



BURNLEY & PENDLE CIRCUIT

THE METHODIST CHURCH

God's grace in love and action

Newsletter Tuesday 13th August – Monday 2nd September 2024

Prayer

God of love,
We pray for your Spirit of peace to move in our communities, that those who are targets of hate might be safe and that people of good will might work together in love and respect.

We pray for your Spirit of healing, that those who grieve, might be comforted and those who are injured might be made well.

We pray for your Spirit of hope, that those who despair might see a way ahead and those who live in fear might find sanctuary and freedom.

Soften the hearts of those motivated by hate and help us all to love our neighbours as those made in your image.
In Christ's name.

Amen.

*The President of the Methodist Conference,
the Revd Helen Cameron, and Vice-President,
Carolyn Godfrey.*

Prayer

A reminder from the Psalms: 'I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: wonderful are your works; I know that very well'- Ps 139 v14

It is unusual to start with ourselves, but this is what I now suggest. To think and pray about our relationship with God and also with those around us, those nearest and dearest to us regardless that there is a geographical distances between us – reminding us again that with God there is 'no distance' he is as close to us as we allow him to be!

Next let us pray for our Church Family – a mixture of people of varying ages, sizes and

Circuit Events in the next few weeks

Encounter at 11am this Saturday 17th August at Higherford. Guest speakers Richard and Karen Hoyle. (See poster below).

Retirement Service for Richard Hoyle at 6pm on Sunday 18th August at Higherford.

Circuit Holiday Bible Club Tuesday 20th – Thursday 22nd August, 10am-12.30pm at Christ Church, Nelson.

Welcome Service for Revd Adrian Perry on Friday 30th August at Christ Church at 7pm.

Local Preachers` & Worship Leaders` meeting on Wednesday 4th September at 7.30pm at St Andrew's

Circuit Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 7th September at 8am at St John's led by Revd Tony Graff

Church Events in the next few weeks

Higherford – Nostalgia Bakes on Saturday 24th August at 10am (See poster below).

Briercliffe Road – Cream Tea event on Saturday 31st August 1-4pm (see poster below)

Future Circuit Events

Heritage Week – 6th -15th September

Burnley Heritage week this year has a number of events and displays throughout the town which will be advertised on leaflets, posters and through social media.

Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit will have a display in the library in Burnley, highlighting the

temperament but united through the bonds of love not only for each other but for our risen Saviour. We worship in different styles of building but acknowledge that it is the people who make the church and not bricks and mortar.

We follow on and pray for the Methodist Circuit made up of fourteen churches in Barnoldswick, Barley, Barrowford, Brierfield, Burnley, Colne, Fence, Hapton, Nelson – we pray for all churches and all towns represented, plus everything else in between – 15 miles from Barnoldswick to Hapton. We pray particularly for decisions which will need to be made in the foreseeable future following the Three Trees recommendations – may God grant us all wisdom and integrity..

Nationally we pray for the families and friends of three young girls killed in Southport, we pray for healing of body mind and spirit for the others who were injured, and for those who witnessed the events taking place a memory which will remain with them for ever Globally we pray for the conflicts which continue relentlessly with loss of life, destruction and heart wrenching grief and despair.

And now prayers of gratitude – for family and friends, for good health, for national pride with the success of our victorious Olympians, and for Burnley's win on Monday night.....and many gaps for YOU to fill.

AMEN

Encounter

You are invited to the Encounter event this Saturday the 17th August at Higherford church. Tea and coffee will be served from 11am. The guest speakers, Richard and Karen Hoyle will start sharing their stories from 11.30am. A finger buffet will be served from 12.15pm.

We do hope you can join us at this event as it is always good to hear about other people's stories plus to share in fellowship together in an informal setting. Also, it's a super opportunity to invite your friends and neighbours to come with you. Please just turn up on the day- it will be great to see you and

vast Methodist Heritage within the area. Please go along and have a look and see all the other displays and events which will be around the town during the week.

Fairtrade CELEBRATION



FAIRTRADE Foundation is 30yrs old! 9th - 22nd September 2024.

As a Circuit we will celebrate with a Special Service on **15th September at 3.00pm at Christ Church, Nelson** followed by Afternoon Tea. The service will include videos of some of the Fairtrade farmers.

We are being asked to 'BE THE CHANGE'

What can we do?

- 1, Individually can each one of us change one item we buy to a Fairtrade item. Look for the Fairtrade logo on products.
2. Is your Church a Fairtrade Worship place, if not, by committing to using only Fairtrade Tea, Coffee and Sugar, you can become one. Tea, Coffee and Sugar Cane are not grown in our country.
3. We are being asked to contact our MP Telling/inviting them to our events. Also nearer the time there will be letters available to send to MP's Asking them to encourage our Government to respond to Fairtrade.

