



BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT

THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 3rd September – Monday 16th September 2024

Please pray:

- We thank God for Richard Hoyle and for his ministry in the Circuit. We pray for him as he adjusts to retirement and that God will continue to bless him in all that lies ahead.
- We thank God for Adrian, our new minister. We pray for him as he settles into his new life amongst us and we ask that this will be a place where he will flourish and find joy.
- We thank God for the new North West England District of the Methodist Church, for James Tebbutt, the District Chair and for Sharon Read, the Lancashire Mission Area Lead. We also pray for the first Synod of this new District on 14th September.
- We pray for the Worship Leaders and Local Preachers Meeting on Wednesday evening and for the Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday at St John's, Colne.
- We pray for the conversations taking place in our churches following the Three Trees report. May we be open to God's guidance as we seek to be sustainable churches that share the good news of the love of God and are good neighbours to those who are in need.
- We continue to pray for peace in the Middle East; for a ceasefire in Gaza; for an end to the illegal Israeli occupation of the West Bank; for the release of the hostages; and for people to turn away from war and towards the diplomacy that could lead to a lasting peace and stability in the region.

Circuit Events in the next few weeks

Heritage Hub Opening on Wednesday 4th September 10am -12 noon. The heritage hub this month will focus on Padiham Road & Ightenhill churches plus Southfield. We hope you can come along and look at these displays.

Circuit Mission meeting on Wednesday 4th September at 2pm on Zoom. Please contact Rick for log in details.

Local Preachers` & Worship Leaders` meeting on Wednesday 4th September at 7.30pm at St Andrew's

Circuit Messy Church at Christ Church, Nelson on Friday 6th September at 4pm

Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 7th September at 8am at St John's led by Rev Tony Graff

Heritage Week – 6th -15th September
Burnley Heritage week this year has a number of events and displays throughout the town which will be advertised on leaflets, posters and through social media.
Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit will have a display in the library in Burnley, highlighting the vast Methodist Heritage within the area. Please go along and have a look and see all the other displays and events which will be around the town during the week.

Circuit Fair Trade Service on 15th September at 3.00pm at Christ Church, Nelson followed by Afternoon Tea.

- For our own country, we pray that people may enjoy their basic rights; the right to feel safe in their homes without fear of fire because their houses have been built with the wrong materials; the right to just wages, not being paid less for equivalent work because of their gender; the right for people with disabilities to travel confidently on public transport knowing that proper attention will be given to their needs.

Message from Rick

Dear Friends,
We have reached the start of another Methodist Connexional Year and I have just realised that I've already been in the Circuit for three years. It really doesn't seem to be that long to me since I arrived.



We begin our year in Circuit by welcoming Rev Adrian Perry to our staff team. Adrian comes to us as an experienced Presbyterian who has previously served in the North West in the old Bolton and Rochdale District, so although originally from the south

he understands our strange northern ways. Adrian has pastoral charge of Higherford, St Andrew's, St John's and Wheatley Lane Methodist Churches, but you will meet him as he preaches around the Circuit and at meetings like Local Preachers & Worship Leaders and Circuit Meeting. I'm sure we all wish Adrian a warm welcome and will support him as he settles into life and ministry in Burnley & Pendle Circuit.

This month also sees the new North West England Methodist District become a reality. It was launched at a special service at Central Hall in Bolton and included the Welcome Service for Rev Dr. James Tebbutt who some of you met last Friday at Adrian's welcome

Church Events in the next few weeks

Toys, books, school uniform & children's winter clothes Recycle drop in at Wheatley Lane between 8.30-10am and 2.30-4pm on Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th & Friday 6th September. (see poster below)

Brunshaw's Tuesday Fellowship begins the autumn syllabus **TODAY Tuesday 3rd September** with a Beetle Drive followed by cream scones. We will then meet every two weeks, at 2pm. The next meeting will be 17th September with a walk, if you are able, in Towneley Park, followed by lunch at Towneley Garden Centre - for more precise details, and menus to pre-order, please contact Lynne Dickinson- 07870469966 nearer the date. Everyone welcome

Harvest Coffee Morning at Higherford on Saturday 7th September 10am-12noon (See poster below)

Future Circuit Events

Circuit Meeting on Monday 23rd September at 7.30pm at Padiham Road

Future Church Events

Circuit Messy Church at Padiham Road on Friday 20th September 3.45-5.45pm. (See poster below)

Date for your diary..... **Christmas concert by the Phoenix on Friday 13th December in the evening at Central church in Burnley.** Brass Ensemble. Further details will be published shortly.

Thank You from Richard Hoyle

Thank you for the love and good wishes that you have shown me on my retirement. Also, thank you so much for the very generous gifts and cards! I have been overwhelmed by all the kindness and encouragement.

Love and blessings, Richard

service. Our former Lancashire District Chair, Rev Phil Gough, was also welcomed as District Secretary for Ministry and Vocations as was Rev Sharon Read who will serve as Lancashire Mission Area Lead and our Deputy Chair. I'm sure we are all looking forward to seeing how the new District and ways of working will benefit our Circuit and churches over the coming months and years.

The theme of the District Launch Service was New Beginnings based on the understanding that God is doing something new amongst us. We are at the start of another Methodist Year and so we look forward to new beginnings as Adrian joins us, for both the Circuit and Adrian personally, and to seeing what new thing God is going to do among us this year.

