

# Newsletter

August 2022

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Welcome to August's circuit news, the year is flying by. I read an email recently from the North East Learning Network, which said if you put a picture of a puppy on the front cover of a newsletter people are more likely to read it.

So here is a picture of my puppy Rosie, during the 6 months I've had her she has taught me many things but especially about unconditional love. Whatever happens in a day you can guarantee Rosie will always be pleased to see me when I open a door, always there to give love and affection when I feel unwell.



These experiences have made me think deeper about God's unconditional love. He is always there, always with us, will never leave us.

This poem was given to me by one of our Local Preachers:

### **The Little Black Dog**

I wonder if Jesus had a little black dog,  
All curly and woolly like mine,  
Two long silky ears and a nose round and wet,  
Two eyes brown and tender that shine.

I think that he hadn't because I have read,  
How he prayed in the garden alone,  
For all of his disciples forsook Him and fled,  
Even Peter the one called a "stone".

And I am sure, that the little black dog  
With a heart so tender and warm,  
Would never have left him to suffer alone,  
But creeping right under his arms,  
Would have licked the dear fingers in agony clasped.

And counting all favours but loss,  
When they took him away  
Would have trotted behind,  
And followed him right to the Cross.

Every Blessing

Rev Joy

# North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

## Preaching Plan

### August 2022

					August			
					7	14	21	28
					Ordinary 19	Ordinary 20	Ordinary 21	Ordinary 22
<b>Lectionary Year (C)</b> (Principal Service)					Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14
Please Pray For:					Bradwell	Cross Heath	Halmer End	Higherland
<b>Baldwins Gate</b> (10)	LS	9.30 6.30	<b>StF</b> MWB	GNB	Strachan	Benson	X	Singleton HC US
<b>Wolstanton</b> (100)	LS	10.30 6.30	<b>StF</b> MWB		Mitchell	LA	Singleton HC	Matthews
<b>Cross Heath</b> (25)	CL	11.00 6.30	<b>StF</b> MSB	NIV	Harrison T	Benson	LA	Legge
<b>Higherland</b> (44)	CL	10.00 6.30	<b>StF</b>	MM	Legge B HC	LA	Chadwick	Benson
<b>Madeley</b> (19)	CL	10.30 6.30	<b>StF</b> MSB	SoF 1234	Benson	White	E Perry HC	US @ BG
<b>Silverdale</b> (51)	CL	11.00 6.30	<b>StF</b>	MM	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Legge HC	Emmaus
<b>Audley</b> (36)	JV	10.30 3.00 6.30	<b>StF</b> MWB	SoF 1&2	Ventom X	US @ Bradwell X	LA	X Singleton HC
<b>Bradwell</b> (44)	JV	10.00 6.30	<b>StF</b> MWB	SoF 1&2 NIV H&P	Rowley	Ventom US HC	R Jones	N Jones
<b>Halmer End</b> (23)	JV	10.00 3.00 6.30	H&P MWB	SoF 1&2 GNB	Davies T	US @ Bradwell	Ventom	Irvine
<b>St Luke's</b> (25)	JV	10.30 6.30	H&P MWB	SoF 123 GNB	Dyble T	Barnett	LA	Ventom HC

**Dear Friends,**

**It is with sadness that I share with you the news of the death of Rev'd Robert Fisher, former Superintendent Minister of the Newcastle (Staffs) Circuit.**

**Please hold his wife Kath and their family in your prayers.**

**Service details to follow.**

**May he rest in peace and rise in glory.**

**Liz Singleton**

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**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 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](mailto: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:-**

**Jam**

**Sugar**

**Shampoo**

**Hand Soap**

**Toilet Rolls**

**Biscuits**

**Shower Gel**

**Shaving Gel & Razors**

**Deodorants – Male & Female**

## Green Tips

Have you visited the new Green Grams shop in Newcastle, the zero waste grocery store and cafe? Situated on Merrial Street, just up from the old Circuit Office, open Tuesday to Friday 10.00 am – 5pm and Sat 9.30 am – 5.30 pm. It sells refillable cleaning fluids, laundry detergents, shampoo and conditioner, loose tea and coffee beans, eco-friendly cleaning goods, deodorant, toothpaste, soaps, soy candles, loose sweets and treats, organic porridge oats, cereal, dried fruits, organic grains, pulses, seeds and nuts, local Staffordshire honey, herbs and spices, locally grown sustainable flowers and more. Well worth a visit and take your bottles to fill up (although they do have some you can use).

