



BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT

THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 17th June 2025 – Monday 30th June 2025

Please pray:

That God will guide Rick and our Circuit as we consider our future. For the circuit stewards as they carry out their responsibilities for the review process; for our churches as we think about the ministry and leadership that we need; and for Rick and Susan as they go through this time of uncertainty. We thank God for Rick's gifts, and we pray that our circuit will continue to be blessed as we together share in God's mission.

As the cycle of violence continues with the exchanges between Israel and Iran, we pray for peace. We remember those who have died and pray for those who have been bereaved and for those who are being traumatised by the explosions. We pray for those who have lost homes and for those who search for the missing and find the bodies. We pray for the people of Iran who have been through conflicts, suffered from sanctions and whose protests for freedom have been met with oppression.

We pray for the people of Gaza; for those killed while they seek aid; for those who have no safe place where they can go and no safe water that they can drink; for those who are tired and scared, who have lost the people that they love and have only one bag in which to put every thing that they love.

We pray that those living with conflict and oppression may, at last, come to live in peace and justice.

Please join in with this prayer from Revd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference which she shared following the plane crash in India:

Circuit Events in the next 2 weeks

Barley Heritage Event this Saturday 21st June 2025. Walks, exhibition and refreshments. See poster below for more information.

Church Events in the next 2 weeks

Toasted treats on Saturday 28th June 10am – 12noon at Higherford. See poster below

South Pennine Singer concert on Sunday 29th June at 2.30pm at Padiham Road. See poster below

Future Circuit Events

Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 5th July led by Richard Hoyle at Wheatley Lane.

Circuit Youth Group on Sunday 13th July 6.30-7.30pm at Fence Village Hall. Please contact Adrian if interested or for more information.
adrianperry@2101methodists.org

Farewell Service for Christvin, Suba and family on Sunday 20th July at St Johns, Colne 3-4pm. see poster below.

Circuit Summer Holiday Bible Club at Christ Church, Nelson Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th August 2025, 10am-12:30pm. Please join us on Wednesday 13th for a short service and lunch. More information to follow.

Encounter on Saturday 16th August from 11am at Wheatley Lane. Guest speaker Revd Sharon Read. See poster below.

Holy God,
God of compassion and care, we pray for all the victims of the Air India crash. We pray for first responders in India, and for the communities in India affected by the crash. We pray for all families affected by the crash, and for all those waiting anxiously for news. When we weep, may we remember that you weep with us, and that every person is your beloved child.

Please join in with this prayer for Sanctuary Sunday on 22nd June which is part of Refugee Week:

God and Father of us all, you create a home for us in your love, reconciling us to you in Christ and enfolding us in your forgiveness and grace. We pray, in Jesus' name, that strengthened by that grace, we may offer a home of love to all who are seeking sanctuary, and that, in your unfailing goodness, all people may find safety, rest, and peace.

For the Methodist Conference, the governing body of the Methodist Church, as it holds its annual meeting from 26th June to 2nd July.

For the Circuit Heritage Walk and Summer Celebration at Barley on Saturday 21st June.

For the Circuit Messy Church event at Brierfield on Friday 27th June.

Barley Heritage Walk, Saturday 21st June 2025

Information regarding parking:

As you may know, there is no parking in Barley itself, but there is a large Village Car Park near the green.

This is a pay on exit car park with charges of £1:50 for up to 3 hours, and £3:00 for over 3 hours. Payment can be by card or cash with details on the pay kiosk by the toilet block. The car park is often busy, but there is also parking along the road towards Roughlee, so please "car share" where possible. People can be dropped off at the Chapel if necessary. We are operating a shuttle service for people with limited mobility.

Future Church Events

Music & Dancing on Friday 4th July from 5pm at Higherford. Please contact Judith Lee 01282 865239. See poster below.

Garage/Doorstep trail on Saturday 19th July 11am-3pm from Wheatley Lane. See poster below

Palestine/ Israel - the Real story as told by Dave Hardman, Methodist Liaison Office based in Jerusalem, Israel and the West Bank, Palestine on Thursday 24th July 7- 8.30pm at Brunshaw. Refreshments. Donations welcome. See poster below.

What does eco really mean? on Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30pm at Wheatley Lane. See poster below.

Circuit Prayer Breakfast Update

Grateful thanks to all who responded to the request in the last newsletter to host future prayer breakfasts. Below are details for the next few Circuit Prayer Breakfast held monthly at 8am on Saturdays:

5th July led by Richard Hoyle at Wheatley Lane

2nd August led by Revd Rick Ormrod at Greenbrook

6th September led by Rev Adrian Perry at Brunshaw.

Community

Lancashire County Council are offering free NHS health checks at Central church in Burnley on Wednesday 25th June, 10am–4pm

Website

link: <https://fcms.simplybook.it/v2/#book/service/607>



Saturday 12th July, from 12-3pm at Life Church Lancashire

Join us as we celebrate the work of CAP in Burnley, Nelson and Colne over the past 5 years; as the Bishop of Burnley commissions the team for the years still to come! Lunch will be provided. To book your place and to let us know of any dietary requirements, please contact Katy at katherineoehring@capuk.org or 07376932813



If you need this, please phone Rev Keith Richardson before the day to arrange for him to pick you up from the entrance to Barley car park to transport you to and from the Chapel. NB: there is little mobile coverage in Barley. Keith's mobile phone number is 07749 796485. We hope you can join us for what promises to be an enjoyable and informative event. The Circuit Heritage Group.

