



### Worship Opportunities

#### **Sunday Services in Churches and on Zoom**

Please view the Circuit Plan on the Circuit website for details.

#### **Circuit Events and Meetings**

#### **Circuit Advent Bible Studies on Wednesdays at 7.30pm on zoom led by Revd Mark Jason.**

24<sup>th</sup> November WORD (John 1:1-3).

1<sup>st</sup> December LIGHT (John 1:4-9),

8<sup>th</sup> December BELIEF (John 1:10-13),

15<sup>th</sup> December FLESH (John 1:14)

#### **Circuit Prayer Time on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9am at Christ Church led by Revd Rick Ormrod**

#### **Local Preachers Meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at Brierfield.**

#### **Launch of Christmas Bake with Janet with special guest Maureen on 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

Recipes available now online.

[Bake with Janet | Mysite \(burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit.com\)](http://BurnleyandPendleMethodistCircuit.com)

## **BURNLEY & PENDLE METHODIST CIRCUIT**

Tuesday 23rd November 2021

### **Prayer Time -**

Praise to you, O Lord, for the jewel of sight, the treasure of hearing and the glory of speech. Open our eyes to your glory, our ears to your word and our mouths to proclaim your goodness.

Amen

#prayer of the day

### **Prayer Points**

Please pray this week for:

- The elderly and housebound as winter approaches
- Opportunities for each one of us to share the real Christmas Story with our friends, neighbours and colleagues.
- The families and friends of those people who died in the Bulgaria bus crash today

### **CIRCUIT NEWS**

#### **Advent**

It can't have escaped your attention that Christmas is approaching. TV has started showing the new sofa for Christmas adverts (though why people need something new to sit on especially for Christmas puzzles me) as well as a whole host of other Christmas related ads. If you go in shops or shopping centres you can hear Sir Cliff singing about Mistletoe and Wine or Slade belting out "So here it is, Merry Christmas". Soon an army of Santa's will spread across the nation asking children what they want for Christmas, many mince pies and Christmas cakes will be baked and presents will be bought.

This is what amounts to preparing for Christmas amounts to for many people. For those of us who are Christians, disciples of Jesus, Christmas preparations should be a little bit more.

Christian people have long observed Advent in the run up to Christmas, traditionally a period, like Lent, of piety and fasting in order to prepare ourselves spiritually to once again celebrate the birth of the Christ Child and to affirm our faith that one day Jesus will return in glory.

**Circuit Meeting on Tuesday  
7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm on  
zoom .**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm.  
Blue Christmas Service at  
Christ Church led by Revd  
Mark Jason.**

This service will also be available on Zoom. For log in details, please contact Claire. If you would like a departed loved one to be remembered by name during the service, please contact Revd. Mark Jason by 3pm on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December on [mark.jason@methodist.org.uk](mailto:mark.jason@methodist.org.uk) or 07305 805930.

**CLICK the following link for more information about events** [calendar | Mysite \(burnleyandpendlemethodistcircuit.com\)](#)

**Online Circuit  
Communication Channels**

- 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

Advent observation is important, and should go beyond opening a door each day on an Advent calendar. I'm not suggesting fasting, though if you wanted to give something up for Advent you could, but simply intentionally doing something spiritual specifically for Advent can bring benefits. It could be praying more, reading the Scriptures more or making sure you attend some for of worship every Sunday during the season.

My colleague, Rev Mark Jason, is doing a series of Advent Bible Studies on Zoom and you would be very welcome to join in with what I am sure will be some spiritually uplifting studies. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Whatever else you do to prepare for Christmas please make sure that you prepare yourself spiritually to once again welcome the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem.

Yours in Christ

*Rick*

**Circuit event this coming week.....**

**Circuit Advent Bible Study starts this Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm on zoom.** The series is entitled: "The Word became Flesh".

This week will focus on WORD (John 1:1-3). For log in details, please contact Mark directly on [mark.jason@methodist.org.uk](mailto:mark.jason@methodist.org.uk)

**Church events this coming week .....**



**The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please forward any contributions to me before Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

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**Beyond the Circuit .....**

Clitheroe Christians in Partnership cordially invite you,  
your family, children and friends to

## JOY TO THE WORLD 2021

A celebration of Christmas and recalling events in 2021 in music,  
drama, dance and poetry including carols for everyone, featuring  
Ribble Valley Choir and Orchestra



**Sunday 5th December 2021**  
at 6.30pm in Trinity Methodist Church  
Parson Lane, Clitheroe, BB7 2JY

This event is free to attend with or without this invitation and will  
end around 7.45pm when refreshments will be served.  
There will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid.

*All the Clitheroe churches are involved*

**Higherford - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 11am onwards**  
Trish's fashion, Accessories, Soft Furnishings, Books,  
Cards and other stalls. Coffee, Cake and light lunches will be  
served. All welcome.

**Greenbrook - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm**  
**'Who killed the football manager** - A murder mystery play  
and 2 course meal.

**Future events .....**

Hapton Methodist Church Choir  
**Presents:**



## "The Wonderful World of Christmas"

Friday & Saturday  
3rd & 4th December  
@7.30 pm  
Adults £4 Children £2

**the exchange project**



*The Exchange Project at  
St. John's Methodist Church,  
Colne, invites you to*

### An evening of Christmas Carols and Songs

**with the Nelson  
Civic Ladies' Choir.**

**Wednesday, 15th December 2021,  
7.30 pm to 9 pm**

THIS IS A FREE EVENT.  
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED AT THE INTERVAL.

(ANY DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FOR THE  
ONGOING WORK OF THE EXCHANGE PROJECT)

The Methodist Church

## Barley to Bethlehem

Live nativity leaving Barley Car Park at 6pm  
Angels and Shepherds meet at Chapel 5.30pm  
**Sunday 12th December**

Follow the donkey through the village and watch as the greatest story ever told  
unfolds. Ending up at Hargreaves' Farm Barley to welcome Baby Jesus.

Takeaway Coffee and Mince Pies will be served from the candle-lit Chapel afterwards.  
**All welcome!**  
**Come and join us!**

Wrap up warm and bring a torch! (Also see our www.facebook.com/barleytohungary