Don't forget your bees through this hot weather. As well as lots of pollen they also need water. Take a very shallow container fill it with stones and water and leave it in a prominent place for your bees to use.

Your prayers for this coming month for some of the issues facing our world today.

We give thanks for the support of big businesses for keeping the UK's net zero target. Groups representing thousands of UK businesses have called on Conservative leadership candidates to uphold the commitment to reach net zero by 2050. God, thank you that support for this policy remains high in the population and in civil society. We pray that it would be upheld and met.

We give thanks for the return of 26 royal antiquities that were looted from Benin by French soldiers in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. These treasures are now on a 'royal tour' across the country. God, we commend the decision to return these stolen items of historic and cultural significance to Benin. We pray that others would follow.

We pray for public safety as Europe struggles with a heatwave of temperatures over 40C. The Met Office has issued a red extreme heat warning, and wildfires have raged in several countries. God, we pray that people would be safe in this weather. Shake us out of our complacent response to a warming planet.

We pray for the spread of new variants of COVID-19 to stop. 1 in 20 people in the UK currently has the virus, which is constantly evolving. God, help scientists working to understand the virus and those in charge of public health to take the right steps. Remind us to think of those who are still vulnerable as the virus spreads.

We pray for Mali, where the military junta recently suspended UN peacekeeping operations. The junta seized power in 2020, and is struggling to rein in an Islamist insurgency that has killed thousands and displaced millions across West Africa. God, we pray for peace and stable government in Mali. Help all partners work together effectively towards peace.

As Parliament breaks for the summer recess on Thursday, we pray for MPs, Lords and ministers. Parliament will return on 5 September, on which day the new Prime Minister will be announced. God, we pray that government would function well despite the recess and the leadership election. We pray for all parliamentarians, that this time would be spent fruitfully.

We pray for more action on plastic waste, as the Great Big Plastic Count found that UK households throw away nearly 100 billion pieces of plastic each year. Just 12% of single-use packaging used in homes is sent for recycling in the UK. God, we pray for urgent action to remove the amount of plastic pollution in our world.

Amen.

Baldwins Gate Methodist Church

## Coffee Fellowship

(a time for coffee and a chat amongst friends)

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August

at 10.30 am

All are very welcome



## Summer Family Fun Events

at

## Audley Methodist Church

Tuesday's

2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

August

10:30am to 12:30pm

FREE events

Aimed at children under 11

Children must be accompanied by an adult

refreshments  
available

free  
parking  
available

A detailed illustration of elderberry branches with green leaves, small white flowers, and clusters of dark blue berries. The illustration is framed by a green border.

WOLSTANTON METHODIST CHURCH  
Welcomes you to  
**'ELDERBERRYED'**  
A new group for all ages and various interests meeting on  
MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup>. AUGUST at 2.30p.m.  
*'Summer Afternoon Tea'* - £5  
please book with Di Bewley  
MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>. AUGUST at 2.30p.m.  
*'Flowers of the Bible'*  
With Revd. Liz Singleton  
followed by  
*Coffee, Cake & Chat*  
An opportunity to renew friendships  
and make new ones



Bank Holiday

Plant

Fair

To be held at  
Halmer End Methodist Church

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>  
& Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August

10am - 12pm

Proceeds to Halmer End Methodist Church

## SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

is a...



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



Places of Welcome is a network of safe places where people can **connect, belong** and **contribute**.



**come & join us**  
**FREE REFRESHMENTS**  
(drinks, cakes, etc.)



every **Wednesday & Friday**  
from **2:45pm to 3:45pm**

**NEAR NEIGHBOURS**  
BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

## Circuit Sponsored Walk in Bateswood Country Park Halmer End

David Rowley from Halmer End thanks all who took part in the Sponsored Walk on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July and those who helped in any way especially Church Senior Stewards and Michelle in the Circuit Office. The weather was good and the feedback suggested that those who walked enjoyed it. Some of the walkers did not know about the Minnie Pit Disaster or the Heritage Site and so it was good to enlighten them about it. It was suggested by some walkers that we make it an annual event and another suggested that we could do a Winter Walk. All ideas for future discussion.

# Silver Service

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

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday = Communion Service : 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk)

## SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

Bringing people Together **TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER**

# OPEN FELLOWSHIP

at **SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk), if you want to check in-advance!  
Earl Street (behind the Chip Shop!), Silverdale, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 6NF

YOU ARE MY REFUGE  
AND MY SHIELD;

I have put  
my **H** **O** **P** **E**  
in your  
word.



Psalm  
119:114