

Burnley & Pendle

Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 29th September - Monday 12th October 2026



Please pray ...

Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness, so the poet writes, and with the oncoming autumn, we cannot disagree and so we pray:

Loving Lord we thank you for the summer season, warming our bodies and our souls, revitalising us, giving us a spring in our step, but now we see evidence of the summer's passing, with the leaves changing colour, the days getting shorter, the misty mornings, and we are surrounded by the glow of autumn - and we praise and thank you.

Creator God we thank you for all the seasons, and now we think of green shoots and hoar frosts, sunrise and sunset; harvests are being gathered and all is well. But Lord help us to gather in a harvest of people, to show them the joy of being a member of your family who show care and love for one another and celebrate the life of Jesus In thought, word and deed.

Now we think of rain (much needed) that may dampen our spirits, but will quench the parched earth, ready for its renewal and regrowth; we think of the chill of winds, but we thank you for we have the wherewithal to keep warm whereas many people do not... what did Jesus say about people who had several coats?

And Lord as we pray with thanks that though the harvest is plentiful, the labourers are few... We pray that more people will engage in the mission of reaping - gathering in the lost and the lonely and the unlovable.

Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness as John Keats reminds us - crops are harvested, apples weigh down the trees and vines are heavy with fruit; now is the time for tranquility and acceptance - a period of calm before the arrival of a cold winter...

And through it all we pray THANKS BE TO GOD.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Amen

Upcoming Circuit Event

- Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 3rd October at 8am at Briercliffe Road led by Rev James Booth.
- Circuit Heritage event - Methodist Education in Burnley and Pendle on Saturday 17th October at Padiham Road Church.

Upcoming Church Events

- Bible Study on Wednesday, 30th September at 1.30pm. Brunshaw Church, led by Rev. Tony Graff.
- Brunshaw Tuesday Fellowship invite you to their fortnightly meeting on Tuesday, 7th October, at 2pm. Historian Roger Frost will talk on "Burnley Through Time". followed by light refreshments- everybody welcome.
- Coffee Hub Extra, Stitch and sew with Claire on Thursday 8th October 2-4pm at Wheatley Lane Church. See poster below
- Quingo night on Friday 16th October at 6pm at Higherford Church. Poster below

Invitation

**HIGHERFORD METHODIST
CHURCH CELEBRATES 35 years**

***Church*
ANNIVERSARY**

GIFT WEEKEND

Saturday 3rd October Coffee Morning

Sunday 4th October 11am worship led by

Rev Derek North

followed by a buffet lunch



**EVERYONE WELCOME
JOIN IN THE CELEBRATIONS**

Encounter 2027

We are looking for churches to host the following two Circuit Encounter events next year:

Saturday 23rd January - Rev Tony Graff

Saturday 14th August - Jemma Wraight

Please contact Kath Heyworth if you can host one of the above events.

Thanks

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Request for cakes

The next heritage event focusing on Methodist Education in Burnley and Pendle will be on Saturday 17th October at Padiham Road Church. We are looking for some cakes to serve with tea and coffee. If you can bake a cake or donate one please contact Kathryn Yates 01282 458912. Thank you

District

Invitation to join the District Communications Network

The District is putting together a mailing list to encourage, equip and connect those involved in communications across the District. This is coordinated by Tori and Sam, the District Communications Officer and Digital Enabler.

Any emails from us will:

- Provide you with updates from us as the District Communications Team
- Provide you with opportunities to develop your skills, share good practice, explore new ideas and gain mutual support
- Send you resources to use in your communications, such as resources for Advent

to join please sign up here...

<https://mailchi.mp/nwedmethodists/ffd9aj83qx>

Methodist Women in Britain



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NWE District

Lancashire MWiB Half Day

At

BAMBER BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

Station Rd, Preston. PR5 6ED

On

THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER
2-4pm

From Lancashire to New Zealand
Latest news from home and abroad

Please support this afternoon, bring a friend and enjoy a cuppa and a chat as we explore MWiB.



Next Circuit Newsletter

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 13th October 2026. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 12th October 2026.

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Posters

Higherford Methodist Church

**COFFEE HUB
EXTRA
Workshop**

Join us on the second Thursday
in the month

Thursday 8th October
2-4pm

**Autumn Stitch and Sew
workshop with Claire.**
**Come along and have a go at
making a gift or two.**

Coffee and cake will be served.
Small donations accepted.

Wheatley Lane Methodist Church
(next to the school) BB12 9ED

For further details:
kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk or 07861459918

**Quingo
Night**

Friday
October 16th
@ 6pm

B I N G O

**A Celebration
of Methodism
Education**

Sat 17th October
10.30am to 2pm
at
Padiham Road Methodist Church
BB12 8AD

An exhibition highlighting Methodist
Education in Burnley & Pendle over the
last 200 years including displays from
Hapton, Wellfield and Wheatley Lane
Primary Schools.

Light refreshments will be available.