

This is our monthly newsletter. The newsletter can be received by anyone who has an e-mail address. To subscribe to this service please send your e-mail address to: northstaffscircuit@hotmail.co.uk.

Dear Friends

During and in reflection on my recent holiday to Holland, with the highlight being a visit to Keukenhof Gardens famous for their Tulips. My mind has been drawn to the psalmist who proclaimed:

- ¹The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
²Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
³They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:1-4

When we see the beauty of creation, we may respond ‘Wow, thank you Lord’ Creation speaks to us in ways people don’t always.

1. It speaks of a God who loves us unconditionally despite our mistakes, assuming things, jumping to conclusions without questing or testing them out.
 2. A God who treats each living being as unique and special, created by the master for a special purpose.
 3. A God who works together with us and others, to be disciples who, to plant, water and see the splendour of growth and to celebrate it.
 4. A God who gets our attention in a quiet whisper,
- ¹²After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

I wonder how often in our Churches and Circuit it is those with the loudest voice that get listened to. Should we also be giving a voice to the voiceless, listening to the quiet wisdom in our decision making?

Let us use Psalm 19:14 as a prayer in the month ahead

‘May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.
The heaven declare the glory of God ‘
Amen

Every Blessing

Rev’d Joy

North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

Preaching Plan – May 2024

					May			
					5	12	19	26
					Easter 6 Vocations Sunday	Easter 7 Christian Aid Week	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday Aldersgate Sunday
Lectionary Year (B)					Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17,21-26	Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14	Isaiah 6:1-8
(Principal Service)					Psalm 98	Psalm 1	Psalm 104:24-34,35b	Psalm 29
					1 John 5:1-6	1 John 5:9-13	Romans 8:22-27 or	Romans 8:12-17
					John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	Acts 2:1-21	John 3:1-17
Please Pray For:					Cross Heath	Halmer End	Higherland	Madeley
Wolstanton	LS	10.30	StF		Chambers HC	Barnett	Dyble T	LA
(95)		6.30	MWB					
Cross Heath	CL	9.30	StF	NV				
(23)		11.00	MSB		LA	Legge CA HC	Chadwick	Matthews
		3.00						
Higherland	CL	10.00	StF	MM	Ventom	Davies T	LA	Legge HC
(36)		6.00						Legge Messy Vintage
Madeley	CL	10.30	StF	SoF 1234	Legge	Ventom	Davies T	Willis HC
(21)		3.00	MWB	NV				
Silverdale	CL	11.00	StF	MM	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Legge HC	Emmaus
(48)		5.00						Refuel
Audley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1&2	I Perry	X	US @ Bradwell	X
(31)		3.00	MWB	GNB	X	Legge	X	White
Bradwell	JV	10.00	StF	SoF 1&2	N Jones	Harrison T	Ventom US	White
(37)		3.00	MWB	NV H&P				
Halmer End	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 1&2	Davies T	E Perry HC	US @ Bradwell	N Jones
(23)		3.00	MWB	GNB				
St Luke's	JV	10.30	H&P	GNB	M Ventom T	Kirk HC	US @ Bradwell	Irvine
(19)		3.00	MWB					
Printed Service for this week prepared by:					Heap	Legge	Heap	Ventom
BGMC					Wednesday 15th May, 2.30 pm - Holy Communion - Revd Christine Legge			

Green Tips

Say No To The Mow... mowing your lawn less and letting parts grow long saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact on wildlife, wait to mow your lawn or a section of it until August to support even more animals.

Foodbank – please click on this link [here](#).

Thank you to everyone across the Circuit who gives regularly to Foodbank through their church. Foodbank remains open through these troubled times and demand for food is high. Can I please ask you to all keep on giving by taking your donations to your nearest Foodbank.



Clayton St Luke's host a session
on Tuesday morning. 10.00am – 12 noon

All Saints, Madeley host a session
on a Wednesday morning. 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Cornerstone, High Street, Knutton, ST5 6BX
On Wednesday afternoon 2.00 pm – 4.00pm

Chesterton Pentecostal church
on Thursday Morning. 10.00 -12.00 noon

Newcastle Congregational church
on Thursday afternoon. 2.00 pm – 4.00pm

St Thomas church Kidsgrove
on Friday afternoon 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

or you can take your contribution to our warehouse on Brick Kiln Lane, Chesterton on a Monday afternoon or Wednesday morning ... please give us a ring if you want details of how to get there, it is on the Aspire work complex.

