

Newsletter January 2025

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Dear All,

Happy New Year to you all! 2025 has arrived and a New Year lays open before us...

I don't know if you are someone who likes to mark the changing of the year. Maybe you have a gathering with family or friends to 'see the new year in'. Maybe you prefer to be tucked up in bed on what for you is just another night. You might be excited about the year ahead or have something positive to look forward to. Maybe it is hard to look forward, for the future seems uncertain or holds challenges. However you greet this year I hope you know that God is with you.

I'd like to suggest that one of the gifts of this time is that it can help us to pause and reflect. A time to look back and reflect on what has been, the good and the bad, the ups and the downs. It is also a time when we might take stock in order to prepare for the future. Some will make resolutions, commitments for the year (or at least the initial month or so) that lays ahead. Personally, I enjoy marking a new year which gives, at least in theory, a fresh start.

This time of year, is often cold and dark, a time when things can seem rather barren. I undertake conservation volunteering at Silverdale country park, the winter is a season when there is much cutting back, removing deadwood or trees that are growing in the wrong place or that are stifling others. It is a time to do lots of work that prepares for the growing season and that get things ready for the year ahead. Each year, our first session is a walk around the park taking note of areas we might need to work on, looking at the fruit of past endeavours and just enjoying the area without the focus of a specific task. This new year I encourage you to find some way to pause, to take stock and to prepare.

Many of our churches will hold covenant services this month, a time when we remember God's faithfulness and the call to live as God's people. The covenant service is a reminder that God is always there for us, and with us, whatever life may hold. In response to God's faithfulness, we seek to offer ourselves to the one who will never let us go.

I hope and pray that whatever the year ahead holds we might know God's presence and peace. As you enter this new year, know that God goes before you and accompanies you along the way.

God's Peace be with you, today and for the year ahead,

James

North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

Preaching Plan – January 2025

					January			
					5	12	19	26
					Second Sunday of Christmas	1st Sunday in Ordinary Time	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectionary Year (C)					Jeremiah 31:7-14	Isaiah 43:1-7	Isaiah 62:1-5	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10
(Principal Service)					Psalms 147:12-20	Psalms 29	Psalms 36:5-10	Psalms 19
					Ephesians 1:3-14	Acts 8:14-17	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
					John 1:(1-9) 10-18	Luke 3:15-17,21-22	John 2:1-11	Luke 4:14-21
Please Pray For:					Silverdale	Wolstanton	Audley	Baldwins Gate Community
Cross Heath	LS	11.00	StF	NIV	R Jones	Chambers	LA	Singleton CV
(23)			MSB					
Silverdale	LS	11.00	StF	MM	Singleton Café Church	Chadwick	Youth Sunday LA	Emmanuel LA
(43)		5.00						Refuel LA
Wolstanton	LS	10.30	StF		LA	Singleton CV & PV Ded	Singleton	Davies T
(88)		6.30	MWB				Singleton B @ 1.00 pm	
Audley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1&2	Rowley	X	Ventom Diglake	X
(28)		3.00	MWB	GNB	X	Ventom CV	X	Singleton
		6.30						
Bradwell	JV	10.00	StF	SoF 1&2	Pritchard	Ventom CV	Davies T	Harrison T
(33)		6.30	MWB	NIV H&P				
Halmer End	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 1&2	LA	X	Parkes CV	Irvine
(23)		3.00	MWB	GNB		Pritchard Minnie Pit		
Madeley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1234	Ventom CV	Wakelin	LA	Matthews
(23)		3.00	MWB	NIV				
St Luke's	JV	10.30	H&P	GNB	Barnett	Parkes	LA	Ventom CV
(23)		3.00	MWB					
Higherland	JP	10.00	StF	MM	N Jones	Pritchard CV	LA	R Jones
(36)		6.00						Pritchard Café Church
Printed Service for this week prepared by:					Pritchard	Heap	Singleton	Ventom
Baldwins Gate JP					Wednesday 15th January, 2.30 pm - Holy Communion Service - Rev'd James Pritchard			

Eco Tips

Bring nature into your home or garden. Plant a herb or flower as a reminder of our responsibility to steward God's earth. As you tend to this plant, prayerfully ask God how you might nurture nature better at home.

From A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips 2024 Calendar

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 Monday morning. 11.00 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 Unit 18 Brock Way, Silverdale, ST5 6AZ (Opposite the Post Office Sorting Office). on a Monday afternoon or Wednesday morning .

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:-

Long Life Fruit Juice	Instant Mashed Potato	Washing Powder/Pods
Sponge Pudding	Washing Up Liquid	Shampoo
Toilet Rolls	Shower Gel	Deodorant

Godly Play

Please note that there will be no Godly Play sessions during January and February.

Diglake Colliery Disaster 14th January 1895

Community Coffee Morning

Saturday 18th January 2025, 10am to 3pm

Historic mining items on display courtesy of Apedale Heritage Centre.

Largest collection of miners lamps in North Staffordshire on display.

We will be joined by Audley & District Family History Society.

At 11am, Jim Worgan will give a talk on the history of Diglake Colliery Disaster.

Refreshments available.

Service of Remembrance

Sunday 19th January 2025 – 10:30am

There will be a short reading in Gods' Acre at the Diglake Memorial.

A procession to Audley Methodist Church will be led by children from Ravensmead School who will be carrying 10 miners' lamps.

A Church service led by Rev. Joy Ventom will conclude the memorial.

Music will be provided in the cemetery and during the service by a quintet from Audley Brass Band.



Baldwins Gate Methodist Community

(Baldwins Gate, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 5DA)

Mid-Week Service

on the third Wednesday of each
month at 2.30 pm

Wednesday, 15th January 2024 –
Led by Rev'd James Pritchard
Holy Communion Service

Please come and join us.
All are very welcome.

Café Church

6pm Higherland Church Coffee Bar
*Friendly Chatter, welcoming Smiles,
Songs, Prayers, drinks & biscuits.*

Come along @ 6pm on Sunday 26th Jan.

Higherland Church Coffee Bar

2pm-4pm Monday 27th Jan



Everyone welcome to come and

Join in the chatter

Free snacks, cakes & drinks.

**Book Swop
at
Bradwell Methodist Church**

There is a new free book swop library outside Bradwell Methodist Church. Please take a look and if you have any unwanted books please pop them in.



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**WINTER
CAFÉ**



EVERY MONDAY* AT THE
METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTRE BALDWIN'S GATE,
10AM – 12NOON

As the days grow shorter and colder,
Whitmore Parish Council warmly invite you to our
Monday Morning Winter Café, commencing
4th November.

Residents of all ages are invited to our cosy space for
FREE hot drinks and biscuits, along with friendly
company and conversation.

**We look forward to welcoming you
this Winter!**

*Commencing Monday 4th November through to the end of February 2025.

Madeley Methodist Church
invites you to join us at our



Warm Space



Elevenes

On Wednesdays at 11am

Chat

**Free
Refreshments**

Activities

Everyone Welcome

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

FREE ENTRY

SENIOR MOMENTS

Crafts

Activities

Games

Quiz

Art Talks

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits

Stories

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

There's nothing like a good cuppa coffee and a friend like you to share it with!

Let's catch up!

WHY NOT CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS OLD AND NEW

BRADWELL METHODIST CHURCH
THURSDAY'S 10 - 12

SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

REFUEL

worship & the word
FOLLOWED by FOOD!

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

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Jesus said

I am the way

John 14:6