



BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 28th November 2023

Prayer time

Jesus said 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid'....

We in turn pray for the peace of Christ to permeate our world so that everyone can be at ease and in comfort in their own homes and situations.

Although the Israel-Hamas 'ceasefire' (as I write this on Monday 27th) has been extended two more days to allow more hostages and those imprisoned, to be exchanged we pray for a longer extension, or preferably a permanent ceasefire.

We pray for those innocent people caught up in wars and conflicts that they have occasion **not to be afraid**, may we not take for granted the safety and freedom which we experience on a daily basis.

We give thanks for relief agencies, for the care and generosity of people who give of their time, their treasure, and often their lives...

We pray for all **World Leaders and Governments** that they will have the wisdom of Solomon and the love of Jesus in their lives to direct all future actions for the benefit of all people.

We pray for all Christian communities who respond to the needs of others locally, nationally and internationally. We pray too for missionary societies and missionaries – acknowledging their dedication and commitment in often dangerous situations.

We pray for the churches in our Circuit for Ministers and Lay Preachers, for Methodists in different parts of the U.K.

Prayers of gratitude – for the many blessings God bestows on us, for the debt Jesus paid on the cross, Catherine of Sienna was quoted last week, this week I offer another quote of hers: Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire – may we therefore be the light in other people's darkness and fear.

Circuit Events this week

Circuit Messy Church



Circuit Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 2nd December 8am at St John's, Colne. Led by Carole Eldon & Kath Heyworth

Prayer Requests

Please forward your prayer requests to Suba who will then forward them, in confidence, to the Circuit Prayer Warriors. Subashriedbarg91@gmail.com

Circuit Advent Prayers

Starting on Sunday 3rd of December the Circuit will be posting daily prayers on our Facebook page. Please use these prayers as you prepare for Christmas.

Community

Barrowford Churches Together

**Barrowford Churches Together
invite you to the**

Cruck Barn Carol Service



**6pm, Tuesday 5th December
The Cruck Barn,
Pendle Heritage Centre, Barrowford.**

Mince pies and drinks served after the service!

Church Events this week

Higherford



Higherford Methodist Church
You're Invited To Our
**Christmas
Wreath Making**
1ST DECEMBER 2023
with Nicola of Daisy Chain Florist
7pm
Contact Barbara 07881206170
£30 including seasonal
nibbles

Wheatley Lane



WHEATLEYLANE METHODIST CHURCH
UNDER THE TREE
Sat 2nd Dec 2 – 4pm
Supporting local families
and individuals in need
this Christmas.
Serving festive cream teas.

Once again on the run up to Christmas, we will be collecting donations of; children's toys, toiletries, gift sets, new warm clothing, new underwear, selection boxes/chocolates etc. to help local children, families in need and the homeless.

Should you wish to donate to this cause, our church will be open on Saturday 2nd December, between 2 – 4pm. We do hope you will be able to join us. The Charities we will be supporting are:
Women's Refuge,
Church on the Streets.
Curry on the Street.
Local Childrens services.

If you, or you know of anyone struggling to afford Christmas gifts for their children. Please do let us know, if we can help discreetly.

A Christmas Celebration



JOIN US FOR

A Christmas Celebration

Saturday 9th December

A fun, festive afternoon concert featuring
Nelson Civic Ladies Choir
 along with guests
Early Brass Band

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

Start: 2pm
Tickets: £8 (under 16's free
 if accompanied by an adult)
Refreshments available

**Tickets available at the door; from any choir
 member or by pre-booking on 07792 787176**

Thread of Hope

You are invited to a new and original theatre performance devised from the wisdom and experiences of those in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction. Donna Worthington is working with Elisha House Recovery Community in Colne to write, devise and perform their own theatre piece, which is developing organically over the coming weeks... Its purpose? To allow the men to tell their stories in their own way, highlight the dangers of drug use, to be empowered to share their lived experiences and help others. Come and explore their journeys through theatre that includes storytelling, movement, discussion, and spoken words that are raw, emotional and honest from the men who themselves are on this journey. We'll be breaking the fourth wall and there will

Brierfield



**BRIERFIELD METHODIST CHURCH
 CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Sat 2nd Dec 8.30 - 12.30
 Festive & floral gifts, homemade cakes & jams, chocolate
 tombola.
 Hot lunches & refreshments
 Adult admission 50p - Children Free
EVERYONE WELCOME

Stalls available free of charge for any of our Circuit Churches.
 Please ring Anne on 07887855719

Wheatley Lane



**Wheatley Lane Methodist Church
 presents a festive fundraiser.....**

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

**Sunday 3rd Dec
 1pm-3pm**

at the Scout Hut, Fence.
 BB12 9EP

Tickets £25 each
 Please see Denise, Erica
 or Shelley to book a ticket.
 Text 07479200636
 (Limited places available.)

We will provide everything
 you need to make a beautiful
 wreath for the festive season.
 This will be a step-by-step workshop,
 so come and get creative!

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served
 (non-alcoholic beverages will be available too)
 Please feel free to bring a picnic lunch if needed.

Future Circuit Events

**Circuit meeting – Wednesday 6th
 December at 7,30pm at Brunshaw.**

be the opportunity for a Q and A session.

Date: Thursday 14th December 7-9pm (Refreshments from 6.30pm, performance starting at 7pm).

Venue: St. John's Methodist Church, Albert Road, Colne BB8 0RY

Suitable for 16yrs + There is no charge for the performance, but please do let us know if you are attending by contacting Donna Worthington: drworthington@live.co.uk

New Posters

Hapton



Hapton Methodist Church Choir
Presents:
"CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS"
Fri. 8th December
@ 7.30pm
Adults £5 Children £3
inc. Tea/Coffee
& Mince Pies

The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday 5th December 2023. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 4th December 2023.

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Circuit Advent Worship



Advent
Engage Expand Revive Refresh

a time of
modern worship
followed by food
homemade soup
and sandwiches

Saturday
9th Dec
11.30am

With
Rev Phil Gough

at
**Wheatley Lane
Methodist Church**
BB12 9ED

Please let us know if you are staying for lunch,
text or email: Denise 07479200636 -
denart@sky.com

**KIMLEY & PINKLEY CIRCUIT
THE METHODIST CHURCH**
God's grace is here and active

A quiet space with activity sheets will
be available for any children present.
Car park on school yard.

Future Church Events

Friday 8th December at Hapton – Hapton Methodist Church Choir presents “Christmas Celebrations” at 7.30pm

Sunday 10th December at Barley – Barley to Bethlehem at 5.15pm - a live nativity.

Sunday 10th December at Padiham Road – South Pennine Singers at 2.30pm

Thursday 14th December at Higherford – Heaven Sent Christmas concert at 2pm

Saturday 16th December at St Andrews – Coffee morning in aid of Nixon Memorial Hospital Sierra Leone. 9.30am to 12 noon