

Newsletter

May 2022

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.

I write this message the week after Easter Sunday. This is my favourite time of year, when our minds are focused on new life and Jesus rising from the dead.

I am an avid fan of many Yorkshire farm programmes. 'This week on the farm', 'Springtime on the Farm', 'The Yorkshire Vet' etc. It brings me joy to see the energy and life of the lambs and kids after just a few hours and the cute little baby pigs. It is a reminder of our amazing creator God, who conquered death and received new life.

I wonder as we are slowly released from lockdown and set free into the world again, are you experiencing a sense of new life? I am, there's the excitement of finally being ordained, being able to get out in the garden, meet people again and being back in Church worshipping God.

In John 20:19-31, we see through the experiences of the disciples. So often we need to have proof before we will believe that something is true. We find Thomas needing proof, before he will believe that Jesus is risen. The proof he wants is to see the marks from the nails in Jesus' hands and to physically put his hand in Jesus' side. When he had witnessed both of these signs he was able to say "My Lord & My God".

However, we are unable to see Jesus, to touch him. All we have to go on is what the witnesses of the resurrection tell us in the Bible and what we have experienced of Jesus and are able to share as witnesses in our faith story (testimony). This is where our faith and trust come in as we say the words of the creed and live out our lives as followers of Jesus.

Three times in this passage Jesus says, 'Peace be with you'. Firstly, when Jesus stood among them in the locked room and the disciples were frightened. Secondly, when the disciples realised it was really Jesus and were excited. Thirdly, the second time the disciples were in the locked room, this time with Thomas.

Jesus brought peace to his frightened disciples.
Jesus brought peace to the unbelieving Thomas.
Jesus comes today, to bring us peace.
We go into the world, taking with us peace and spreading the light of Christ.

Every Blessing

Rev'd Joy

North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

Preaching Plan

May 2022

					May				
					1	8	15	22	29
					3rd Sunday of Easter	4th Sunday of Easter	5th Sunday of Easter	Aldersgate Sunday	7th Sunday of Easter
Lectionary Year (C) (Principal Service)					Acts 9:1-6(7-20) Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10,22-22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14,16-17 20-21 John 17:20-26
Please Pray For:					Silverdale	Wolstanton	Audley	Baldwins Gate	Bradwell
Baldwins Gate (10)	LS	9.30 6.00	StF MWB	GNB	Barnett	US @ Madeley	Dyble T	Singleton HC	LA
Wolstanton (99)	LS	10.30 6.00	StF MWB		Singleton	Singleton HC GCM	Davies T	Barnett	LA
Cross Heath (22)	CL	8.00 11.00 6.00	StF MSB	NIV	Barnett	LA CA	Ventom HC	Davies T	Singleton
Higherland (45)	CL	10.00 6.00	StF	MM	Strachan HC	Rowley	Singleton CA & Gift Day	Mitchell	LA
Madeley (19)	CL	10.30 6.00	StF MSB	SoF 1234	Ventom HC	N Jones US	Barnett	Perry	LA
Silverdale (55)	CL	11.00 6.00	StF	MM	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Strachan HC	Emmaus	Heap (Service via Zoom)
Audley (40)	JV	10.30 3.00	StF MWB	SoF 1&2	X Singleton	Ventom HC US X	X Ventom	LA X	X M Ventom
Bradwell (45)	JV	10.00 6.00	StF MWB	SoF 1&2 NIV H&P	N Jones	Davies T	LA	Ventom HC	Matthews
Halmer End (23)	JV	10.00 6.00	H&P MWB	SoF 1&2 GNB	Davies T	US @ Audley	LA	N Jones	Orrell
St Luke's	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 123	R Jones	Pritchard	Orrell	LA	Ventom HC

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
 The Bethel Centre Silverdale 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 the Parkhouse estate 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 Michael Heap for details: -

01782 639882 or email him on accounts@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk.

If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please visit the website or contact Michael Heap for details.

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

Small Jars of Coffee

Sponge Puddings

Custard – Tinned/Packet

Shampoo

Shaving Gel & Razors

Long Life Juice

Tinned Rice Pudding

Washing Powder/Tablets/Gel

Deodorants – Gents & Ladies



Do you want to help us to change lives?