Write a Song or Hymn Competition



Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit
Heritage
**Write A Song or Hymn
Competition**

Open to all ages

On the theme of
'God's grace in love and action'

Closing date 12 noon on 31st October 2025

The winning song to be sung at a musical
celebration event on 17th January 2026 at 2pm at
Padiham Road Methodist Church

Entries to Claire,
circuitoffice@2101methodists.org
or 07752278664

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

At last week's Circuit Ascension Day service Revd Tony Graff dedicated a shawl that had been kindly donated as a prayer shawl. This prayer shawl will be given to someone to ensure them of our prayers and hopefully in time it will be passed on to someone else who needs praying for.

If you have any shawls that you no longer require, or you would like to make one and donate it to this ministry, please contact Claire (circuitoffice@2101methodists.org) or Tony. Together as a circuit let us give out prayer shawls so that people know that we are praying for them.

Thank you so much for being involved in Thy Kingdom Come 2025!

We have been so incredibly moved by the various ways churches in this circuit have engaged in this year's Thy Kingdom Come.

We hope and pray the great wave of prayer we have witnessed in the circuit and across the world will result in many more people coming to know the life-transforming love of Christ.

'But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you'. John 14:26

Thank you very much for sending your donation of stamps from the Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit, the proceeds from the sale of which will go to support our partners education projects across the Middle East.

Investing in education is one of the most powerful and effective ways to help people lift themselves out of poverty; giving them essential skills to improve their own lives and make a difference in their communities, learn literacy, numeracy and practical life skills.

Thank you once again to everyone in the Methodist Circuit for helping our partners in the Middle East to provide this vital work.

Can you help?

The circuit is looking for someone who has a passion and skills to edit videos for ad hoc circuit projects. If you are interested, please contact Claire who will arrange for you to be shown the software the circuit currently uses.

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 1st July. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 30th June 2025. Thank you.

Claire Slack,
Circuit's Communication &
Information Coordinator - 07752278664
circuitoffice@2101methodists.org

Posters

A Summer Celebration Barley Heritage Walk

12 noon - Picnic
on Barley village green,
bring your own lunch.
(In Chapel if weather is dodgy.)



1.00pm -
4 or 5 mile walk starts.

1.30pm -
2 mile walk starts.



**Saturday
21st June
2025**



There will be an
exhibition of Methodism
in Barley in the Chapel
from 2:00pm.

2.30pm onwards
light refreshments in
the Chapel.

Please consider car sharing
as parking in Barley on a
Saturday afternoon can be
difficult.

more info contact
circuit office 07752278664
circuitoffice@2101methodists.org

HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH



Saturday 28th June

10am - 12 noon

TOASTED TREATS

**Everyone is welcome to this
fundraising event for our church**



HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH 4TH JULY

BUFFET @ 5PM

FOLLOWED BY

KYLE @ 7PM

£12



**MUSIC
DANCING**



**South
Pennine
Singers'
Summer
Concert**

**2pm
Sunday 29th June**

**£5.00 admission
Refreshments**

**Padiham Rd Methodist Church
Brassey Street
BB12 8AD**

Trail map
£2

Wheatley Lane Methodist Church

GARAGE/DOORSTEP SALE TRAIL

Through the village
Wheatley Lane and Fence

Sat 19th July 11am - 3pm

Pick up your Trail Map from

Wheatley Lane Methodist Church
Wheatley Lane Road, Fence BB12 9ED

car park drinks, bacon butties, sandwiches and cakes served in church.

We politely ask visitors to use our car park or please park respectfully in the village.

WOMEN FOR PEACE BURNLEY

invite you to
**Palestine / Israel -
The Real Story**

as told by Dave Hardman
Methodist Liaison Office based in
Jerusalem, Israel
and the West Bank, Palestine.

on Thursday 24th July 7- 8.30p.m.
at Brunshaw Methodist Church.
21 Rimington Ave.
BB10 4NN



REFRESHMENTS DONATIONS WELCOME

For more information contact Bea Foster:
bea_foster@hotmail.com

YOU ARE INVITED!



The Edbargs' Farewell Service

It has been one of the greatest joys of my life to serve in different capacities in the Burnley and Pendle Circuit. Now, God is leading us into a new season, as I step into ordained ministry.

Before we go, we would love to celebrate this journey with you! Please join us for a special farewell service as we give thanks to God for all He has done.

Your presence would mean so much to us.

With love and gratitude,
Christvin, Suba, Geoffy and JoJo.

17 Date: 20th July 2025

Time: 3pm - 4pm

Location: St. John's Methodist Church, Colne.

Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit
Invite you to

Encounter

on Saturday 16th August 2025
at Wheatley Lane Methodist Church

Guest Speaker: Revd Sharon Read,
Mission Area Lead and Deputy Chair
at NW England Methodist District

Coffee from 11am
11.30am - Testimony by speaker
12.15pm Lunch

Free event though donations accepted on the day.

Please contact Kath kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk
for further information
and to book your place, stating any dietary requirements
before Monday 11th August.



You are invited to:

What does **eco** really mean?

Guest Speaker
Dot McCarthy

7.30pm
Tuesday
2nd Sept

The talk will be full of
practical eco tips
for home and church,
plus,
a Q&A session.

Wheatley Lane
Methodist Church
BB12 9ED

Refreshments will
be served too.

For further information please contact Kath or Elaine
kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk / 07861459918 or egreenall50@gmail.com