Yours in Christ,
Rick
Circuit Superintendent

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Encounter



Last month the circuit held its second Encounter event this time it was at Higherford church. Richard and Karen Hoyle shared their interesting and encouraging stories of their

Thank You from Bea Foster

Bea's Birthday Bash.... I would like to thank everyone in the Circuit who supported by attending, buying tickets, giving donations of money and cakes. A rich time of fellowship and friendship was had by all, with plenty of wonderful cakes, we made the grand total of £ 1120. Amazing, this will go some way to showing our solidarity in a practical way to the Palestinian People. Thank you. Bea

Volunteers

Central Methodist Church are looking for a volunteer to work in their coffee bar 2 Saturdays per month, morning only. Please contact Heather on 07808768749 for further information or if interested.

Photo Competition

Many thanks to everyone throughout the circuit who entered the church's anniversary photo competition. Over 170 entries were received. Congratulations to the winners of the four categories:

- Denise W (Faith)
- Val B (Hope)
- Erica M (Love)
- Amelia S (Creation).

Highly commended awards were given to: Louise B, Sandra W, Cath N, Gordon C, Pam B, Olivia N, Diane F, Gwen C and Isaac S. All photos can be seen in church this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the recycle event. So please do come along and view them.

Request for material from WL church

In preparation for this year's harvest service the Junior Church are in need of some autumn coloured material. So, if you have any unwanted orange, red, brown etc material please can you contact Claire in the Circuit Office asap as the Junior church will start their creativity on Sunday 29th September. Thanks

journeys of faith which were inspirational to listen too.

Grateful thanks to all who donated food items and to the catering team for serving a delicious finger buffet. It was great to see so many people from throughout the circuit sharing in fellowship and laughter.

'An enjoyable social event to hear the interesting life stories of both Richard and Karen. With coffee and an excellent lunch served. It was nice to be with friends and make new ones too.'

"I'm pleased I managed to attend the Encounter event and I found the testimonies informative of how Richard and Karen's journeys in faith grew".

"What an uplifting and interesting "encounter" with Richard and Karen recently. The meeting room at Higherford was packed to listen to the fascinating accounts of their Christian journeys and family life - a reflection of the love and respect for this committed, caring couple. Thank goodness we will still, hopefully "bump into them" as they remain part of the Circuit and our lives, following Richard's retirement as a Lay Pastor. Thanks and blessings to them both."

The next Encounter will be on Saturday 18th January at 11am at Padiham Road. Christvin and Suba Edbarg will be the guest speakers. Please pop the date in your diary as it would be great to see you there and your friends too.

Tony, Denise and Kath
The Encounter planning team

Community

RENEW on Monday 9th September 2024 at St Marys Church, Rawtenstall from 7.15pm. (See poster below)

Bubbles in the Park on Sunday 15th September at 12pm. An invite to all to join in the fun and show our support for unity in the town. (See poster below)

District

Job Vacancy

Bolton Circuit

Development Worker for Children and Young Peoples' work

An exciting new post to develop the work with the local churches for Children and Young People across the Bolton Circuit.

This work involves helping the local churches to teach our Children and Young People the values of God's Kingdom and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The worker will identify existing work with children and young people that they can support and develop and look for new missional opportunities in the churches and community. In addition, the worker will build appropriate relationships with the Children, Young People and their families. They will also offer training and support to new and existing leaders; and look to develop new opportunities for mission among unchurched young people.

Whilst the Bolton Circuit is an equal opportunities employer there is an occupational requirement for the post holder to be a practising Christian.

This is a 37.5-hour (full time) post with a salary of £28000 per annum (£14.36 per hour).

For further information and an application form email: boltonmethodistchurches@outlook.com

Deadline for applications Friday 13th September

Recruitment will follow the Methodist Church Safeguarding Safer Recruitment process which includes DBS checks and references.

[The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 17th September 2024.](#)
[Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 16th September 2024.](#)

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Posters



Toys & Books
Recycle drop-in
at Wheatley Lane Methodist Church
Light refreshments available too

Tues 3rd Sept to Fri 6th Sept
8.30-10am and 2.30-4pm

Why buy new when there's good toys and books that someone can't use but you can. (Small donations accepted).



Children's Toys and Books can be donated in August to Elaine or Kath
email: egreenall50@gmail.com
kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk



Renew
for women
Monday 9th September 2024
St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall
7:15 Refreshments for 7:45 Start

"Encounter"
Need a fresh encounter with God?
Come along and give yourself time to rest in His presence and hear His voice of love

Free event - No need to book - just turn up!
For more information email renew@rossendalecofc.church



CIRCUIT MESSY CHURCH AT PADIHAM ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

Your invitation to:

- Activities
- Songs
- Food
- Crafts
- Games
- Stories

MESSY CHURCH

Friday | 20th September
3.45 PM - 5.45 PM

All Children must be accompanied by an adult

Please Contact
kathyates@2101methodists.org

The **Methodist Church**




Higherford Methodist Church
invite you to a

Harvest Coffee Morning




Saturday 7th September
10.00am - 12.00pm
Donations to Burkina Faso
Donations of non-perishable foods will also be collected for our local food bank



Bubbles IN THE PARK

In light of recent events, its time to unite & show that Burnley is not a racist town. Let's put it on the map for uniting & reforming, by coming together standing side by side and supporting each other. ONE LOVE - ONE HUMAN RACE

- Bring a Picnic
- Bring the Family
- Bring Lots of Bubbles

THOMPSON PARK
SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER - 12PM