



What's available

### **Sunday Zoom Services**

**1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 at 10.30am**

Hosted by Christvin Edbarg  
and led by Kath Heyworth.

**8<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 10.45am**

Live streamed from St Johns  
led by Barbara Cole. Suba will  
be hosting.

**15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 10.30am**

Hosted and led by Esther  
Beaumont

It will be the normal log in  
details for these services.

### **Sunday Services in Churches**

Please view the Circuit website  
for information on Sunday  
worship at churches which can  
be found on the pages for each  
church in the Circuit.

**Please note no Circuit Prayer  
Breakfast in August.**

## **BURNLEY & PENDLE METHODIST CIRCUIT**

Thursday 29th July 2021

### **Prayer Time**

Gracious God

This has been a difficult year for our schools and their communities. Our familiar world has been rocked by the uncertainties of lockdown and return, of illness and anxiety, of changing pressures of the work and poverty.

In all this that has been, you have been before us, beside us, within us.

We are glad of the holidays Lord, a time of Sabbath, of rest and renewal for our children, our school staff, the people that work alongside education, our families and communities.

We pray a time of restoration, of good care, and good health.

We hold before you all the ways that people will enjoy the summer.

We hold before you all those who will find the summer difficult.

In all this that is, you are before us, beside us, within us.

Amen

*Written by Barbara Easton the Vice-President of the Methodist Conference and Head of Service for the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust.*

### **Prayer Points**

Please pray this week for:

- Revd Rick Ormrod, his wife Susan and her mum as they move into the Circuit next week.
- People on the Island of Sardinia affected by the raging fires
- Refugees throughout the world
- The worldwide coronavirus pandemic
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### **Prayer Requests**

Please pass on any prayer requests to Subashri via email subashriedbarg91@gmail.com or via telephone on 07925291307.

Alternatively, you can post your prayers on the Prayer Wall on the Circuit App.

## **CIRCUIT NEWS**

### **Hello From Rick**

I still remember, from the days before I started training for ministry back in 2010, the time of waiting for a new Minister to arrive at Poulton Le Fylde Methodist Church, a Minister who

## Bake With Janet

Available on the Circuit YouTube channel and the recipes can be found on the Circuit website

### Requests

**Cakes.** Can you make a cake for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August for the Circuit Afternoon tea at Higherford Methodist Church please? If so, please contact Judith Lee on 01282 865239 asap. Thanks.

### Other online resources:

- The Methodist Church website  
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/>
- The Circuit Website  
[www.burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit.com](http://www.burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit.com)
- The Circuit YouTube Channel  
[\(128\)](#)  
[BurnleyandPendleMethodistCircuit - YouTube](#)
- The Circuit Facebook Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit>
- The Burnley and Pendle Twitter account  
@BandPCircuit
- The Burnley & Pendle Circuit App (2101circuit) available on google play and Apple store

### **Collection Points for Circuit Food Banks**

Brierfield Methodist Church.  
Thursday 12noon-1pm

Wheatley Lane Methodist Church, Fence. Thursday  
2pm - 4pm.

was also the new Circuit Superintendent. Normally I would still be missing the previous incumbent and so I would have some mixed feelings about the new arrival: feelings that usually vanished almost immediately once I'd heard them preach and had chance to talk with them.

I'm sure many of you are wondering just who your new Circuit Superintendent is. I have visited the Circuit to take a few evening services in the summer of 2018, at Christ Church and Higherford, but I'm guessing most of you know nothing about me.

Officially I'm Richard, but everybody knows me as Rick. I'm originally from Poulton Le Fylde and before starting training for ministry I worked variously as a Civil Servant, Company Secretary and Library Assistant. I could never settle in any job, always feeling there was something else I should be doing, and of course I realised eventually I was feeling a call to be ordained as a Presbyterian in the Methodist Church.

I have so far served in two Circuits as a Presbyterian, Wharfedale and Aireborough which is based around the market town of Otley in West Yorkshire and West Pennine Moors Circuit, our neighbouring Circuit in this District. I am really happy that my third Circuit, and first as Superintendent, will be in the county of my birth.

I'm also really happy to have been invited to Burnley and Pendle Circuit because of family connections. My wife Sue was born in Burnley hospital and sent the early years of her life attending Carr Road Methodist Church, which of course is now Christ Church. Sue and her mum, who lives with us, are looking forward to worshipping at Christ Church where I understand a few people still remember them. There are also members of Sue's wider family still living in the area and we look forward to seeing more of them.

Sue and I have a grown-up daughter, Alice, who still lives in Poulton Le Fylde with two cats, several snakes and a gecko. You may be relieved to know there will just be two cats at our new Manse.

Theologically I'm hard to pin down, although I am a firm evangelical at heart. Inspired by the love of Jesus, at the core of my ministry is a deep love for people and a desire to help them develop both their personal and corporate discipleship within church and the wider community. Making disciples of Jesus is at the heart of everything I do. Through my preaching I seek to equip God's people for mission, evangelism and living as faithful disciples.

I think it's fair to say that I'm always serious about what I do, but not necessarily how I go about doing it.

