

**WEEKLY BULLETIN 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

This is our weekly bulletin. Please use it to either display in church or to announce the events to your congregation. The bulletin 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](mailto:northstaffscircuit@hotmail.co.uk) or contact Michelle in the Circuit Office on 01782 612648. All items for the bulletin need to be in for Wednesday morning.

**Christmas Safety Notices from the Circuit Superintendent**  
**[Please read carefully]**



1. All members of the congregation planning to dash through the snow in a one horse open sleigh, going over the fields and laughing all the way are advised that a Risk Assessment will be required addressing the safety of an open sleigh for members of the public. This assessment must also consider whether it is appropriate to use only one horse for such a venture, particularly where there are multiple passengers. Please note that permission must also be obtained in writing from landowners before their fields may be entered.

2. To avoid offending those not participating in celebrations, we would request that laughter is moderate only and not loud enough to be considered a noise nuisance...

3. Benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs are now available for collection by any shepherds planning or required to watch their flocks by night.

While provision has also been made for remote monitoring of flocks by CCTV cameras from a centrally heated shepherd observation hut, all users of this facility are reminded that an emergency response plan must be submitted to account for known risks to the flocks.



4. The angel of the Lord is reminded that, prior to shining his/her glory all around, s/he must confirm that all shepherds are wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment to account for the harmful effects of UVA, UVB and the overwhelming effects of Glory.

5. Following last year's well-publicised case, everyone is advised that Equal Opportunities legislation prohibits any comment with regard to the redness of any part of Mr R Reindeer. Further to this, exclusion of Mr R Reindeer from reindeer games will be considered discriminatory and disciplinary action will be taken against those found guilty of this offence.

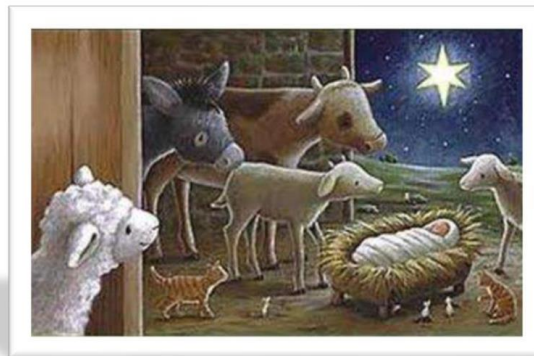




6. While it is acknowledged that gift bearing is a common practice in various parts of the world, particularly the Orient, everyone is reminded that the bearing of gifts is subject to Hospitality Guidelines and all gifts must be registered. This applies regardless of the individual, even royal personages. It is particularly noted that direct gifts of currency or gold are specifically precluded, while caution is advised regarding other common gifts such as aromatic resins that may evoke allergic reactions.

7. Finally, in the recent instance of the infant found tucked up in a manger without any crib for a bed, Social Services have been advised and will be arriving shortly.

**Happy Christmas!  
From John Palmer**



## Is God calling You

to train as a **Worship Leader**  
or a **Local Preacher** within  
**The Methodist Church?**

It is hoped that in the new year a taster session will be held on the 8th January at 6pm at Kingsley Holt Methodist Church, to explore your sense of calling and details of the course with the Circuit's Local Preachers' Tutor Dr Lynne Bradbury.

If you wish to attend or for more information please contact Revd John Palmer (*Details on The Plan*) to add your name to the list of attendees.



Wolstanton Methodist Church  
Grosvenor Place  
Off High Street, Wolstanton

**We have a**



**10.15 am – 11.30am.**

**Tea & Coffee**  
**Toast & Teacakes**

**Everyone welcome**  
**Do come and join us**

Halmer End Methodist Church warmly invite you to join us for our

**Christmas Chip 'n' Hymn**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm

With Soloist Philip Cartwright

Accompanied by Stefan Andrusyschyn

And the Unity Choir

Come and Celebrate the Birth of Jesus- All are welcome



[www.halmerendmethodists.org.uk](http://www.halmerendmethodists.org.uk)



Audley Methodist Church  
invite you to join us for our

**Family  
Carols by  
Candlelight**

Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> 2017  
at 6pm

Tea, Coffee & Mince Pies




Wesley Guild  
Wolstanton Methodist Church

A contribution of £2.50 (inc refreshments) per person for each meeting attended would be appreciated.

Programme 2017  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm A Christmas Miscellany

All ages, both male and female are welcome.

For further information please contact: Marian Thomson

Baldwins Gate Methodist Church

**Monday Fellowship**

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 pm

Carols, Readings & Mince Pies

All Welcome

**Newcastle Coffee Morning**

(Newcastle Methodist Church,  
Merrial Street, Newcastle)

If you are in Newcastle on a Saturday morning  
please pop in for a coffee etc.  
9.30 am – 12.00 noon

(If any church would like to use Newcastle's Coffee  
Room on a Saturday morning to raise funds please

Madeley Methodist Church  
invites you to...