Newcastle-Staffs Foodbank, as part of the Trussell Trust network, is passionate about helping people in crisis. **Are you?**

We are looking for a part-time dedicated Warehouse Coordinator who has the enthusiasm, drive and determination to help us to make a difference for our local community. The Warehouse Coordinator will oversee the operation of our central warehouse, ensuring that stock levels are managed well and liaising with volunteers, donors and our foodbank centres. The ideal candidate will have previous knowledge of Foodbanks and experience within the voluntary sector, although this is not essential. They will however need to share our vision and desire to tackle poverty. The successful candidate will have an eye for detail, and an ability to work independently whilst still being a good team player.

The role initially is for a fixed term contract of 1 year (with a view to this being extended) and has an hourly rate of £12 per hour for 11 hours per week.

For further information and to receive a copy of the job description, please contact us on info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk. The full job description can also be found on our website www.newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk

If you would like to be considered for the role, please email your letter of application along with a current CV to Jane Baker at projectlead@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk, along with the names and contact details for two referees, one of which must be your current employer (if applicable).

Closing date for applications is **Monday 9th May 2022**, with interviews taking place during week commencing 23rd May 2022.

Baldwins Gate Methodist Church

Coffee Fellowship

(including a quiz)

Tuesday, 3rd May at 10.30 am

All are very welcome



Coffee Morning & Plant Fair

with a selection of seasonal plants, strawberries, herbs, vegetables & hardy perennials and a Cake Stall

Saturday 7th May

10.00 am until 12 noon

Proceeds for Halmer End Methodist Church

www.halmerendmethodists.org.uk and Facebook



May Concert

Performances by High Scorers
and
Festival winners

St. Lukes Methodist Church
Seven Drive
Clayton
ST5 4BH
Sat. 7th May 2022
7.00pm

Tickets £7.50 Adults
16 years and under and performers free admittance
Refreshments on sale.
Tickets available from:
A Major Music-Trentham Shopping Village
and Entries Coordinator: Karen Shutt 07434158571



Madeley Methodist Church

(CW3 9DX)

Spring Fayre

Saturday 21 May

10.30am to 12pm

Cakes, Tombola, Raffle,
Plants, Crafts

Admission, includes refreshments £2



Everyone Welcome!

Proceeds for Church funds

Higherland Methodist Coffee Bar

Everyone Welcome to
GET TOGETHER
Monday 23rd May 2pm
Tea, coffee and cakes.

Join in the natter, games, craft & fellowship.

If you fancy an afternoon chat or doing a puzzle, maybe knit & natter, or just drink a cuppa and have a nice cake, come along to the 'Get Together' at Higherland Methodist Coffee Bar. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Jubilee Family Fun Event



at

Audley Methodist Church

Tuesday 31st May
10:30am to 12:30pm

FREE event

Aimed at children under 11

Children must be accompanied by an adult

refreshments
available



free
parking
available



QUEEN'S CELEBRATION CIRCUIT AFTERNOON TEA

Tickets are now available for the Circuit afternoon tea celebration of the Queen's platinum anniversary from your MWiB rep - £8.00 for adults, £6.00 for children 6-12 yrs, 5 yrs and under free

To be held at Wolstanton Methodist Church on Saturday, 4th June, 2.30 pm start with a celebration service led by Rev'd Liz Singleton at 4.30 pm.

All dietary needs catered for – please let your MWiB rep know. Bring family and friends, all welcome. It promises to be an afternoon to remember and one where each church will be presented with a tree from the Circuit to commemorate the occasion.

All money raised will go to AGLIT+ (Adolescent Girls Literacy Plus) based in Malawi, which is our District President's project for this year.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Karen Barnett (Circuit President MWiB)

Higherland Methodist Church
Presents...
Fustian
& Special Guests
Musical Misfits
Songs From Stage & Screen
6pm Saturday 30th July
Tickets £5 each incl. light refreshments
To book your seat call Steph on 01782 634181

Come and sing-along to songs from 'Stage & Screen' with Fustian and special guest choir 'Musical Misfits'. Free tea, coffee and cakes will be served in the interval and a full song lyrics program is also included in your £5 ticket price. There will be a raffle with many good prizes to be won. The performance will start at 6pm in the Higherland Church top hall with free parking and easy access at the rear of the church via Priory Road entrance. All proceeds are for church funds and book your tickets early as numbers may be restricted - Call Steph on 01782-634181.

Bringing
people
Together

TRANSFORMING
COMMUNITIES
TOGETHER



OPEN FELLOWSHIP

at SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

Why not join us for a time of fun & friendship?

2nd & 4th Monday's of the month

@ 2pm, from April to August

**We have a different speaker
every time, and finish our time
together with refreshments & chat!**



EVERYONE is welcome to join us, at any time of the year
– and there is no obligation to attend,
you can come as many times or as little as you want to!



