

BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT

THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 6th May 2025 – Monday 19th May 2025

We would also ask you to pray for -

- The VE celebrations as we remember the sacrifices made by those who fought for peace.
- Peace in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, Yemen and in other places where there is ongoing conflict.
- Wisdom and discernment for world leaders and that they guide with integrity, compassion and justice.
- Those who were successful in the recent local elections, that they will serve with integrity, with care for the most vulnerable and with concern for the common good.
- For the Catholic church as they are awaiting on word from the Vatican as the cardinals chose the Pope during the conclave.
- For the Methodist church to be a source of hope and healing, especially during times of hardship and difficulty.
- For the vulnerable, particularly those in poverty or facing struggling times, and for the church to provide support and resources.
- Opportunities to share the good news of Jesus Christ with people we meet at work, in the supermarket, in the park etc.
- And for ourselves too. We give thanks for today and we ask for God's love and guidance as we go about doing our daily tasks.

Circuit Events in the next 2 weeks

Easter Offering Service on Sunday 11th May at 3pm at Christ Church, Nelson.

Circuit Heritage meeting on Monday 19th May at 10am at Padiham Road.

Circuit Treasurers Meeting on Monday 19th May at 7pm at Padiham Road.

Foundation Safeguarding Training on Monday 19th 7-9pm at Higherford Church

Church Events in the next 2 weeks

VE80 Anniversary Commemoration on Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm at St Johns, Colne (see poster below)

VE Day celebrations on Thursday 8th May 12noon at Higherford Church (see poster below).

VE Day 80th Anniversary Picnic on the Village Green at Barley or in Barley church if bad weather 6.30-8pm (see poster below)

Hapton Choir presents "My Favourite Things" on Friday 9th & Sat 10th May at 7.30pm. (See poster below)

Piano Café at Higherford on Friday 16th May 7-9pm at Higherford Church (see poster below)

Springtime Brunch Bonanza on Saturday 17th May 9.30am – 1pm at Higherford Church. (see poster below)

Mayfair on Saturday 17th May 11am – 1pm at Christ Church, Nelson (see poster below)

The **Easter Offering Service** for this Circuit is on Sunday 11th May at 3pm at Christchurch. Please make sure you have people from your church to bring your unopened Easter Offering envelopes. Part of the service is to Dedicate the Offerings all together. The Service will be followed by Afternoon Tea (no charge)

Safeguarding Foundation Training


Foundation Safeguarding Training will take place on Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st May from 7-9pm. One session will be at Wheatley Lane and the other at Higherford. Please can you contact Claire to book places on these events asap.

If you are unsure whether you need to do this training, please contact the safeguarding lead in your church. Thank you.

Circuit Saturday Prayer Breakfast Request

We are seeking churches to host circuit prayer breakfasts from June to December this year. Please contact Kath if your church is willing to host one of the Saturday morning prayer breakfasts asap. Grateful thanks. kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk

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.

Date: 20th July 2025
Time: 3pm - 4pm
Location: St. John's Methodist Church, Colne.

Party at the Pendle on Saturday 17th May 7pm – late (see poster below)

Future Circuit Events

Foundation Safeguarding Training on Wednesday 21st May 7-9pm at Wheatley Lane Church

Ascension Day Service on Thursday 29th May at 7.30pm- The Circuit Ascension Day Service will be held at Central Methodist Church, Burnley.

Local Preachers' & Worship Leaders' meeting on Monday 2nd June at 7.30pm at Hapton.

Pentecost Contemporary Worship on Sunday 8th June at 6pm at Wheatley Lane led by Rev Adrian Perry

Circuit Meeting on Monday 16th June at 7.30pm at Christ Church, Nelson.

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

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

Future Church Events

Children's Clothes Recycle Drop In at Wheatley Lane church on Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th June from 8.30-10am and 2.30-4pm daily. Light refreshments served too.

Family News

It's with great sadness to announce the passing of Eve Whittaker a member of Christchurch, Nelson & a Circuit meeting trustee. Her funeral will take place on Thursday 15th May. 10.45am at the crem and 11.45am at Christchurch for a celebration of her life service.

District News

District Online Worship

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 20th May 2025

Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 19th May 2025.

Claire Slack,
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Our next District Online Worship will take place on Sunday 11th May at 6:30pm - at the start of Christian Aid Week.

This month our speaker is Zoe Abernethy, a Christian Aid Church Engagement Officer in the North West. The Zoom details are -
Meeting ID: 979 2312 5645
Passcode: 543701

Community

RENEW for women

The next Renew event 'The Shelter of His Wings' is on Monday 9th June at St Mary's Church in Rawtenstall. Refreshments served from 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start. No need to book for this free event. Further information available from Kath Heyworth kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk 07861459918.

Posters



VE80 
Anniversary Commemoration

**Pendle Ladies' Choir &
Colne Orpheus Male Voice Choir**
invite you to join us
On the eve of VE day
for
AN EVENING OF SONG
at
St John's Church, Albert Road, Colne
Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm

*the evening will conclude with a
performance by local piper Steve Sumner*

Entry by donation at the door
Refreshments will be served




HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH

**CELEBRATES
VE DAY**

Thursday 8th May 12 noon
**Lunch followed by a sing
a long with Adrian**

All welcome

Your paragraph text

Barley Chapel

Join us for two village community gatherings!