**a Christingle Service for  
all ages**



on



Thursday 21 December at 6.30pm

led by Rev. Helen Hoe with  
'Poolside Puppets', '1<sup>st</sup> Alsagers Bank &  
Halmerend Brownies' and 'Pepper Street  
Performing Arts Junior Choir'



Refreshments served afterwards:  
mulled wine (non-alcoholic), tea/coffee, juice for children,  
mince pies or chocolate cake

**Everyone welcome**

Donation plate for the Douglas Macmillan Hospice

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE  
METHODIST CIRCUIT PRAYER JOURNEY**

*"Journey with us as we seek God's will and vision for the North Staffordshire Methodist Circuit, pray for the staffing, pray for renewed call to Local Preachers and Worship Leaders – finding a way together."*

- 07/08/2017 - 2pm to 3pm - Baldwins Gate
- 11/09/2017 - 11am to 12 noon - Cross Heath
- 23/10/2017 - 7pm to 8pm - The Higherland
- 27/11/2017 - 2:30pm to 3:30pm - Silverdale
- 04/12/2017 - 10:30am to 11:30am - St Peter's
- 15/01/2018 - 2pm to 3pm - Madeley
- 19/02/2018 - 2pm to 3pm - Wolstanton
- 12/03/2018 - 2pm to 3pm - Audley

**ALL WELCOME - COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE  
(STAY FOR 5 MINUTES OR 55 MINUTES)**

**Circuit Prayer & Praise Meeting**

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

at 7.30 pm

(Coffee/tea from 7.00 pm)

**at Audley Methodist Church**

All are welcome to join us in this time of worship, quiet reflection and prayer.



**A NIGHT OF FUN AND LAUGHTER  
AND A PIE AND PEA SUPPER**

WANT TO THROW OFF THOSE WINTER BLUES THEN THIS IS THE EVENT TO COME TO.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE MWiB ARE ORGANISING A PIE AND PEA SUPPER FOLLOWED BY AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT.

COME AND SEE JUST HOW MAD AND DAFT EACH OF YOUR CHURCHES CAN BE WHEN PUT IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE!

**WHERE: BRADWELL METHODIST CHURCH**

**WHEN: JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> 2018 AT 7.00 PM**

**COST: £6.00**

IT PROMISES TO BE A FUN FILLED EVENING AND WHO KNOWS IT COULD BE THE START OF A NATIONAL TOUR!!

**Audley Methodist Church**

Welcome All To Our Weekly Coffee & Chat Fellowship,  
Tuesdays 10:30am - 12 noon



& Monthly Midweek Holy Communion Fellowship,  
Tuesdays 11:30am - 12 noon

- None December
- 30th January 2018
- 27th February 2018
- 27th March 2018
- 24th April 2018
- 29th May 2018 (TBC)
- 26th June 2018
- 31st July 2018
- None August

*'The bread that we share is a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet*

**BALDWINS GATE METHODIST CHURCH  
COFFEE MORNING**

**(now on the first Thursday of every month)**

**(Please note no coffee morning in January)**

**THURSDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY,**

**10.30 AM – 12.00 NOON**



**CAKE STALL. EVERYONE WELCOME**

**NEWCASTLE STAFFS FOODBANK**

Thank you to everyone who gives food and toiletries to Newcastle Foodbank, it is very much appreciated by clients. We just want to draw to your attention a few items we are short of, in the hope you may feel able to help:-

Sugar, Long Life Juice, Jam, Sponge Puddings, Mashed Potatoes, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Gents Toiletries and Ladies Deodorant.

Silverdale Foodbank is also in need of volunteers. They operate on Wednesday afternoons 2.00 – 4.00 pm at the Bethel Centre in May Street. Please contact [susie.dean@ntlworld.com](mailto:susie.dean@ntlworld.com) if you would like to volunteer or are interested in finding out more!

SWANBANK GOSPELCHOIR PRESENTS  
**O SWING ALL YE FAITHFUL**  
 THE ANNA LAMPOUGH BIG BAND  
 A night of fantastic music to get you in the swing of Christmas!  
**Saturday 16th December, 7pm**  
 at Swanbank Church,  
 Swan Square, Burslem ST6 2AA  
**Ticket entry only. £10 per ticket.**  
(Under 5s free but must sit on their grown ups knee)  
 Please contact Swanbank office on 01782 575129 for tickets or contact any member of the Swanbank gospel choir.



UCB, one of the largest Christian media charities in the UK, has a vision of *changing lives for good through the power of God's Word*. Our mission is to offer every person, every place, every moment of the day the opportunity to hear, watch or read the word of God in a relevant and engaging way. We do this through a range of platforms, including National Christian Radio on DAB, UCB TV, our daily Bible devotional, The Word For Today, Christian resources and life-changing support.

