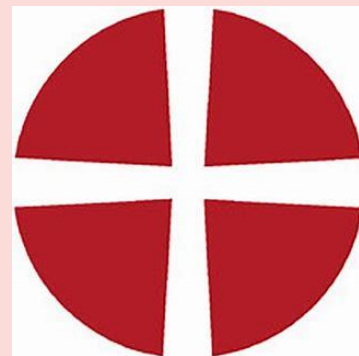


Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit Newsletter

Tuesday 2nd August – Monday 5th September 2022



Prayer

Eternal God, “your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.”

We pray for a fresh vision of the life of heaven that renews our passion to see your kingdom here on earth.

May we be captivated anew by heaven’s breath-taking beauty:

beauty revealed in glorious worship;
worship flowing from a great multitude;
a multitude united in celebration of rich diversity;
a diversity that embraces all nations, tribes, people and tongues.*

And so then may our lives re-shape this world.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

* Inspired by Revelation 7:9-12 **Leslie Newton, Yorkshire North and East District Chair**

Prayer Points

- For Christvin & Suba Edbarg on the birth of their son Jovin, a welcomed brother for Geoffvin.
- For Tony Graff the new prebysyter to the Circuit from September 2022 as he moves into the area
- For those on holiday – at home and away
- For those involved in the Commonwealth Games

Messages from the Circuit Superintendent

Welcoming Revd Tony Graff

Dear Friends,

August is a very significant month in the Methodist Church because it’s when Presbyters and Deacons

Circuit Events

2nd-5th August – Circuit Summer Holiday Club 10am – 12.30pm at Christ Church

6th August – Circuit Prayer Time at 9am at Padiham Road led by Richard Hoyle.

3rd September – Circuit Prayer Time at 9am at St Johns led by Barbara Cole

4th September – Welcome Service for Revd Tony Graff at 6pm at Christ Church

17th and 18th September – Burnley & Pendle Methodist Heritage Resource Hub Open Day 2-5pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church

District Events

20th August – Wesley Hall Welcome Service for Revd Phil Gough at 4pm – see poster below

move to their new Circuits and Circuits receive their new Ministers.

Mid-August Rev Tony Graff will be leaving his current circuit in southeast England to come north to join us in Burnley and Pendle Circuit.

Tony comes to us with many years' experience of circuit ministry and has been a Circuit Superintendent. He comes to us for his last five years on ministry before retirement or, as Methodists term it, sitting down. Tony will have Pastoral Charge of Brierfield, Brunshaw, Hapton and Greenbrook Methodist Churches and will also be Methodist Chaplain at Hapton school.

Tony's Circuit Welcome Service will be at Christ Church on Sunday 4th September at 6:30pm. The service will be taken by myself and our new Interim District Chair, Rev Phil Gough. I hope you will be able to join us to welcome our new Minister.

Please join me in praying for Tony as he prepares to move to our Circuit.

Yours in Christ,

Rick

The new Methodist Connexional Year starting September 2022

Dear Friends,

As the end of my first-year approaches, I've been reflecting on our Burnley & Pendle Circuit during the time I've been with you.

I've probably got some things wrong. This is my first appointment as a Circuit Superintendent following a difficult period in Circuit life, so I will inevitably have made mistakes during my first year and for these I sincerely apologise and ask for forgiveness.

I hope, though, that there have been positives too, both in church and circuit. Any positives, though, are not down to me alone, but to our wonderful team of Circuit Staff and Stewards, as well as others who work so hard for the kingdom in this place. I thank God for, and appreciate, every single one of them.

Lancashire Methodist District
Welcome Service

20th August 2022
4.00p.m., Wesley Hall, Blackburn



Join us as we welcome our new Interim District Chair,
Rev'd Phil Gough

Presiding Minister - Rev'd Michaela Youngson
Assistant Secretary of Conference

Preachers - Rev'd Stephen and Deacon Myrtle Poxon
Former President and Vice President of Conference

CELEBRATION SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

Wesley Hall, Fielden St., Blackburn, BB2 1LQ

Church Events



Fundraising Event

TEA & CAKES in aid of
Peace Building groups in
Palestine.

MONDAY 29th AUGUST 2-5P.M.

133 Manchester Road,
Hapton. BB11 5RF

Tickets £5

Donations of cakes
welcome.
bea_foster@hotmail.com



2nd & 3rd September – “Murder Mystery” performed at Greenbrook Methodist Church. Ticket Prices are £10-00 which includes the performance plus Home Made Pies (Meat & Onion or Cheese & Onion) and Cakes.

South Pennine Singers

Lay Pastor, Richard Hoyle and Peter Yates from Padiham Rd are both members of the South Pennine Singers, a local choir of long standing. We are looking to recruit new members and if

I have thanked Mark briefly in my separate piece in a previous newsletter, but here I want to offer my grateful thanks and appreciation to Gwen Campbell and Jill Dugdale, not only for their six years service as Circuit Stewards but also for the help and support they, and the other Circuit Stewards have given to me. Please pray for them as they step down from this valuable ministry.

Looking forward, as well as Tony Graff coming as our new Circuit Presbyter we have Barbara Cole stepping into the role of Circuit Steward. Please keep Barbara in your prayers too.

Looking forward I pray that the new Connexional year will be one of growth and spiritual transformation, for each and every one of our churches and for our Circuit. I'm sure God has exciting plans for us. Together we can discover what they are and work to bring our churches and Circuit ever more into God's Kingdom.

Yours in Christ.

Rick

The Wider Methodist Church

Vice-President of the Methodist Conference 2022/2023 Anthony Boateng says it's time to be 'sorely open to God's Spirit and rekindle Wesleyan fire. Please see the Connexion magazine issue 27 or go to the Methodist Church website to read more on the theme 'Open to God's Spirit'.

The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday 6th September 2022. Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 5th September 2022.

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anyone is interested please speak to Richard or contact Peter on 01282 458912 or peterc.yatespd2@gmail.com
We rehearse on Friday evenings at Padiham Rd from 7.30pm till 10.00pm. We perform up to four concerts a year. Our repertoire is an eclectic mix of classic to modern. An ability to read music is helpful but not imperative!! Please give it some thought.

Change of Day Off

Please be aware that Revd Rick has changed his day off from Wednesday back to Friday. Of course, feel free to contact him on Fridays for a church or pastoral emergency.

District



To celebrate their 40th anniversary the BMYC are holding a concert at Shirley Methodist Church, Solihull on 15 October. The choir would love anyone to join in either singing (it is open for all ages), or to come and enjoy the concert.

For more details about rehearsing if you would like to sing, or details about the concert itself, please email admin@bmyc.info.