

Burnley & Pendle

Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 28th July - Monday 10th August 2026

Circuit Prayers

Please pray ...

- for those who make up the family of Brierfield Methodist Church as they prepare for their last service, an afternoon of songs and stories of praise at 2.30pm on Sunday 23rd August. For the members of the worshipping congregation as they find and then make their home in new churches.
- for the Canal Ministries Mission Week in Burnley from August 3rd to 8th.
- for the preparations for the Circuit Holiday Club from 10th to 13th August.
- for Rick and Sue as they settle into their new circuit; especially for Sue following the recent death of her mother.
- for Steven and Alish and their children Eleanor, Harriet and Jonah as they prepare for their move; for Steven as he takes up his new role as the superintendent of our circuit.
- for the conversations with the Great Harwood Circuit about a possible uniting of our circuits.
- As parts of Europe get ready for another heatwave, please pray for those who have been battling against the wildfires that have been causing damage in many countries.
- Following a recent rise in threats against and attacks on them, please pray for the Muslim and Jewish communities the UK.
- Following the attack on people taking part in the Pride celebrations in Berlin, please pray for the safety of members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Upcoming Circuit Events

- Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 1st August at 8am at Higherford Church led by Rev Tony Graff
- Circuit Holiday Bible Club Monday 10th - Thursday 13th August 2026, 10am - 12.30pm at Christ Church, Nelson.
- Encounter on Saturday 15th August from 11am at Brunshaw Church, Burnley - See poster below
- Rev Steven Donnison and his family's Welcome Service on Sunday 6th September at 4pm at Padiham Road Church, Burnley NB: the start time has been changed.

Invitation to the Celebration of Brierfield Church

Please join us for our last service, an afternoon of Songs and Stories of Praise to celebrate Brierfield Methodist Church.

Sunday 23rd August at 2.30pm at Brierfield Methodist Church.

"We'll praise him for all that is past and trust him for all that's to come."

Canal Ministries Mission Week in Burnley

Canal Ministries Mission Week in Burnley starts on **Monday 3rd August 2026**. Several members of Canal Ministries from around the country will be joining Paul and Sue Standley to offer a fantastic week of activities and opportunities based at Finsley Gate Wharf.

The key events over the week are:

Monday 3rd August 7pm at Finsley Gate Wharf: Live Music with stories about life on the canals and a pie and pea supper. £10 per person, please email or text me to book. This year music will be by an excellent new live music collective called 'Out of the Valley'.

Thursday 6th August 7pm starting and ending at Finsley Gate Wharf: Canal Walk. This is free of charge and was a real highlight of the week last year as people from lots of different churches entered into good conversations with each other and with members of the Canal Ministries team.

Saturday 8th August 1.30pm-4.30pm at Finsley Gate Wharf: Fun Day. This is also free of charge. There will be craft activities, small games, a giant inflatable slide and boat trips. On the hour, each hour there will be a 5min talk from a different speaker including Bryony Baker, Kwame Adzam and Bishop Philip North.

On the morning of **Saturday 8th August** a team will go together to the town centre to publicise the Fun Day and to share about the Christian faith. There will be a gathering on the evening of **Friday 7th August at Rosehill Baptist Church** for those interested in being part of this. There will also be a Celebration event at **7.30pm on Saturday 8th August at Rosehill Baptist Church**. Leroy Bowtell is able to provide more information about these events.

Other opportunities still available:

Speakers for Church Services and Groups - would you like a member of the Canal Ministries team to speak or preach at your church service on either Sunday 2nd or 9th August? Or would you like them to visit a church group that meets during that week? If so please get in touch with Paul and Sue Standley (paulandsuestandley@btinternet.com).

Boat Trips - there are still boat trips available to book on Wednesday 5th August and the afternoon of Friday 7th August. Each boat trip takes just under 1 hour and can accommodate a maximum of 8 people. Please contact me to book a trip. Crafts/Games at the Fun Day - could your church provide a craft or game at the Fun Day on Saturday 8th August? We have some brilliant activities planned already but can include more. Please contact me if you can offer an activity.

This week is a fantastic opportunity to partner in the Gospel.

Thank you for all that you are contributing and for all your prayers.

Rev'd Kat Gregory-Witham

Associate Priest at St Matthew's Church Burnley

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Job vacancy within the Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit

Circuit Young Peoples Worker

For more information visit
www.burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit.com/job-vacancies

Closing date - Wednesday 5th August 2026



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Next Circuit Newsletter

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 11th August 2026. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 10th August 2026. Please note this will cover 3 weeks until Monday 31st August. Thank you.

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Posters

**LIVE MUSIC,
CANAL STORIES
& PIE & PEAS**

An evening of live music and storytelling whilst enjoying delicious food. Music by Out of the Valley Music Collective, waterway tales from the Canal Ministries team.

MON 3RD AUG, 7PM
£10 per person
Booking Essential - email revkatgw@gmail.com
or phone 07397 775388

Finsley Gate Wharf, Finsley Gate, Burnley, BB11 3FG

Logos: Churches Together in Burnley, Canal Ministries, Out of the Valley Music Collective.

Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit
Invite you to
Bite size Encounter
on Saturday 15th August 2026
at Brunshaw Methodist Church,
Rimington Ave, Burnley BB10 4NN.

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 kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk
for further information
and to book your place, stating any dietary requirements before
Monday 10th August.

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