



BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT **THE METHODIST CHURCH**

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Wednesday 30th October – Monday 11th November 2024

Please pray for/that

- The escalating troubles involving Israel, Palestine and Lebanon, that there may be an end to the conflict, and that citizens of those countries may be able to find peace and respite.
- The conflict in Ukraine, and that world leaders can influence what is happening and press for a peaceful resolution.
- The outcome of this weeks budget may bring hope to those most in need, and that the promised money for the NHS will help to alleviate the pressure on this service.
- The up and coming American elections, and that whoever comes to power will use their position wisely and equitably.
- Over Halloween, that light may shine through the darkness.
- Local foodbanks will be able to provide sufficient resources to support those most in need.
- Our circuit churches, staff and volunteers, that they may continue to witness to the good news of the gospel.
- Wheatley Lane Methodist Church, as they celebrate their 200th anniversary.

Circuit Events in the next few weeks

Circuit Messy Church on Friday 1st November
4-6pm at Christ Church, Nelson

Circuit Prayer Breakfast this Saturday 2nd November at 8am at Briercliffe Road church led by Revd James Booth

Church Events in the next few weeks

Hapton Methodist Church Choir presents
Roses & Romance on Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd November at 7,30pm at Hapton Church (See poster below)

Autumn at Higherford Church on Saturday 2nd November 10am-2pm (See poster below)

200th Anniversary Rededication Service on Sunday 3rd November at 3pm at Wheatley Lane Church. When we will be celebrating 200 years of worship. We are very much looking forward to sharing and celebrating this special occasion with everyone.

Please can we ask that if you are attending to kindly rsvp, this will assist us with both seating arrangements in church and catering for afternoon tea. (See poster below)

Coffee Morning at Briercliffe Road Church, Burnley on Saturday 9th November 10am – 2pm. (See poster below)

Community Lunch on Tuesday 12th November at 12noon at Christ Church

Brunshaw's Tuesday Fellowship Tuesday 12th November at 2pm at Brunshaw Church. Speaker, Rev. Rick Ormrod.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Have you heard of Prayer Shawl Ministry? The mission of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is to provide a tangible reminder of God's love to those in need.

As winter approaches this may be something you, your friends and your church may like to consider getting involved in.

There are plenty of knitting and crocheting patterns available online.

For more information please visit <https://www.shawlministry.com>

If you, your friends and/or your church decides to get involved in making shawls please let Claire know so she can coordinate any requests received in the circuit for a friend or loved one that is in need.

Also if you have any wool that others could use for this ministry please contact Claire.

To those of you willing to take up this challenge - Happy knitting and crocheting !

The Circuit Bible and Prayer Focus Group

Update from the Circuit Heritage team

Thanks to everyone who supported the Summer Celebration event in July which was part of the 200th anniversary of Wheatley Lane church. It was a great success.

In September as part of the National Heritage week, we had a display stand of the Local Methodist Heritage Trail in Burnley's Library. It was good to work in partnership with other people in the town.

Next month we are off to visit the County Hall Archives based in Preston to look at non referenced Methodist documents relating to the circuit.

Let's hope we find some interesting information that we can bring back to share with you! We have started planning for two events in 2025 and once we have firmed up the exact

Future Circuit Events



Please subscribe to our circuit YouTube channel to watch our Advent videos starting from the 1st of December.

Click this link and subscribe

<https://www.youtube.com/@burnleyandpendlemethodistc9122>

Circuit Prayer Breakfast Request

We are looking for churches to host the circuit prayer breakfast on any of the following dates next year :

Saturday 4th January

Saturday 1st February

Saturday 1st March

Saturday 5th April

Saturday 3rd May

If your church is willing to host a prayer breakfast please let me know asap.

Grateful thanks

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Future Church Events

Wheatley Lane Church Wreath Making workshop on Sunday 1st Dec 1-3pm. We just have a few places left if you would like to book a place on. (See poster below)

Community

Open Mic Nights at The Sparrowhawk on Thursday 7th November & Friday 8th November, (See poster below)

dates we will share more about these in the New Year. We have even started thinking about an event in 2026 based on Methodist Education in Burnley and Pendle. So, if you have any information, photographs or other items relating to this subject please contact Kathryn Yates – she would love to hear from you.

We have a great local Methodist Heritage Trail display board which we would like to take around the circuit in 2025 to promote the Circuit Heritage Trail. So, if you are having a community event in your church or you know of one happening in the local community next year please let us know. Together we can share this informative trail around the local area.

