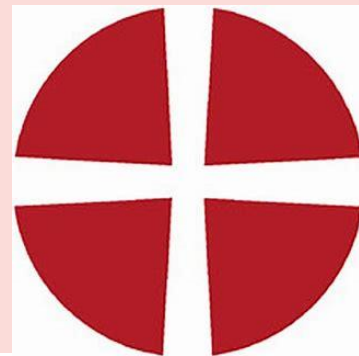


Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 3rd January 2023



Happy New Year to you!

A Prayer for the Spirit

Dear Jesus, our souls can often feel so dry. Renew our spirit in you. Fill us with all the good things you bring. Help us remember to pause and ask for those blessings. Remind us we are not navigating life alone. We pray that you fill us with the Fruits of the Spirit this year—with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Help us not to strive for things you have not given us and help us not to pick up burdens that aren't ours to carry. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer Points

Please pray

- that this day and the days ahead, hold many blessings for you and yours.
- that more people will come to know the love of Jesus Christ this year
- for the work of Christian Unity which helps promote racial justice across all levels in our society
- for an immediate solution to solve the pressure on the NHS
- for those mourning the lost of loved ones that they find comfort and hope

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

Circuit Events



**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR
CIRCUIT MESSY CHURCH AT CHRIST CHURCH
METHODIST CHURCH**

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Friday 6th January 2023

Friday 3rd February 2023

Friday 3rd March 2023

Friday 5th May 2023

4pm - 6pm

£1 per child

*Crafts, food, stories, songs and
good fun*

for families of all ages

All children must be accompanied by an adult

call Wendy - 07961044563 for more info

email: wendyfryer@2101methodists.org

Saturday 7th January 2023 – Circuit Prayer Breakfast at Brierfield led by Karen Hoyle, On the first Saturday in the month at 8am followed by a light breakfast. These prayer gatherings are for everyone so why not come along and give it a go. You can pray quietly in your heart or out aloud, whichever is your preference. We look forward to seeing you.

A Message from the Superintendent.....

Dear Friends,

It seemed appropriate for me to greet you as Circuit Superintendent at the start of this new year, 2023.

One the one hand a new year is nothing special, it merely means that the earth has completed another orbit around the sun that we have decided to mark on 1st January. As Methodist Christians we equally mark 1st September as the beginning of the Methodist Connexional year and the first Sunday in Advent as the beginning of the Christian liturgical year.

On the other hand, new year is very special. It's a time when people have a sense of hope, that maybe the coming 12 months will be better than those that have passed and that's something worth praying for. It's also a time when people make resolutions to change or improve in some way, and some even stick to them.

There is a more serious commitment we make as Methodists in the New Year and that is our covenant Promise, when we re-dedicate ourselves as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Covenant services are taking place I the next few weeks across Burnley and Pendle Circuit and I would urge you to attend one and join with your Methodist siblings in making again our Covenant with God.

As we do worship over the next few weeks let us remember and pray for our siblings at Brunshaw Methodist Church and their Minister, Tony, as they deal with the results of a flood that has meant their building is closed and they must worship elsewhere.

This new year can be a special time for our Circuit as we seek to serve the Lord in the Burnley and Pendle area and help to bring the Kingdom into reality in our midst. We started to discern our way forward together as a Circuit at our last Circuit Meeting in December as we engaged in discussion together and I hope that we will continue to do this in the coming year as some great potential ideas emerged that need further exploration.

Circuit Heritage Event

Circuit Methodist Heritage A Winter Celebration

Saturday 21st January 2023

at

St John's Church/The Exchange Project, Colne.

11.30am - 2.30pm

A series of short Heritage Talks,
alongside a local Methodist exhibition.
Soup, cake and hot drinks available.

All welcome.

Donations towards costs.



Church Events

Briercliffe Road Church

WARM SPACE

Would you like somewhere warm to go
on a Thursday ?

Drop in anytime between 10a.m -3p.m.
Starting 5th January 2023.

Meet Friends for a chat, Games, and company
or a quiet place to sit and read.
All ages welcome.

Hot drinks and Biscuits available
or soup and a roll.



It will be warm and you will
be very welcome

Briercliffe Road Church
Melville Street, Burnley
BB10 2NH

As we look to the coming year, as individuals, as churches and as a Circuit let us focus on doing what is truly important, making disciples for our Lord Jesus Christ as he himself commanded us to do, fulfilling our Circuit Mission Statement to “share God’s grace in word and action!”

Happy New Year!
Yours in Christ,
Rick

Wider Methodist News

Make 2023 the year in which you join with others to explore your gifts and faith. Take a look at the below link ...

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/vocations/discerning-vocation/connexional-vocation-exploration-opportunities/encounter/>

Meetings in January

Tuesday 10th January, Circuit Heritage Team meeting at 1.30pm at Padiham Road Church

The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday 10th January 2023. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 9th January 2023.

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