Your gifts large or small are very much appreciated and are a lifeline to those sadly more vulnerable than ourselves.

Please give us a ring if you want to drop your gift off at our house!
Carol and Marion Reddish TEL 01782 613265

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Newcastle Staffs Foodbank you can contact the Trustee/Treasurer Paul A Roberts for details: -
tel: 0300 102 9088 or email him on accounts@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk.

If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please visit the website or contact Paul A Roberts for details.

People can also contact info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk for details to donate food or money donations.

At the present time Foodbank are short of the following items:-

Cereal

Tea

Long Life Milk

Soup

Coffee

Cold Meat

Custard

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Fruit

Jam

Instant Noodles

Godly Play as Bible Study

Story is one of the most ancient forms of knowing. It is the way our Christian heritage has been passed down to us. And story forms the foundation of Godly Play. It invites you to sit as part of a circle and listen as the stories of the Bible are told through word and action. It allows you to immerse yourself in the stories as an act of meditation and prayer and ultimately to encounter God. As the stories are told you sit and listen and at the end of the storytelling you are invited to consider a number of 'I wonder questions'. Questions posed by the storyteller that ask you to reflect on what you have heard. Questions like:
I wonder what part of the story was most important to you?
Or
I wonder where you are in the story?
Or
I wonder if there is a part of the story we can leave out and still have all the story we need?
There are no right or wrong answers to any of the questions, they are a means by which you are invited to wonder deeply about the story and what it says to you. Then when the story is put away there is time to respond to all that you have heard and wondered about. It may be that you want to re-read the story again for yourself, paint, draw, model or write a response - the choice is entirely yours.
At the end of the response time we gather back together for refreshments before drawing our time together to an end. If this is something you think you might like to try then our next Godly play session will take place on **Tuesday, 7th May at 1.00 – 2.00 pm** at **Wolstanton Methodist Church**. Come and see, wonder, and reflect deeply about stories you thought you knew.

Karen Barnett



Madeley Methodist Church (CW3 9DX)
invites you to a
Spring Fayre
on
Saturday 11 May
10.30am - 12pm
Cakes - Tombola - Raffle - Plants - Crafts - Refreshments
Everyone Welcome
PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS



