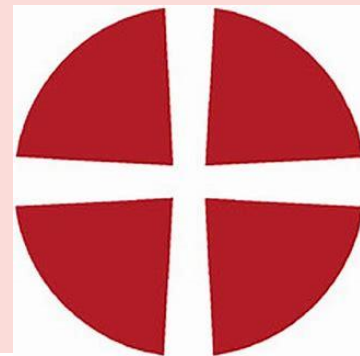


Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 10th January 2023



Prayer

Lord God, we thank you for bringing people together: Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, but your grace and love surrounded the family reunion; through Esther you showed your providential care for minorities; you drove Nicodemus, the aristocratic Pharisee, to humble himself and care for your Son's earthly body.

Forgive us Lord; we have focused on ourselves and forgotten your world in all its diversity. Remind us of your gracious servants of old and renew us and help us, through your universal Spirit, to share Christ's love for all, in all and with all. Amen.

Methodist Prayer Handbook 2021/2022, Page 29

Prayer points

- For the churches in the Circuit as they look forward to another year sharing God's love with others
- For the local activities being planned for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023 that starts on the 18th January
- For those who are sick that they are healed
- For places in the world where there is conflict and war, let there be peace.
- For the homeless, let them find shelter and warmth during this winter season

Please forward your PRAYER REQUESTS to subashriedbarg91@gmail.com . Suba will then forward them in confidence to the Circuit Prayer Warriors.

Circuit Heritage Event

Circuit Methodist Heritage A Winter Celebration

Saturday 21st January 2023

at

St John's Church/The Exchange Project, Colne.

11.30am - 2.30pm

A series of short Heritage Talks,
alongside a local Methodist exhibition.
Soup, cake and hot drinks available.

All welcome.

Donations towards costs.



We need your help..... can you provide a cake please?

On Saturday 21st January the Circuit Heritage Team is hosting a Winter Celebration - see above. We do hope you can come along. Also, if you can offer to bake a cake it would be greatly appreciated. Please let one of us know if you can provide a cake. Thank you.

Kath Yates, Richard Hoyle, Keith Richardson and Kath Heyworth

District News

The Methodist Church JOB ADVERT

VACANCY - Café Manager at the @home café, Ashton - West Preston Methodist Church

The @home Café based at Ashton - West Preston Methodist Church, is less than 2 years old, and is an important and well-used community wellbeing hub. At present this is a **temporary contract for 3 months**, as a result of sudden staff departure.

Main Responsibilities

To work with the church and volunteers to manage the day to day running of the coffee shop as a **front of house presence**. Greeting and welcoming customers, alongside volunteers, to ensure that the @home wellbeing café is welcoming, safe and inclusive. As well as financial oversight and management of the @home café including ordering supplies. The work of the Café Manager should be undertaken within and in sympathy with the faith and ethos of the Methodist Church. (See our church mission statement, www.wpmc.co.uk)

Further details

This is a temporary 3 month position. 12 hours/ week, Monday & Wednesdays, 9.30am - 3.30pm. Salary = £11/hour. Appointment will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS disclosure.

Contact Rev Mike Grimsley for full details about this post and application form.

E: minister@wpmc.co.uk W: www.wpmc.co.uk T: 01772 760523

Applications to Circuit Administrator by Wednesday 18th January
It is envisaged interviews will be held in the week beginning 23rd January

Wider Methodist News

Make 2023 the year in which you join with others to explore your gifts and faith. Take a look at the below link ...

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/vocations/discerning-vocation/connexional-vocation-exploration-opportunities/encounter/>

The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday 17th January 2023. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 16th January 2023.

Claire Slack,
Circuit's Communication & Information Coordinator
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Meetings in January

Wednesday 11th January, Circuit Heritage Team meeting at 9.45am at Padiham Road Church

Returns for the next Preaching Plan: March – May

Please can all local preachers and senior church stewards forward their returns for the next preaching plan to Rick and Claire by Sunday 22nd January. Thank you.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th - 25th January 2023

A united ecumenical service will be held at **3:00pm on 22nd January at Higherford Methodist Church**, followed by a Jacob's Join tea.

There will be prayers for Christian Unity at 12:00 noon throughout the week:

- Wednesday 18th January at St Thomas's CE, Barrowford
- Thursday 19th January on Zoom
- Friday 20th January at the Inghamite Church, Fence
- Saturday 21st Jan: Prayer Stations at St Thomas's
- Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th *to be confirmed*
- Wednesday 25th Evening Prayers (7:00pm) at St Thomas's, Barrowford

All are very welcome to attend!

Every blessing, Richard.