My interests outside of theology include reading, especially Sherlock Holmes (both the originals and pastiches) and the Jeeves and Wooster novels by PG Wodehouse as

Greenbrook Methodist Church, Burnley. Thursday 2pm-4pm.

Barley Methodist Church, drop of at your convenience – (please leave in front porch)

## Forthcoming Events

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 1pm**  
**Circuit Heritage Walk and**  
**Afternoon Teas from 3pm** at  
Higherford Methodist Church.  
Further information from Claire

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Circuit Afternoon Tea** at  
Christ Church – see article  
opposite.

**Autumn Outreach -**  
**'Blessings in a Jar'**. Please  
see circuit website for more  
information.

Next newsletter will be  
published on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
August. Please forward any  
contributions to Claire before  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you.  
NB: As of w/c 8<sup>th</sup> August we  
won't be sharing Methodist  
connexional news in the  
Newsletter but we encourage  
you to sign up to these. [Sign up](https://methodist.org.uk)  
[for newsletters \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://methodist.org.uk)

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well as a wide variety of both fiction and non-fiction; photography and the occasional attempt at painting. I'm also intending to build a model railway whilst in Fence.

I am very much looking forward to starting as your Superintendent Minister and serving the people of Burnley and Pendle Circuit and look forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks and months.

God bless,  
Rev Rick

## The Great Big Green Week – 18<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

The Circuit are supporting the 'BIG GREEN WEEK' which is for communities to take action to reduce climate change and protect our green spaces. We are encouraging churches to organise a 'Green' event during this week. Ideally, we would like a representative from each church to volunteer to work as a collective circuit wide group to help to organise events. If you are interested in being part of this group please contact Jill (692432) [jilldugdale@2101methodists.org](mailto:jilldugdale@2101methodists.org) or Sheila (614986) [shenev.chadwick@icloud.com](mailto:shenev.chadwick@icloud.com).

We hope to kick off the week with a Circuit GREEN Picnic (further details to be announced). There will be a Circuit Afternoon Tea at Christ church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September and perhaps a focus on climate change and our world in Sunday Worship on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Posters available [Big Green Week | Mysite](https://burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit.com)  
[\(burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit.com\)](https://burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit.com)

A link to A BIG GREEN WEEK video, telling you more about this can be found here: <https://youtu.be/gO-o21mxeQY>

A link to the official site here: [Great Big Green Week](https://www.biggreenweek.org)





## Community News

Christian Aid - £3 million and counting!

Dear All,  
Thought you would be interested in this email I have received. I think under the present circumstances with Covid this is a great total. Our total in Burnley was £3565.11p + Gift Aid donations, so I think it would be about £4000. A big thank you to everyone who contributed. I am now wishing to hand over Christian Aid to someone else to organise in Burnley, as I think it is 10 years since I took it on, if you know of anyone who would be willing to do this, please ask them to contact me.

Thanks  
best wishes  
Bea

[\(135\) CAW21 - Thank You From Florence - YouTube](#)

### **CALLING ALL CLIMATE ACTIVISTS**

*in the East Lancashire area*

**FORUM on COP26  
Colne Municipal Hall  
7.00pm  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

November is crucial. The climate change COP26 talks are being held in Glasgow and what they decide will have a huge effect on the future of the planet. Right now we're paying the price of years of inaction, with floods in Germany, drought in Africa, and soaring temperatures everywhere. Time is running out.

*But with COP26 taking place so close to home, we have a chance to make them listen. That's why we're calling on people in East Lancashire & Calderdale to meet up and discuss what we can do to have an impact on the talks.*



Wildfires in Canada - hundreds have died

*So whether you're young or old, in an organisation or not, feel able to do a lot or a little, please come to this open forum.*

**We want action not words from COP26**

\*There's plenty of room in the Muni to be socially distant and keep Covid safe

## District News



**We're looking for more people to drive our  
'Godly Play' Bus**



The Godly Play Bus Project is supported by the Lancashire District. We're hoping to be able to take the Godly Play Bus to many venues across the District and beyond, sharing the gospel of God's love in schools and communities.

**Could you be part of our team?**

If you have a clean driving licence and are able to commit to offering a few hours of your time per month, we would love to hear from you!

**Training will be provided.**

**Interested?**

**For more information and details of what the role entails, please contact:**  
Deacon Kim Gabbatiss - 01772 635858 or [kim.gabbatiss@methodist.org.uk](mailto:kim.gabbatiss@methodist.org.uk)

## Bullying and Harassment

Understanding the dynamics of  
bullying and harassment, and exploring  
ways of responding with dignity and respect



**Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th November**

**09:30 to 13:00 on zoom**

Join a group to explore some basic techniques to create good practices in ministry that address negative behaviour

**This course takes place over two mornings, please be available for both Wednesday and Thursday. Email Rob Glassonbury to book your place and include:**

- Your postal address
  - Your Circuit or denomination if not Methodist
- [NWMannNetwork@gmail.com](mailto:NWMannNetwork@gmail.com)

For more information contact Brec Seaton  
[seatonb@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:seatonb@methodistchurch.org.uk)

Bookings close on **Wednesday 20th October**

The Methodist Church has a training partnership with Place for Hope and there will be a small charge for non-Methodists sharing with us on this day. Please do not let costs deter you from joining with us.

