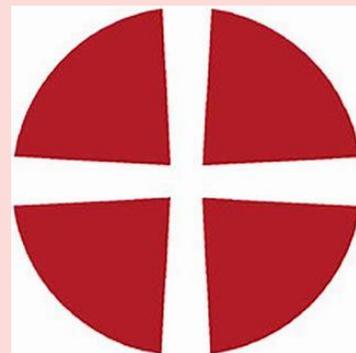


Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 20th September 2022



Prayer

Lord, as we hear the wisdom of your words we ask that you will through your Holy Spirit encourage and help us to do our best to live our lives in accordance with your wishes. We pray that we can share the riches of the love we receive from you with others who do not yet know you, and that our generosity of spirit might encourage others to follow the way you would have them go. We pray in the name of Jesus your son, Amen.

Taken from the Methodist Church Website.

Prayer Points

Pray for:

- those affected by Hurricane Fiona in parts of the Caribbean that their lives will not be threatened
- those affected by Typhoon Nanmodal in Japan that they will be kept safe from mudslides and flooding
- and give thanks for the wonderful sights and sounds of nature that you lovingly created for us ourselves.
- please forgive us for our wrong doings and bless us each day to walk closer in your way.

Methodist Church Events this week

Christ Church - Community lunch starts again today, 20th September, 12 noon. £4 per person for a 2 course meal plus tea/coffee. All welcome.

Higherford

Higherford Methodist Church

An Old Person's Guide to Nostalgia



A talk about nostalgic, old-fashioned sweets followed by Afternoon Tea

Thursday 22nd September

1.30pm



Tickets: £10

Tel: 01282 697765 to book

Brierfield Messy Church – Friday 23rd September 4-6pm. £1 per family.

Future Church Events

Parkside

Following the recent closure of Parkside and in order to find new homes for some of the contents, we are inviting the other churches in the

Message from Revd Tony Graff

Dear Friends,

A few days ago, I went into the chemist to pick up a prescription. The woman behind the counter asked for my name. I gave it to her. She disappeared and was away for quite a while searching for my medication. She returned empty handed. She asked me for my address, I gave it to her. She disappeared again. I waited. She came back, this time she had in her hand a blank piece of paper and a pen. She asked me to write down my name, address and date of birth. I did. She disappeared for a third time, but this time came back very quickly with what I needed. Twenty four hours later, the revelation of what had happened struck me. "Of course" I thought, "it's my southern accent. I was speaking in my normal way, but as far as she was concerned, I needed an interpreter". This was also made clear to me at the Circuit Prayer Time which was the first circuit event I attended. I was late arriving because I had unintentionally come via Yorkshire. (Actually, I was told later that I hadn't, but the signpost said that I did). Barbara Cole was leading our prayers. After hearing me speak she told me that as soon as I open my mouth everyone can tell that I'm not from around here.

It's true, I'm very much not from around here. I was born and brought up in the deep south, in Torquay. I did spend one year in the Derbyshire Dales, but until now, I haven't lived any further north. I was in Bristol for three years training to be a Methodist minister, then I served in circuits in The South Wales Valleys, on the edge of London and for twenty four years in Kent.

Although I've only been living here for a month, I feel like I've been here forever. Everyone has been so kind and welcoming that it has made me feel quite at home and as though I belong. I'm very grateful to all of you for this and I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you". I'm really looking forward to getting to know you better and to being with you as we worship and serve God together.

God bless you,

Tony

Circuit to an Open Evening on Friday 30th September from 5pm-7pm and Saturday 1st October from 10am – 12 noon. Donations for items will be most welcome.

Wheatley Lane



Wheatley Lane
Methodist Church

Beetle Drive

At Pendle Forest Scout & Guide Hut
on Saturday 8th October 2022 4-6pm
Food, Fun & Laughter with friends.

Ticket Price (including hot food & a drink)
Adults - £6, Children £3 or Family £15 (2 adults and up to 3 children)

All funds raised will go to
Wheatley Lane Methodist Church Building Fund
Tickets Available from Claire Stack (07883 632988),
Louise Stickland (07935 673320) & Maureen Thornborrow

Barley

Craft Fair **15th and 16th October 10am** **to 4pm**

Barley Chapel (BB129LA)

Wide variety of stalls

large bric a brac stall

Home made cake and refreshments
available

Take away Tatie hash and peas and
crumble and custard.

Enquiries 07967121031/07966261520

Can you

- Help on the day
- Bake a cake
- Donate bric a brac

District



**Lancashire District half day event at Kirkham Methodist Church, Nelson St Kirkham PR4 2JP
22nd October 2022 2-4pm**



We invite all ladies who are in anyway connected to the Methodist Church to an afternoon of sharing together. All are part of MWiB whether as women who worship in a Methodist Church, meet for bible study, work for Foodbank's and other self help groups, in friendship groups to chat, or simply use our buildings to drop children off to organised events.

Our afternoon is a snapshot of the wider world church through the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women who via Zoom held their 14th World Assembly this August, entitled 'Go And Bear Fruit, Fruit That Will Last'.

Over 200 women from around the globe gathered via the internet, we were able to share in worship and fellowship, also hearing speakers from each continent talk about their work with the sustainable development goals in their own countries. A bible study from Jill Baker, a keynote speaker, was inspirational.

Our afternoon will be a time to share our stories over a cup of tea or coffee and of course cake, in our new cafe area.

The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday 27th September 2022. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 26th September 2022.

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St Johns

Nelson Civic Ladies' Choir

is Singing for

UKRAINE



On Saturday 15th October @ 2pm

St John's Church, Albert Road, Colne

Entry by donation
Pay at the door

Thank you

All proceeds will go to the
Help Ukraine Emergency Appeal