For more details, check out UCB's website at [www.ucb.co.uk](http://www.ucb.co.uk)

**Broadcast Journalist - 9 Month Fixed Term Contract to Cover Maternity Leave**

UCB is looking for an experienced broadcast journalist to join the News Team on a fixed term contract at the Broadcast Centre in Hanchurch, Stoke-on-Trent.

UCB includes two Christian radio stations available on digital radio, online and the UCB Player app. To strengthen our news coverage we are looking for a new member of the News Team who can hit the ground running. You will need a good voice for radio, an understanding of Broadcast Law, suitable journalistic experience and you will be expected to have a working knowledge of Christian organisations and Church activity in the UK and abroad.

The role will involve news reading, recording/editing, reporting, two-way features with presenters and sourcing original stories for a range of radio programmes. You will also know how to utilise social media to communicate UCB News. Your shift pattern may vary from week to week, Monday to Friday, working in conjunction with other colleagues; you will also be required to work additional hours in order to provide cover for absences within the Team.

Your ability to write for radio needs to be excellent. You will need to demonstrate your experience of broadcast journalism and provide examples of original stories that you have generated.

You will be expected to adhere to United Christian Broadcasters' vision and purpose and be a strong team player able to provide a distinctive service of news from a Christian perspective.

Please provide a showreel with your application

**Salary: based on experience (plus a selection of staff benefits)**

**Closing Date: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January (12 noon)**

**Interviews: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**An application form and job description can be downloaded by visiting [ucb.co.uk/jobs](http://ucb.co.uk/jobs)**

UCB is a Christian organisation. Schedule 9 Part 1 (3a) and (3b) of the Equality Act 2010 apply to this vacancy



**BIBLE ENGAGEMENT**



A joint course between SwanBank & Cliff College looking at the nature of the Bible, what it has to say about discipleship and mission, and how we can engage with it in the 21st century. A great opportunity to learn and grow together with input from Cliff College staff and leaders from SwanBank.

The Certificate in Bible Engagement will take place at SwanBank Church on Saturday 13th January, Saturday 10th March and Saturday 28th April, with an overnight weekend at Cliff College on Friday 2nd - Saturday 3rd February. The cost of the whole course is £200.

SwanBank Church  
 Burslem  
 Stoke  
 ST6 2AA  
 01782 575129  
[sam@swanbank.org.uk](mailto:sam@swanbank.org.uk)





**Newcastle  
Male Voice Choir**  
*present their*  
**Annual  
Christmas  
Concert**  
*with Special Guest Artists*

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
7.30pm at Newcastle**

Sponsored by  
Hanley Car Boot & Sunday Market

**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
STAFFORD AVE. ST5 3BN  
Tel: 629944 (Robert) or 617216 (John)

**£6** includes  
mince pies



**An evening with  
Adrian & Bridget Plass**

**Story telling and laughter  
from these well loved  
Christian authors**

**Keele University Chapel**  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm  
Adults: £5 Students: £2

Tickets are available on the door  
and can be reserved via email  
chaplaincy@keele.ac.uk

### Regular Weekly Events Around the Circuit

#### Monday

- 10.00 am - 11.00 am - Coffee & Chat - Silverdale
- 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm - "Young Ones Dance Centre" - various dance classes - Cross Heath contact Beth 07740 548081
- 5.45 pm - 6.45 pm - Piyo (yoga & pilates to music) - Audley
- 6.00 pm - 7.15 pm - Monday Club - (5-11 years) - Halmer End (Term Time)
- 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm - Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association - Higherland (Term time)
- 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm - Prayer & Praise (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in the Month) - Silverdale
- 7.15 pm - Daleian Singers Rehearsals - St Peter's
- 7.30 pm - Wesley Guild - All Welcome - Wolstanton Methodist Church (October - March)

#### Tuesday

- 9.30 am - 11.30 am - Parent, Carers & Toddlers (up to school age) - Wolstanton (Term Time)
- 9.30 am - 11.30 am - Parent And Toddler Club - Higherland (Term Time)
- 10.30 am - 12.00 noon - Coffee Morning - Audley
- 11.30 am - 12.00 noon - Holy Communion (Monthly) - Audley
- 11.30 am - 1.00 pm - Hot Lunches - Higherland - (Term Time)
- 12.00 pm - 1.30 pm - Soup Lunch - Cross Heath (First Tuesday in the Month)
- 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm - The Crafty Stitchers (Cross Heath) (Fortnightly, Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> March)
- 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm - Various Children's Dance Classes (Musical Theatre, Contemporary, Street Dance) - contact Audley
- 4.30 pm - 8.00 pm - "Young Ones Dance Centre" - various dance classes - Cross Heath contact Beth 07740 548081
- 5.45 pm - 6.45 pm - Zumba Fitness - St Luke's
- 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm - Rainbows - Wolstanton (Term Time)
- 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm - Zumba Gold (for any age) - St Luke's
- 7.30 pm - Cameo Ladies Group (fortnightly) - Audley
- 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm - Poolside Puppets - Madeley (alternate weeks. Contact - email: poolsidepuppets@outlook.com)

