



What's available this coming week online –

Sunday 25th April 2021

Morning Worship on Zoom

There will be one service this Sunday on Zoom, starting at 10.30am.

Zoom 1 is hosted by Esther Beaumont and led by Tony Gildea. Please note the log in details for Zoom 1 remain unchanged. If you do not have them please contact Claire at circuitoffice@2101methodists.org

District Sunday Evening Zoom Service at 7.00pm

Please email

lancshiredistrictzoom@aol.com for details.

Circuit Bible Study:

Wednesdays at 7:30pm on Zoom

We continue our study of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. The third session is Wednesday 28th April. The Zoom link stays the same from week to week, but please contact Richard for log in details, if you haven't got them already.

**BURNLEY & PENDLE
METHODIST CIRCUIT**

Thursday 22nd April 2021

#Prayer of the day:



This earth, a delicate sphere filled with light and life, all of it yours; a home and safe haven, where life may grow and flourish, all of it yours....

Taken from the Prayer of the Day which is shared daily on our Circuit Facebook page. Why not take a look?

CIRCUIT NEWS

Date for you Diary Monday 30th August from 1pm onwards.

The launch of the East Lancashire Methodist Heritage Trail. An event for all ages and an event not to be missed!

More details in coming soon.

The Circuit Heritage Team

Circuit App

Have you downloaded The Circuit App yet? Please search for **2101 circuit** on your device. Further development will be taking place next month on the App.

Other online resources:

- The Methodist Church website
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/>

The above website is well worth a look.

Collection Points for Circuit Food Banks

Colne Exchange Building (St Johns Church.
Thursday 10.30am- 12 noon.

Brierfield Methodist Church.
Thursday 12noon-1pm

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

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

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

Keep up to date with what's happening in the Circuit and wider

the Circuit Website
www.burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit.com

and
the Circuit's YouTube channel

[BurnleyandPendleMethodistCircuit - YouTube](#)

Youth Work in the Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit - 2021.

Dear Friends,

As we emerge from lockdown in the next few months, as a circuit we are hoping to assess what youth work may be happening in your Church community, so that we can ensure that our young people are catered for and Circuit resources are given to them, as needed.

By youth work, I am asking about young people between the ages of 13 and 18 years. If you have any young adults (18 – 30's), in your Church, please can you also let me know.

We are also inviting the volunteers for a planning meeting on the 9th of May at 7pm via Zoom to discuss and plan for the youth work. Please contact Christvin for the login details.

Thank you for your help.

Yours in Christ.

Christvin Edbarg,

Family Picnic – 10th July

The Circuit Children, Young People and Adults (CYPA) project team are planning a 'Family Picnic' on Saturday 10th July from 2pm – 5pm at Victoria Park, Barrowford/ Nelson. If you can help with planning or be involved on the day, organising games and events, there will be a planning meeting on 4th May at 7pm on Zoom. This will be a fun day for families and adults of all ages. Please contact Richard Hoyle – rdhoyle@btinternet.com for ZOOM details. Thank you,

The CYPA Project team.

Central Coffee Bar

We are intending to reopen the coffee bar for takeaway drinks and light refreshments. This will be on Wednesdays and Saturdays at the beginning which will coincide with the covid testing (we understand that approx. 150 attend on a Wednesday so we are missing a trick here!!).

Unfortunately, after ringing round the volunteers who worked in the coffee bar, many of them have decided to resign. We

Don't forget to hit the subscribe button – you don't need to pay anything to subscribe to this channel and going forward this is becoming one of the Circuit's main communication tool.

and
the Circuit's Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit>

and

the Burnley and Pendle Twitter account @BandPCircuit

and

the Burnley & Pendle Circuit App

Contact Details

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How to use Zoom Safely

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/guidance-for-churches/digital-communication-guidance-for-churches/how-to-use-zoom-safely-and-with-integrity/>

presume many have found other things to do, or maybe even thought this was a good time to stop.

We therefore need some more volunteers. We are going to ring the volunteer bureau to advertise for some volunteers, but there may be people in the circuit who would like to volunteer. Even if this is only until I can recruit some more volunteers.

Is this something you could put on? We need homemade cakes too if anyone is able to bake!!!!

Contact Heather at Central tel-07566781347 email-
centralmethodistburnley@gmail.com

A Reflection during Lockdown



Just as the first lockdown happened in March 2019 I was temporarily living with my daughter's family in Manchester. I was ill and she kindly gave me a space to recuperate. The stay stretched to three months as the lockdown prevented me from returning home. As the year progressed, the Manchester household remained my bubble and my second home.

As with so many others, we looked to creative resourcefulness to pass the time.

This little stitched square records some of the elements of daily life. Looking at it now I see it's the story of a joyous time with my daughter, son-in-law, baby granddaughter and their pet cat. It records daily routines such as watching Richard Osman's House of Games; weekly events such as church, choir, quizzes and German class via Zoom and one-offs like us making spoof videos and organising menu nights. There are food treats - a glass of wine, Friday night crisps and

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO KEEP THE CIRCUIT WEBSITE UP-TO-DATE.

Thank you to the churches that have forwarded updates on reopening of their church for the Circuit website. It is good to have the information up-to-date rather than out-of-date. If your church hasn't done this right please can a church steward provide a new narrative for their church page on the Circuit's website stating when worship is taking place and if they have to book their place in advance and with whom. Many thanks.