Finally, we would like to welcome Les Bland to the Heritage Team. It is great to have someone new with us and if there is anyone else who may be interested in joining the team please contact us – we would love to hear from you.

Every blessing

Kathryn Yates, Richard Hoyle, Keith Richardson, Les Bland & Kath Heyworth
The Circuit Heritage Team.

[The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 12th November 2024](#)
[Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 11th November 2024.](#)

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District

Mental Health online first aid course over 2 days, Tuesday 5th November & Tuesday 12th November. (See poster below)

Message From Sharon Read

"Hi everyone,

I am Sharon Read, your Mission Area Lead and Deputy Chair for Lancashire. I was born in Leyland and so in my ways I feel I have finally come home where most of my family still reside. I am looking forward to becoming a familiar face and I was delighted to be with you for Adrian's welcome service at Nelson.

My journey into ministry began with that exploration as a Cliff College student, candidating from Matlock circuit where I worked as a full-time Youth & Family worker. I trained at the Wesley Study Centre in Durham where I met my husband Mike who is an Anglican Priest. I was a probationer in Liverpool moving to Wigan, Bury and now Manchester where I am currently Deputy Superintendent taking a lead on Youth & Family work, Mission and just beginning a group for wellbeing.

My passion is that all people should know that they are loved by God and helped on their journey of faith as I was growing up in the church from an non church attending family. I live in Stockport with my husband and 2 teenagers and make my base in Leyland when I am up in Lancashire. My working days are Tuesday & Wednesday for the district but my eyes will be on emails at other times and the phone too. I look forward to meeting you over time and attending some of your events. Please invite me, as you have already done, you just never know I may just be available."

Posters

HIGHERFORD METHODIST CHURCH

AUTUMN

SATURDAY
2ND NOVEMBER
10AM - 2PM

Ladies Clothing and Accessories
by Goldilocks

Hot lunches
Raffle
Stalls

Pendleside Hospice Cards and
Calendars



An Invitation to Wheatley Lane Methodist Church

200th Anniversary Rededication Service
Sunday 3rd November 2024 at 3pm.

Officiated by Revd. Phil Gough
District Secretary for Ministry and Vocations
at North West England Methodist District.

Followed by afternoon tea served in the school hall.

RSVP by Sunday 27th Oct to: email - wlmchurchfacebook@gmail.com
for catering and seating purposes.

Wheatley Lane Road, Fence, BB12 9ED

The Methodist Church



Mental Health First Aid

Updated course with a
new App giving 3 years
support from MHFA

Online course over 2 days:

- Tuesday 5th November 2024
- Tuesday 12th November 2024

Times: 9am to 5pm

Facilitated by Brec Seaton
and Ruth Jeffries

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OPEN MIC NIGHTS The Sparrowhawk Wheatley Lane

Thurs Nov 7th from 6:00

Pendle Forest Sports Club

Friday Nov 8th from 7:00

Hosted by Matt and John

Contact Matt on 07597 387719
if you want to participate

All levels of ability welcome

So far this community has raised
nearly £4000
towards buying an ambulance
for the ACTS ministry
to widows and orphans
in Burkina Faso.

**Donations will be invited
at these events, too.**



Fence, Wheatley Lane and Barrowford
Churches in association with the
Sparrowhawk and Pendle Forest Sports Club

Hapton Methodist Church Choir

Presents:

"ROSES &



ROMANCE"

A selection of sing-a-long songs and comedy.

Fri 1st and Sat 2nd of Nov. @ 7.30 pm

Adults £6 Children £3

Wheatley Lane Methodist Church
Present a festive fundraiser
Sunday 1st Dec 1pm—3pm
at the Scout and Guide Hut, Fence.



Christmas Wreath making workshop **£25**
With mulled wine & mince pies.
Other beverages available too!

A Step by Step workshop, come along and be creative.
We will provide all the basic items and greenery that you will need to create a beautiful wreath for the festive season.
Please do bring along any further decorations which you might like to use to adorn your wreath.
To book a place please see Denise, Erica or Shelley or text 07479200636



Coffee Morning at Briercliffe Road Church
Melville Street

Saturday November 9th
Between 10a.m. & 2p.m.



There will be a cake stall, second hand book stall and a "re-cycled" gifts stall.
Please come along and enjoy the fun, you will be made very welcome.

