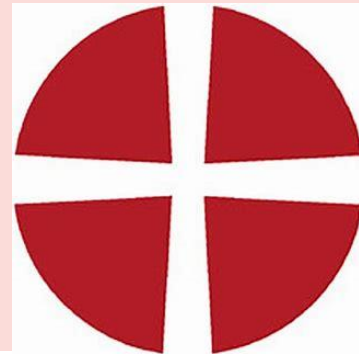


# Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023



## The Nativity at Barley Methodist Church

### Prayer

Jesus Christ, we thank you for entering our world in order to bring light and love into the darkness of human suffering. We hope in your word and rejoice in your promises. Amen.

### Prayer Points

Please pray for peace and hope throughout the world

- for those people suffering during the cold weather, that they receive the right support to keep them warm
- for those people who are hungry that they receive sufficient food to meet their need
- for those who mourn the lost of loved ones that they find comfort in God's love
- for those who struggling at this time, give them the help they need to remove their worries and anxieties.

Please forward your **PRAYER REQUESTS** to [subashriedbarg91@gmail.com](mailto:subashriedbarg91@gmail.com) .

## Circuit Advent

The Circuit's Advent devotions are available daily on the Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit Facebook page and YouTube channel.

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqunwZPZGrVwY4klWTAMizK2\\_uTjDJIN2](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqunwZPZGrVwY4klWTAMizK2_uTjDJIN2)

They include a Bible Reading and Prayer and they offer a great way for individuals to prepare for Christmas. Why not take a look?

## Circuit Events

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

7.30pm **Circuit Blue Christmas Service** at Padiham Road

## Church Events

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

the exchange project

The Exchange Project at St. John's Methodist Church, Colne invites you to

**An evening of Christmas Carols and Songs**

**with the Nelson Civic Ladies' Choir.**

Wednesday, 14th December 2022,  
7.30 pm - 9 pm

THIS IS A FREE EVENT.  
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED AT THE INTERVAL.

(ANY DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FOR THE ONGOING WORK OF THE EXCHANGE PROJECT)

The Methodist Church



both fully human and fully God, the Son of God, the Messiah, the Christ of God. Jesus peacefully went to the cross, showing the deep love of God for all by pronouncing divine forgiveness even as he was crucified; a forgiveness confirmed when God raised him from death to the glorious everlasting life that is our inheritance.

These nativity accounts are simple, yet they tell of a profound, unique historical event; that just over 2000 years ago in a small and insignificant village God came to earth in Jesus, and as a result of that human lives and hopes have been transformed and the world will never be the same again.

As Charles Wesley wrote, in one of our carols, "Our God contracted to a span, incomprehensibly named man."

That unique, special and holy event is what we are celebrating at Christmas time. May the birth of the Christ child touch us as never before and transform us by the power of the Holy Spirit into ever more faithful and loving disciples of Jesus, the baby in the manger.

Rev Rick Ormrod

### Warm Spaces in the Circuit

## PADIHAM ROAD METHODIST CHURCH



# Is a *Warm Space!*

Join us on Wednesday from 10am-3pm  
Free Refreshments, Soup and Roll lunch  
Games, newspapers, magazines etc  
Free Wi Fi and phone charging.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

You are invited to a **Christmas Lunch and Carols at The Exchange** from 12:30pm. Donations welcome in support of The Exchange Project. Please let Janet Parker know if you wish to come.

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve)

4pm Christingle at **Brierfield**  
6pm Communion at **St Andrew`s**  
6.30pm Christingle at **Higherford**

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day)

9.30am Service at **Greenbrook**  
9.30am Service at **Padiham Road**  
9.30am Service at **St Andrew`s**  
9.30am Service at **St Peter`s**  
9.30am Service at **Wheatley Lane**  
10am Service at **Higherford**  
11am Service at **Barley**  
11am Service at **Briercliffe Road**  
11am Service at **Brunshaw**  
11am Service at **Christ Church**  
11am Service at **St John`s**

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 (New Years Day)

9.30am Service at **Hapton**  
9.30am Service at **Padiham Road**  
10.30am Service at **St Peter`s**  
11am Service at **Briercliffe Road**  
11am Service at **Brierfield**  
11am Service at **Brunshaw**  
11am Service at **Christ Church**  
11am Service at **Higherford**  
11am Service at **St Andrew`s**  
11am Service at **St John`s**

If your Church doesn't have a morning service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day – 11 a.m. services will be on zoom on the usual Circuit link and livestreamed from St. John's on [www.stjohnscolne.org/live](http://www.stjohnscolne.org/live).

# A WARM WELCOME

Would you like somewhere warm to go on a Thursday morning?

Drop-in anytime between 10 am - 12 pm  
Starting from 1st December 2022

MEET FRIENDS FOR A CHAT, GAMES,  
AND QUIZZES, OR A QUIET PLACE TO  
SIT AND READ.

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ARE WELCOME.

**FREE** Hot drinks and Biscuits

It will be warm and you will be very welcome

  
St. John's Methodist Church,  
Albert Road, Colne.



# 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



## 2023 Circuit Prayer Breakfast Rota

On the first Saturday in the month at 8am followed by a light breakfast. These prayer gatherings for everyone so why not come along to one 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 soon at one or more of these prayer gatherings.

DATE in 2023	VENUE	Led by
7th January	Brierfield	Karen Hoyle
4th February	Padiham Rd	Carole Eldon & Kath Heyworth
4th March	Greenbrook	Tony Graff
1st April	St Andrew's	Barbara Cole
6th May	Barley – including a short prayer walk	Kath Heyworth
3rd June	Brunshaw	Richard Hoyle
1st July	Higherford	Rick Ormrod

**The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday 3rd January 2023. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 2nd January 2023.**

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**Wishing you and your family, peace and joy  
this Christmas and best wishes for 2023**

Love  
Claire & the rest of the Circuit  
Staff Team