Gifts of cakes for the afternoon tea, made with Fairtrade products will be appreciated. E.g. Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Bananas, spices. I do have some recipes or you can look on the website, fairtrade.org then resources.

PLEASE give serious thought to what you can do as an individual and how your church can demonstrate it's support. There is so much in the world today that is Not Fair. Fairtrade foundation seeks to change a lot of this, as it works with

your guests.

Tony, Denise and Kath

The Colne Blues festival at the August Bank Holiday weekend will be using The Exchange Project building (St. John's) as a venue. We will be selling refreshments at the event and would be very grateful for any donations of cakes from the Circuit. If anyone would like to volunteer to help you will be very welcome! Please contact Janet Parker at aandjparker@gmail.com for any further information.

Thank you all.

Wheatley Lane Methodist Church – part of the 200th church anniversary

Photo Competition.... Only 2 weeks left to submit your entry/ies for this unique competition based on two Bible verses (Corinthians 13:3 & Genesis 1:1) .

The four categories are:

Creation

Faith

Hope

Love.

Please email your photo/s to wlmchurchfacebook@gmail.com or kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk or send to 329 Wheatley Lane Road BB12 9QA. winners will receive a certificate and all winning photos will appear in a 2025 calendar. Photos will form an exhibition in the church from Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th September.

Circuit Prayer Breakfast

We are looking for churches to host one of the following two prayer breakfasts.

Saturday 5th October

Saturday 2nd November

If you can help, please contact Kath Heyworth. Grateful thanks.

small co-operatives of farmers, producers of food crops which we eat. Our support helps to change lives, please do what you can.

Thankyou, Sheila Chadwick

Future Church Events

Wheatley Lane - Toys, books, school uniform & children's winter clothes Recycle drop in

You are invited to come to Wheatley Lane Methodist Church for a drink and light refreshments **between 8.30-10am and 2.30-4pm on Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th & Friday 6th September .**

A great opportunity to meet people connected to the school and church as well as to take home quality items for your children, grandchildren etc. Looking forward to seeing you on one or more of the above dates. Further information from Elaine egreenall50@gmail.com

Methodist Heritage

Are you interested in local heritage? If so, you may be interested in joining the local Methodist Heritage group. Currently we are a group of four who meet quarterly to plan heritage events e.g. local walks, exhibitions etc. Please contact us if you would like to join this group or if you would like more information Thanks

Richard Hoyle, Keith Richardson, Kathryn Yates and Kath Heyworth

Heritage Hub Openings

On Wednesday 4th September the hub will focus on Padiham Road & Ightenhill churches plus Southfield.

We hope you can come along and look at these displays.

Please note the Local Methodist Heritage Group are still seeking items on past and present Methodist churches in Burnley and Pendle to place in the Circuit's Heritage Collection. If you have any items, please contact Kath Yates or Claire. Thanks.

Posters

Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit
Invite you to

Encounter

on Saturday 17th August 2024
at Higherford Methodist church

Guest Speakers: Richard and Karen Hoyle

Coffee from 11am
11.30 - 12.15 Testimonies by speakers
12.15 Lunch

Free event, though donations accepted on the day.

Please contact Kath kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk
or Denise denart@sky.com for further information
and to book your place, stating any dietary requirements
before Monday 12th August 2024.

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District

Launch of new Methodist District

The launch event for the new North West England District will be on Saturday 31st August at 2.30pm in Bolton. NB: Pre booked tickets are required. Alternatively, this service will be livestreamed – details on how to access this will be issued around mid-August.

Methodist Church Members of the North West England District

We are seeking nominations from anyone who is interested in representing the NWED at the Methodist Conference of 2025. This will be held in Telford from 28th June to 2nd July. Anyone who is a member in the NWED is eligible to be nominated. If you are interested, please complete the attached form, supported by two NWED Synod members, and return it to the Synod Secretary, **Carolyn**

Hothersall hothersallc@nwedmethodists.org.uk **no later than Saturday 7th September 2024** in order for voting forms to be prepared for Synod on 14th September 2024.

[The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 3rd September 2024.](#)
[Please forward any contributions to me before 5pm on Monday 2nd September 2024.](#)

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Briercliffe Road Church
Melville Street,
Burnley
BB103DY

Cream Tea event

at Briercliffe Road Church
Saturday 31st August
1 - 4pm.

Everyone Welcome
This event will include a book stall.
book donations welcome at church.





Higherford Methodist Church
Saturday August 24th 10am

NOSTALGIA BAKES

from my mum's 1956
Bero Book