Speakers for each time are listed on the "CALENDAR" page of our website,
www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk, if you want to check in-advance!

Earl Street (behind the Chip Shop!), Silverdale, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 6NF

Silver Service

..on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of every month..

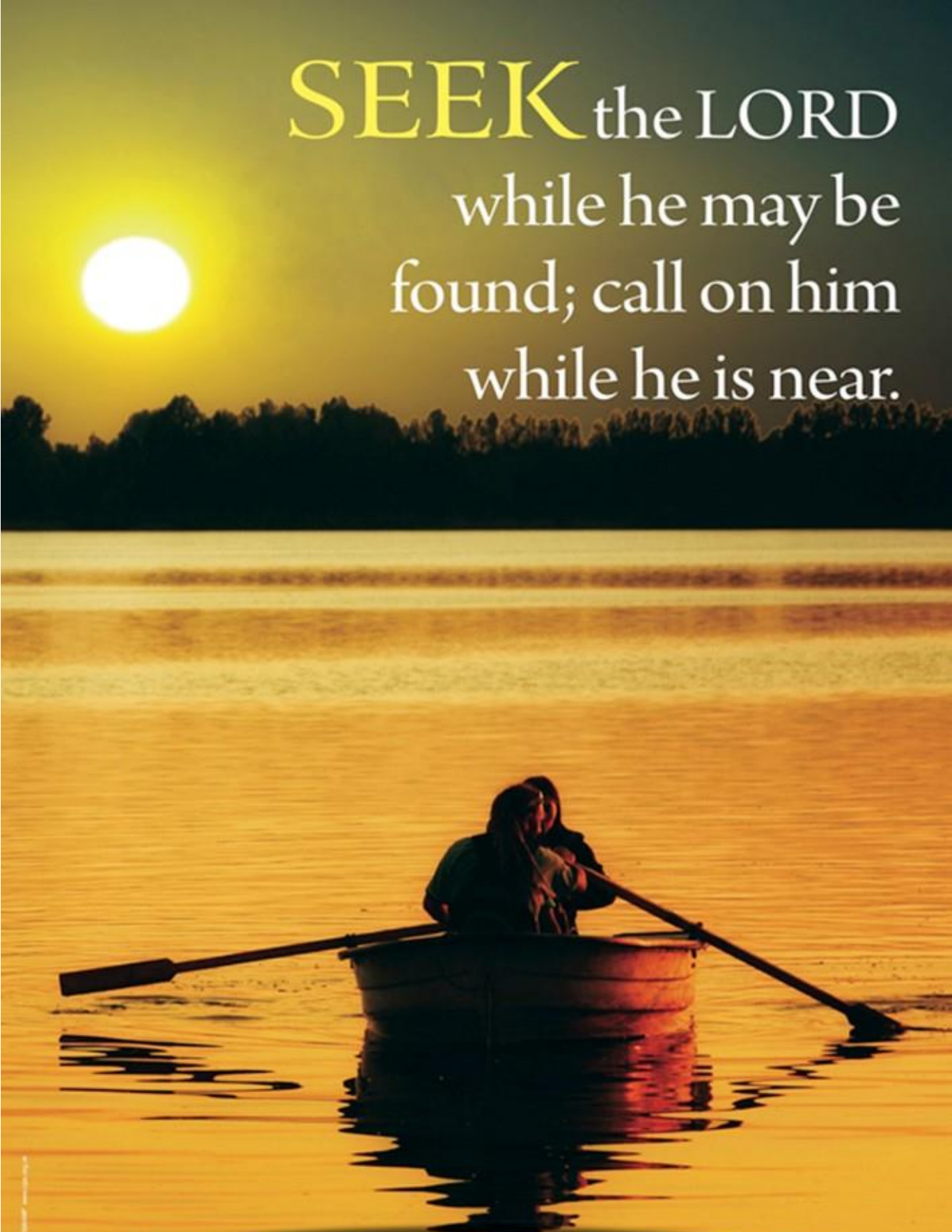
..beginning at 11:30am..

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

A serene sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the upper left, casting a golden light across the sky and water. The water is calm, reflecting the sun and the sky. In the distance, a dark silhouette of a forest line is visible. In the foreground, a person is sitting in a small, round boat, holding a long oar. The person is silhouetted against the bright water. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

SEEK the LORD
while he may be
found; call on him
while he is near.

ISAIAH 55:6