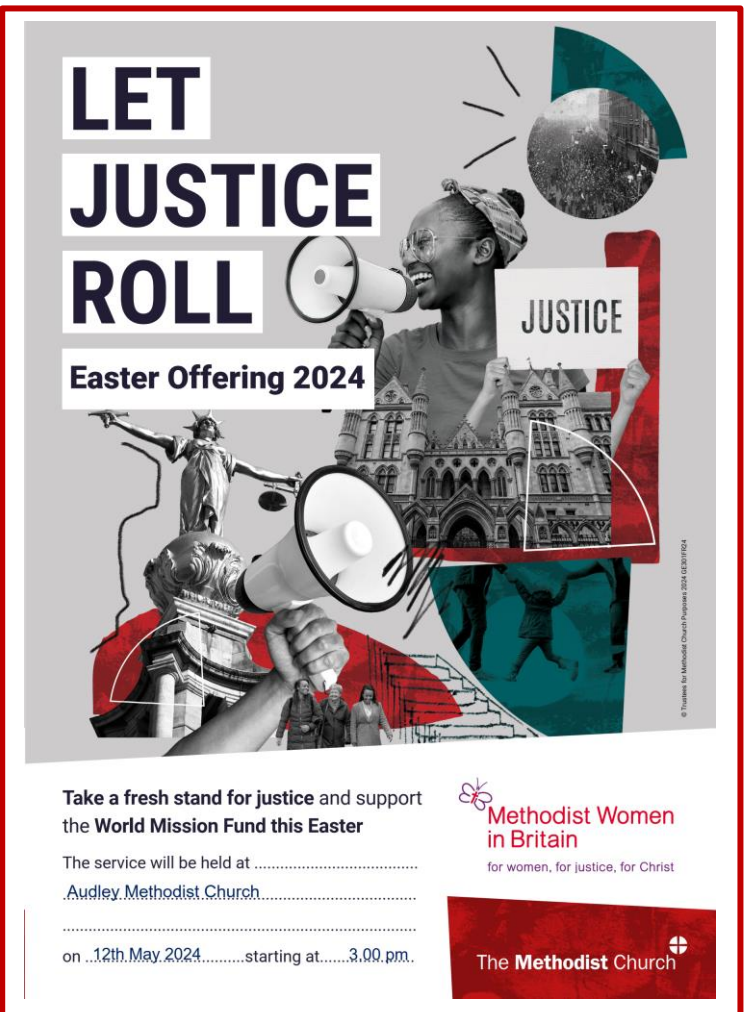
Invite you to a Circuit Prayer Event



Saturday 11th May 2024
2.30pm and will be
finished by 4.30pm

In the Coffee Lounge at
Wolstanton Methodist Church

*Lord please
hear my
prayer*



**LET
JUSTICE
ROLL**
Easter Offering 2024
JUSTICE

Take a fresh stand for justice and support the World Mission Fund this Easter

The service will be held at
Audley Methodist Church.....
on ..12th May 2024.....starting at.....3.00 pm.

Methodist Women in Britain
for women, for justice, for Christ

The Methodist Church



WOLSTANTON METHODIST CHURCH

Invites you to

'ELDERBERRIES'

embracing all ages and various interests

MONDAY 13th MAY at 2.30p.m.

'AGES & STAGES'

THE NEW VICTORIA THEATRE

With Jill Rezzano & Sue Moffatt

MONDAY 27th MAY at 2.30p.m.

'BANK HOLIDAY SOCIAL'

COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT

An opportunity to renew friendships
and make new ones

**Baldwins Gate
Methodist Community**
(Baldwins Gate, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 5DA)

**Mid-Week
Holy Communion
Service**

on the third Wednesday of
each month at 2.30 pm

**Wednesday, 15th May 2024 –
Rev'd Christine Legge**

**Please come and join us.
All are very welcome.**



WOLSTANTON METHODIST CHURCH



With

CRAFTS, CARDS, CAKES

REFRESHMENTS

SATURDAY 18th MAY

FROM 10.00a.m. - 12.30p.m.

St Luke's Methodist Church

Present

The Daleian Singers

in concert

on Friday 17th May 2024
at 7.30 pm

Entrance £10 (including refreshments)

Higherland Church Coffee Bar
2pm-4pm Monday 20th May



Everyone welcome to come and
join in the natter & laughs.

Free cake & drinks.

Monthly 6pm Coffee Bar Worship Time

Songs, Craft, Prayers, Smiles, Coffee, Tea
Biscuits, Chatter, welcoming, friendly.

Higherland Church

Messy Vintage

Last Sunday

in the month

from The Bible Reading Fellowship

Come along @ 6pm Sunday 26th May



Higherland Methodist Church
6pm Saturday

New Date: 13th July

**Fustian
&
Musical Misfits**

Tickets £5 incl. light refreshments
Call Kev: 07988 532738





The Chester & Stoke-on-Trent Methodist District

... are advertising for a new District Safeguarding Officer (DSO).

Full details appear on the district website:

<https://www.candsmethodists.org.uk/opportunities-1.html>

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINCY ASSISTANT KEELE UNIVERSITY 2024/5

Looking for an exciting and
challenging gap year?
Want to work with and support
students at University?
Interested in exploring your
Christian faith and vocation?

A 10 month role from September 2024
Accommodation on campus and a living allowance provided
Closing date: 12 noon Friday 17th May 2024
Interviews: Wednesday 5th June 2024
Details and application form: www.keele.ac.uk/chapel
Additional queries: chaplaincy@keele.ac.uk





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Elevenses



On Wednesdays at 11am



Everyone Welcome

Senior Moments
St. Luke's Methodist Church
Severn Drive
Clayton ST5 4BH



10.30am - 12.30pm, last Thursday of every month, starting Thursday 27th October.

Fun, explore together in lots of creative, interactive and fun ways.
A great opportunity to enjoy some time together.

For more information please contact Phil or Jeanette Hodges
on 01782 634766 or look on our Facebook page.

Silver Service

..on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of every month..
..beginning at 11:30am..

1st Thursday = Communion Service : 3rd Thursday = Activity Service

at Silverdale Methodist Church,
Earl Street (behind the Chip Shop!)
ST5 6NF

Find us on FaceBook: "Silverdale Methodist Church"
Visit our website: www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk

SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

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CHURCH
THURSDAY'S 10 - 12**



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CHURCH**



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Join with us on the **LAST SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH**, at **5PM**, for 1-hour of..

**PRAISE &
WORSHIP**

..and then stay to share food together.

all-age & interactive, informal & relaxed – a Worship Experience for all



Blessed are those who
TRUST in the LORD,
whose confidence
is in him.

Jeremiah 17:7



TRUST

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