

Burnley & Pendle

Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 26th May - Monday 15th June 2026



Remembering Pentecost..

We give thanks for the first Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was gifted to those who had been called by Jesus to follow him.

We give thanks because we have also been gifted with that same Holy Spirit because Jesus has called us to follow him.

...and so we rejoice because of this precious gift and because you, Living God, breathe new hope, new faith, new life into your people.

...but we remember also that not everyone responded so gladly to the Spirit's coming - some were scornful, some ridiculed and some just couldn't believe, and thought the disciples were drunk, or even out of their minds.

Living God, forgive us because we too can be similarly negative and instead of welcoming the Spirit we greet him with cautious and suspicious hearts. Instead of opening our lives to the Spirit's movement, we close our minds to any thing which challenges our long-held preconceptions. Instead of gladly receiving your Spirit's gifts we barricade our souls against change.

Living God, we pray that you will help us to embrace change and though sometimes we do not care for anything 'different' we realise that we cannot remain in the past, so we pray you will enable us to move forward, perhaps into the unknown, which can actually be quite exciting as we acknowledge that you are there to guide, to inspire, and to challenge, so we pray you will help us to respond with love, peace, and care.

AMEN

Upcoming Circuit Events

- Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting on Tuesday 9th June at 7.30pm at The Exchange Project, St Johns, Colne
- Circuit Youth Gathering on Sunday 14th June, 6.30 - 7.30pm at Fence Village Hall
- Circuit meeting on Monday 15th June, 7.30pm at St Andrews

Upcoming Church Events

- Coffee Morning on Saturday 30th May 10am - 11.30am at Greenbrook Church, Burnley. A varied selection of Books, Jewellery, Bric a Brac and knitted Toys etc.
 - Guide Dogs on Thursday 4th June from 2pm at Higherford Church
 - Churches Together in Burnley `Ramble Round Rowley` on Friday 5th June at 6.30pm meeting at Thornton Arms
 - Murder at the Theatre on 5th & 7th June at Greenbrook Church, Burnley.
 - Children Clothes Recycle drop in on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th June, 8.30 - 10am & 2.30 - 4pm at Wheatley Lane Church
 - Beetle Drive on Friday 12th June, 6-8pm at Briercliffe Road Church
 - South Pennine Singers on Sunday 14th June from 12noon at Higherford Church
 - Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th June, 10am-12noon at Higherford Church
 - Afternoon Teas for Southfield on Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June 2-5.30 pm at 5 Catlow Court
- See posters below

Wildfire



The Wildfire event at The Exchange Project at St Johns, Colne was an inspirational worship. Grateful thanks to Rev Adrian Perry for organising this worship and for leading the combined choir from the Burnley & Pendle and the Chorley & Leyland Circuits. The singing was awesome and a meaningful message was delivered by Rev Adrian Perry. Hopefully the two choirs will come together again in the foreseeable future. Grateful thanks to everyone who came to this worship and to those who served the refreshments afterwards.

Reflection Garden

Official opening of the reflection garden at Wheatley Lane Methodist Primary School.

It all started when the children wanted a quiet outdoor space to go to think about special people to them that they had lost. The children designed the garden, fundraised and secured donations from local companies. Wheatley Lane Methodist church donated a tree. A team of volunteers led by two parents developed the reflection garden over a 12 month period. The Revd Adrian Perry (School Chaplain) led the official opening before cutting the ribbon followed by light refreshments for guests and the children received ice lollies.



Community

Renew
for women
Monday 8th June 2026
St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall
7.15 Refreshments for 7.45 start
"God's love will never let you go"
Come along and hear how God has been faithful to others in difficult times, and how He will be faithful to you.
Free event - No need to book - Just turn up!
For more information email renew@rossendalecofe.church

Next Circuit Newsletter

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 16th June 2026. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 15th June 2026. Please note this will cover 3 weeks. Thank you.

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HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH



Guide Dogs

FIND OUT ABOUT GUIDE DOGS

JUNE 4TH 2PM
£5 including cream tea

5th June 2026
Churches Together

Ramble Round Rowley

Meet at the Thornton Arms at 6.30pm

Walk accessible to all, including prams and mobility scooters!

NODA
For every stage

Greenbrook Operatic and Dramatic Society presents:

MURDER

At The Theatre BY EMMA BEVAN

"A BUMBLING DETECTIVE STUMBLES INTO A THEATRE COMPANY IN TURMOIL IN THIS COMEDY MURDER MYSTERY PLAY."

5TH JUNE 7PM WITH PIE AND PEA SUPPER
&
7TH JUNE 2:30PM WITH AFTERNOON TEA
RATED 12+

£12 PER PERSON
TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA THE QR CODE BELOW:

LOCATION: GREENBROOK METHODIST CHURCH, BURNLEY, BB12 6NZ

WLMC think ECO
Wheatley Lane Methodist Church

Children's Clothes

Recycle drop-in

at
Wheatley Lane Methodist Church

Monday 8th June
Tuesday 9th June
Wednesday 10th June

Light refreshments too

8.30-10am & 2.30-4pm each day

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

Children's clothes (including school, scout & guide uniforms etc.)
for more info contact Elaine or Kath
email: egreenall150@gmail.com
kaththeyworth@hotmail.co.uk



Beetle Drive



Family Beetle Drive and home made potato pie and peas supper
Friday June 12th 6.00p.m - 8.00p.m.
£5 Adults £3 children including brews
To be held at Briercliffe Road Church
Melville Street



Everyone welcome
Come along & enjoy some fun



HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH

SOUTH PENNINE SINGERS



SUNDAY 14TH JUNE
12 NOON PLOUGHMANS LUNCH £8
2PM CONCERT £7
OR BOTH £12

CONTACT JUDITH 01282 865239 TO BOOK LUNCH

HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH
SATURDAY JUNE 20TH
10AM - 12 NOON



COME AND TASTE
OUR TASTY CAKES AND BAKES

AFTERNOON TEAS FOR SOUTHFIELD



Sat 20th June 2pm - 5:30pm
Sun 21st June 2pm - 5:30pm
*** Please note the different days this year

Anne and Stephen Dixon invite you to

5 Catlow Court Southfield Lane
Southfield BB10 3RN

Sandwiches - scones with jam & clotted cream
cakes all served on vintage China

Ring 07887 855719 to book a table or just turn up.

Help us preserve this historic Chapel - where John Wesley preached - for the next generation

Donations and cheques to:
SOUTHFIELD METHODIST CHAPEL

For Children in Year 6 & above

Please contact Adrian or Ian so we know who's attending..... or if you want to know more information.
Adrian-07469 761773 Ian-07462 743587

CIRCUIT YOUTH GATHERING

2nd Sunday in the month
6.30 - 7.30PM
AT FENCE VILLAGE HALL



Future dates.....
10th May
14th June
12th July
2026