Thursday 8th May 6:30pm – 8pm
VE Day 80th Anniversary
Picnic on the Village Green*

Free tea, coffee and cakes
and BYO picnic and drinks
Fun games for all the family!

Dress up in 1940's attire if you so wish!

*If bad weather, then the event will be at the Methodist Church

Saturday 17th May 7pm – late
Party at the Pendle
Live Music - The Piano Man
& Buffet at the Pendle Inn

£15 a ticket which includes the buffet!
Under 13's - £5 a ticket until 9pm

Tombola and Silent Auction
Some great prizes and auction items
already donated!

Get your tickets from:

Angela Hargreaves: **07967 121031**

Lorraine Goldsbrough: **07966 261520**

Funds raised will help with the restoration
of the roof at the Barley Chapel



HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO A PIANO CAFE
With Rev Adrian Parry



Friday May 16th
7 - 9pm

Refreshments

Donations towards the work of this church

Hapton Methodist Church Choir

PRESENTS:

"MY 7 Brides for 7 Bros.
Mary Poppins

FAVOURITE
THINGS"



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Fri & Sat 9th & 10th May

Singing in the Rain at 7.30pm
Adults £6 Children £3

The Sound of Music inc. Tea & Biscuits

'MAYFAIR'

Saturday 17th May 2025

11:00am – 1:00pm

Christ Church, Carr Road, Nelson. BB9 7EN

Home-made Cakes and Preserves,
Gifts, Jigsaws

TOMBOLA

Café open for Lunch

Entry £1 includes tea or coffee and biscuits

Free entry for accompanied children

Everyone welcome

Proceeds for Mission



**SPRINGTIME
BRUNCH BONANZA**
Saturday 17th May
 Free admission
9.30 am - 1.00 pm

Bacon, sausage
& egg butties.

Plant Sale

Raffle

Variety of stalls.

Tea, coffee
and cake.

Books and Jigsaws

**HIGHERFORD
METHODIST CHURCH**

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

Renew
for women

Monday 9th June 2025
 St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall
 7:15 Refreshments for 7:45 Start

"The Shelter of His Wings"
 God cares for the sparrows,
 so how much more does He care for you!

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

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.





Thy Kingdom Come (TKC)

Ascension Day 29th May to Pentecost 8th June 2025

Once again, the circuit invites you to participate in TKC, the global ecumenical prayer movement which was started 10 years ago. You are asked to pray that God's spirit might work in the lives of five people that they might hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ. These five people that you chose to pray for may be your family, friends, neighbours or work colleagues.

Resources

The Circuit have purchased some TKC prayer journals for you to use during the 11 day TKC period which starts on Ascension Day through to Pentecost – Thursday 29th May to Sunday 8th June. Each church will receive a few of these journals, however if you require a copy, please contact asap Claire who has some copies too. Alternatively, a digital copy can be found <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources-0>. Also, there are some copies of the Novena entitled 'Ten Lessons and One Great Hope'. This resource explores the Lord's Prayer in a way that brings hope, challenge and encouragement. A digital copy can be found <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources-0>.

Experiences

During the TKC period a number of churches throughout the circuit will be open for people to drop in for prayer. We invite you to go to one or more of the following events:

Thursday 29th May Ascension Day Service 7.30pm Service at Padiham Road led by Rick
 Friday 30th May Drop in for prayer 12noon- 1pm at Central, Burnley
 Saturday 31st May Prayer Wall 10-11.30am at Greenbrook Coffee Morning
 Saturday 31st May Prayer Wall 10.30 – 12 noon at St John's Coffee and Prayer morning
 Sunday 1st June Morning Worship in local churches
 Monday 2nd June Prayer Focus 7.30pm LPs' & WLs meeting at Hapton
 Tuesday 3rd June A quiet and meditation 2pm at Brunshaw led by Tony
 Wednesday 4th June Prayer Station 10.30 – 12noon at Padiham Road coffee morning
 Wednesday 4th June 'Old School Worship' 10.30 am at Wheatley Lane led by Adrian
 Wednesday 4th June Methodist/RC Prayer Meeting 11.30-12pm at Christ Church
 Thursday 5th June Prayer Wall 10-11.30am at Hapton Coffee Morning
 Thursday 5th June Prayer Station 2-4pm at Wheatley Lane Thirsty Thursday.
 Friday 6th June Drop in for prayer 12noon- 1pm at Central, Burnley
 Saturday 7th June Circuit Prayer Breakfast 8am Venue TBC
 Saturday 7th June Worship at 5pm at Southfield
 Sunday 8th June Morning Worship in local churches
 Sunday 9th June Pentecost Contemporary Worship 6pm at Wheatley Lane led by Adrian
 PLUS a prayer wall will be outside the Coffee Hub at Central, Burnley throughout the TKC period. For further information please contact Claire or Tony.