanied by an adult

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The **Methodist Church** 



**HIGHERFORD METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday September 21st  
10am - 12 noon**

*To support 30 years of Fair Trade*

*Bakes made using Fair Trade ingredients*



**Higherford Methodist Church  
Coffee Morning  
with  
Toasted  
Treats**



**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
10.00 – 12.00**