

Burnley & Pendle

Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 20th January - Monday 2nd February 2026



Prayer Points

The most important thing in life is to stop saying 'I wish' and to start saying 'I will'

I would like us to prayerfully think, therefore of what would we wish for - for our family, our friends, our church community and for ourselves.. I wish.....

Then we could prayerfully think about what we can do to make these 'wishes' happen. I can.....

Let us pray for the commitment necessary to change such wishes into reality, for the faith and the strength of character to be proactive in the way we approach life.

There is a saying (indeed its also a book and song title) Be careful what you wish for! - as getting what we desire might also bring negative consequences or problems....

The quotation at the top is attributed to Charles Dickens, though it is debated otherwise - regardless of who penned it, the sentiment expressed is a valuable one.

The quotation continues: Consider nothing impossible then treat possibilities as probabilities..

We pray the words from St Matthew's gospel 'With God all things are possible' We may have doubts about many things, particularly about ourselves - let us pray for the fruit of the spirit of LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS. FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF CONTROL - THEN WE SHALL BE EQUIPPED

FOR EVERYTHING THAT LIFE THROWS AT US.

Amen

Circuit Heritage

What a wonderful afternoon we had at the Circuit Heritage Songs of Praise last Saturday. The circuit choir led the singing on tunes and hymns written by local people and the Revd Keith Richardson shared information collated by Kathryn Yates on each composer.

The two winning songs from last year's Circuit Song competition written by Pat Sunderland and Jackie Lloyd were sung and thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

The next Heritage event is on Saturday 27th June in Barnoldswick hosted by St Andrew's church.

More information will be out shortly,



Lend your voice to the 2026-2027 Prayer Handbook

The Methodist Church invites you to write prayers for its next prayer handbook. For more information visit... https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/methodist-prayer-handbook/?utm_source=Methodist%20Church%20House&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=15326990_Methodist%20News%2015%2F01%2F2025&dm_i=BVI,94IDQ,CB7T9D,127P3R,1,,

Upcoming Circuit Events

- Circuit Heritage Group meeting on **Tuesday 20th January at 10am** at Padiham Road
- Local Preachers` and Worship Leaders` meeting on **Monday 26th January at 7.30pm**, at Christ Church
- Circuit Encounter Bite-size on **Saturday 31st January at 11am** at Briercliffe Road followed by a light lunch.

Circuit Prayer Breakfast

The Circuit Prayer Breakfast takes place on the first Saturday of the month at 8am. The next ones are Saturday 7th February at Brunshaw led by Sheila Chadwick & Saturday 7th March at Christ Church led by Richard Hoyle.

Upcoming Church Events

- "Sing Along with Jaycee" on **Sunday 25th January 2-4pm** at Hapton.

Coffee Bar at Central

Volunteers required to work in our friendly coffee bar on Fridays and some Saturday mornings with a willingness to cover for sickness and holidays if available. Must be reliable, trustworthy, able to handle money, some knowledge of food hygiene regulations and have excellent communication skills. The coffee bar is an important part of our Christian outreach in Burnley town centre and is well used by the community. It is a safe space, a warm space and "Ask for Peter" is available for those unable to pay and are in need. I would be grateful if you would consider volunteering and of course spread the word that we are advertising for volunteers. Thank you Heather, 07566 781347

Posters

Hapton Methodist Church
Presents:-
"A SING A LONG WITH JAYCEE"
Sunday 25th Jan.
2 - 4 pm
Adults £5 Children £3
inc. Tea & Biscuits

Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit
 Invite you to
Bite size Encounter
 on Saturday 31st January 2026
 at Briercliffe Road Church,
 Melville Street, Burnley.
 Instead of a guest speaker, we will enjoy faith stories shared by a few people from churches within the circuit.
Coffee from 11am
11.30am - Bite Size Testimonies
12.15pm Lunch
 Free event though donations accepted on the day.
 Please contact Kath katheworth@hotmail.co.uk for further information and to book your place, stating any dietary requirements before Monday 26th January.
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 God's grace in love and action

Next Circuit Newsletter

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 3rd February 2026. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 2nd February 2026. Thank you.

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