**Regular Weekly Events Around the Circuit****Wednesday**

- 9.00 am - 10.00 am - Chill & Chat - (parents of 0-11 year olds) - Silverdale Methodist Church (Term Time)  
 9.30 am - 11.30 am - Stay & Play (under 5's with parent/carer) - Halmer End (Term Time)  
 10.15 am - 11.30 am - Coffee Shop - Wolstanton  
 9.30 am - 12.00 noon - Knit and Natter - Audley (1st Wednesday of the month)  
 10.00 am - 1.00 pm - Sewing Class - Audley  
 2.00 - 4.00 pm - Over 60s 'Youth Club' - Halmer End (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month)  
 2.30 pm - Wednesday Fellowship - Wolstanton (Weekly February to July)  
 4.45 pm - 8.00 pm - "Young Ones Dance Centre" - various dance classes - Cross Heath contact Beth 07740 548081  
 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm - Thank Jesus It's Wednesday (Youth Club for Primary School Children) - Silverdale (Term Time)  
 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm - Brownies (7-11 years) - Wolstanton (Term Time)  
 6.15 pm - 7.15 pm - Anchor Section - Boys and Girls (5-8 years) - Bradwell  
 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm - Junior Section - Boys and Girls (8-11 years) - Bradwell  
 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Company Section - Boys and Girls (11-15 years) - Bradwell  
 7.00 pm - Ladies Fellowship - Silverdale Methodist Church (March - end of October)  
 7.30 pm - Badminton - Audley (Waiting List)  
 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm - Unity Choir (Mixed Voices) - Halmer End - new members welcome. Contact Margaret Nicol - 01782 722551

**Thursday**

- 9.30 am - 11.30 am - Parent, Carers & Toddlers (up to school age) - Wolstanton (Term Time)  
 10.00 am - 1.00 pm - Sewing Class - Audley  
 10.00 am - 11.30 am - Parents/Carers and Toddlers - St Peter's, Westlands (Term Time)  
 10.30 am - 12.30 pm - Activities Club for Adults - St Luke's (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month). Activities include pool, table tennis, bowls, board games and others. Contact Philip Hodges - 01782634766/07747 453708.  
 11.30 am - 1.00 pm - Hot Lunches - Higherland (Term Time)  
 2.00 - 3.00 pm - Zumba Gold (for any age) - St Luke's  
 4.30 - 6.30 pm - Shine Performing Arts (various classes for ages 3 to 12) - St Luke's  
 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm - Brownies - Halmer End (Term Time)  
 7.30 pm - Daleian Ladies Choir - Silverdale - new members welcome. Contact 01782 722826 or 01782 634850  
 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm - Audley Male Voice Choir Rehearsal - Audley - new members welcome to rehearsal.  
 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm - Craft Group - Halmer End  
 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm - Higherland Worship Group Practice - new members welcome. Contact Kevin Lovatt - 01782 634181  
 7.15 pm - 8.45 pm - Ladies Small Choir led by Dorothy Peake - new members welcome. Contact Lorraine - 01782 614436

**Friday**

- 9.15 am - 10.15 am - Piyo (yoga & pilates to music) - Audley  
 9.30 am - 11.30 am - Parent, Carers & Babies (0-18mths) - Wolstanton (Term Time)  
 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm - Indoor Bowls - including tea/coffee & biscuits - Audley (October to April)  
 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm - "Young Ones Dance Centre" - various dance classes - Cross Heath contact Beth 07740 548081  
 6.15 pm - 7.30 pm - Brownies - St Peter's, Westlands  
 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm - Rainbows - St Peter's, Westlands  
 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm - Guides - St Peter's, Westlands  
 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm - Rangers - St Peter's, Westlands  
 7.30 pm - Newcastle Male Voice Choir - Newcastle - new members are always welcome. Contact Geoff Howle - 01270 820388

**Saturday**

- 9.30 am - 1.15 pm - "Young Ones Dance Centre" - various dance classes - Cross Heath contact Beth 07740 548081  
 9.30 am - 12.00 noon - Coffee Morning - Newcastle  
 10.00 am - 12.00 noon - Coffee Morning - Bethel Centre (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in the month)  
 11.00 am - 1.00 pm - Messy Church - Silverdale (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the month)