Please email these revised narratives to the Circuit office ASAP. Thank you Claire

Christian Aid Week in Burnley 9th – 16th May 2021

Your gift will help support Christian Aid's vital work with some of the poorest communities in the world.

You can give this year via our E-Envelope. To donate click here:-
<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/burnleychristianaid>

or you can scan the QR Code using a smartphone:-



Thursday morning croissants - and well-being rituals like walks and jigsaws. The bee represents both the resilience of Manchester as well as my granddaughter Bea. There are the nasturtiums we grew in the garden, the hammock for outside naps, sunshine, showers and a rainbow.

Most precious are the symbols of love: the musical references for all the songs we sang to Bea - mostly relating to her father's beloved Stockport County F.C. - the house, the word family, the heart and, at the foot of the rainbow, the cross. It's not an accomplished piece but it reminds me that I am blessed.

Stella
Wheatley Lane Church

Bible and Prayer Focus

LIGHT UP THE WORLD IN PRAYER, Thy Kingdom Come (TKC)13th – 23rd May 2021

We invite you to join thousands of Christians around the globe to light up the world in prayer during the period 13th-23rd May this year. Christians from more than 170 countries and 65 denominations will be joining in this global prayer event and we hope you will too.

During the 11 days of TKC we invite you to:

- deepen your own relationship with Jesus
- pray daily for five friends to come to faith in Jesus
- pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness in Burnley and Pendle and beyond
- attend daily TKC morning or evening prayer gatherings on zoom led by Ministers and Local Preachers— watch this space for specific details.

70 Free prayer journals are available and for families **100 free Digital Family Prayer Adventure Maps** and online Cheeky Pandas Videos.

We know that some local churches will be participating in ecumenical TKC events which is great.

For further details and to secure your free journal or Family Prayer Map please contact ASAP Kath at kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk or ring the Circuit Office on 07752278664.

***TOGETHER LET'S MAKE THE EFFORT TO PARTICIPATE
IN THIS WORLDWIDE PRAYER CHALLENGE.***

Spiritual sustenance in isolation



During this time of 'lockdown' a special page on our website signposts you to resources to help nourish your spiritual life.

These are mostly resources that are provided centrally but you can also check what your local church or circuit is providing.

Click [here](#).

India - Covid

The Global Relationships team have received an update and request for prayer from the General Secretary of the Church of South India as the country struggles to cope with a surging Covid 19 second wave. You can read the request and a full report on the situation in South India [here](#).

Please pray

- for the District Methodist Synod this Saturday 24th April
- for the churches in the Circuit as they reopened and start making plans
- for those charities that have April as their Awareness Month including Bowel Cancer, Parkinson's and Stress
- for the Muslim community as they are fasting during Ramadan – Sunday 25th is the 13th day of Ramadan
- for those who receive a Spread the Little Sunshine postcard or pocket hug and that through these gifts of love they will know of God's love for them.

Prayer Focus Week at Wheatley Lane

Last week there was a Prayer Focus in the school which included the children being encouraged to write prayers for the Circuit prayer book and for displays at school. In addition to the usual prayer pattern in school there were organised prayer times for all year groups.

Three classes in Key Stage 2 each had a prayer time outside in the sunshine on separate days and they used a form of responsorial prayers which had been adapted from Iona Community. The children wrote a prayer or just named a situation or person on egg shaped cards. The children's prayers and the order of service have formed part of a display in the school. This focus of prayer was also linked to the start of Ramadan. The Revd Marian Taylor and Mrs Maureen Thornborrow led these sessions.

Then on Thursday Mrs Stella Brassington led creative prayer activities with the other classes in school in small groups.

We praise God for that the children experienced this Prayer focus in the school. Please continue to pray for all the three schools in the Circuit – Hapton, Wellfield and Wheatley Lane.

The Circuit Prayer Team

Earth Day



Today is Earth Day. In the first of a series of blogs, the Revd Simon Topping calls for a new way of thinking of climate justice. Read [here](#).

You can watch a video prayer for Earth Day [here](#).

Youth work lockdown and beyond

The Children, Youth and Family team have updated their web pages on [Resources for lockdown and beyond](#).

This includes a complete review of the [Changing times](#) pages which offers advice and guidance on step 2 of the government roadmap and some 'things to think about' for youth workers.

Action to Bless the Community (ABC)



A week ago the Circuit launched the 'Spread a Little Sunshine Summer Initiative'. So far 700 postcards have taken by churches to place in local places e.g. cafes, hairdressers etc and to give out to people in the local community. Each postcard has five sunflower seeds attached plus details of the Circuit Communication channels. There are even hints and tips on these channels on how to grow sunflowers. We pray for the people who receive these postcards that they will be blessed and that they encourage more conversations between the churches and the communities to take place.

Next week, a worship at Wheatley Lane School led by Revd Marian will focus on this project and each child will be given a postcard to take home.

Please include this outreach work in your prayers and that more people will come to know Jesus through these postcards and sunflower seeds.

Every blessing Janet and Kath

Wider Methodist News / District News

Love is calling

Visit [#LovethisCalling](#) to find out more about this campaign that asks us to reflect on God's calling for us all in this time and place that we find ourselves. Love this Calling also leads us up to, and beyond, [Vocation Sunday](#), which this year is on Sunday 2 May, 2021.