

## Newsletter February 2025

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A personal letter for us all ...

Dear You

As I got up this morning, I watched you and hoped you would talk to me, even if it was just a few words, asking my opinion or thanking me for something good that happened in your life yesterday – but I noticed you were too busy trying to find the right outfit to put on and wear to work.

Waited again. When you ran around the house getting ready I knew there would be a few minutes for you to stop and say hello, but you were too busy. At one point you had to wait fifteen minutes with nothing to do except sit in a chair. Then I saw you spring to your feet. I thought you wanted to talk to me but you ran to the phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip. I watched as you went to work and I waited patiently all day long. With all your activities I guess you were too busy to say anything to me.

I noticed that before lunch you looked around, maybe you felt embarrassed to talk to me, that is why you didn't bow your head. You glanced three or four tables over and you noticed some of your friends talking to me briefly before they ate, but you didn't. That's OK. There is still more time left, and I have hope that you will talk to me and yet you went and it seems as if you had lots of things to do.

After a few of them were done you turned on the TV. I don't know if you like TV or not, just about anything goes there and you spend a lot of time each day in front of it, not thinking about anything – just enjoying the programme.

I waited patiently again as you watched the TV and ate your meal but again you didn't talk to me. Bedtime I guess you felt too tired. After you said goodnight to your family you flopped into bed and fell asleep in no time. That's OK because you may not realise that I am always there for you. I've got patience more than you will ever know. I even want to teach you how to be patient with others as well. I love you so much that I will wait every day for a nod, prayer or thought or a thankful part of your heart.

It is hard to have a one-sided conversation. Well, you're getting up again and once again I will wait with nothing but love for you hoping that today you will give me some time. Have a nice day!

Your friend,

GOD xx

***'Prayer does not change God, but it changes those who pray.'* (Soren Kierkegaard)**

Do you find prayer frustrating or easy? Do you ever wonder if you're doing something wrong? How do we know if our prayers are being answered? These are just some of the questions we will be exploring as part of our Circuit Lent Course this year – **Sunshine and Showers: Prayer's Beautiful Messiness**. Details can be found later in this newsletter and will also be distributed to churches.

We are often encouraged to give up something for Lent. As we enter this special season in the life of the Church why not take up something instead – take up **PRAYER!**

God bless

Liz

# North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

## Preaching Plan – February 2025

					February			
					2	9	16	23
					4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Lectionary Year (C)</b>					Jeremiah 1:4-10	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Genesis 45:3-11, 15
<b>(Principal Service)</b>					Psalm 71:1-6	Psalm 138	Psalm 1	Psalm 137:1-11, 39-40
					1 Corinthians 13:1-13	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	1 Cor. 15:35-38,42-50
					Luke 4:21-30	Luke 5:1-11	Luke 6:17-26	Luke 6:27-38
Please Pray For:					Bradwell	Cross Heath	Halmer End	Higherland
<b>Cross Heath</b>	LS	11.00	<b>StF</b>	NIV	Barnett	Davies T	N Jones	Singleton HC
<b>(23)</b>			MSB					
<b>Silverdale</b>	LS	11.00	<b>StF</b>	MM	Café Church LA	Singleton HC	Chadwick	Andy Kind CA
<b>(43)</b>		5.00						Refuel LA
<b>Wolstanton</b>	LS	10.30	<b>StF</b>		Singleton	Rowley	Chambers HC	LA
<b>(88)</b>		6.30	MWB					
<b>Audley</b>	JV	10.30	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1&2	Parkes HC	X	LA	X
<b>(28)</b>		3.00	MWB	GNB	X	White	X	Harrison T
		6.30						
<b>Bradwell</b>	JV	10.00	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1&2	LA	Parkes HC	I Perry	Chadwick
<b>(33)</b>		6.30	MWB	NIV H&P				
<b>Halmer End</b>	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 1&2	Ventom	Wakelin HC	LA	Pritchard
<b>(23)</b>		3.00	MWB	GNB				
<b>Madeley</b>	JV	10.30	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1234	E Perry HC	Chadwick	Ventom CC	Ventom
<b>(23)</b>		3.00	MWB	NIV				Ventom B @ 12.00 noon
<b>St Luke's</b>	JV	10.30	H&P	GNB	N Jones	Harrison T	Irvine	Matthews
<b>(23)</b>		3.00	MWB					
<b>Higherland</b>	JP	10.00	<b>StF</b>	MM	Chadwick	Pritchard HC	Davies T	LA
<b>(36)</b>		6.00						Pritchard Café Church
<b>Printed Service for this week prepared by:</b>					Heap	Pritchard	Singleton	Ventom
<b>Baldwins Gate</b>					JP			
					Wednesday 19th February, 2.30 pm - Service - Mr Kevin Lovatt			

### Eco Tips

**Avoid Overconsumption ... buy only what you need and donate or recycle items you no longer use.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk) for details to donate food or money donations.

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

**Tinned Tomatoes**

**Tinned Cold Meat**

**Tinned Hot Meat**

**Sponge Pudding**

**Washing Up Liquid**

**Shampoo**

**Toilet Rolls**

**Shaving Gel**

# Circuit Lent Course 2025



A six-week course that encourages us to...  
*think about prayer in new and fresh ways*  
*recognise that prayer is always good,*  
*but not necessarily straightforward*  
*find different and creative ways to pray*  
*grow in confidence in our prayer lives*

There will be two opportunities every week to engage with each session.

Thursday evenings 6<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm  
at St Luke's Methodist Church

Friday afternoons 7<sup>th</sup> March – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2.00 pm  
at Wolstanton Methodist Church

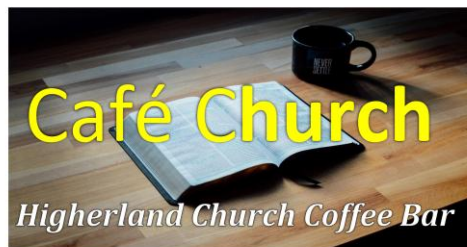
*Each attendee will be given a copy of the accompanying booklet*

## CONGRATULATIONS HALMER END

Huge congratulations to Halmer End church on achieving their Bronze Eco award. It stands in testament to the church's commitment to be custodians of our planet and to the commitment its members are making in their own lives to be mindful of the planet in their life choices.

Halmer End is the first church in our circuit to achieve and call itself a Bronze Eco Church. Well done one and all.

Rev Liz Singleton and the Circuit Leadership Team



Higherland Church Coffee Bar

*Friendly Chatter & discussion,*

*welcoming smiles & a good laugh,*

*Songs, poems, thoughts & Prayers*

*Drinks & biscuits.*

**Come along @ 6pm**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.**

## Godly Play

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

**SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH**  
NOTE... Venue Change  
St. Lukes Primary School, Pepper St, ST5 6QJ

PRESENTS A **COMEDY NIGHT** WITH **ANDY KIND**

**£5 ENTRY FEE**  
SCAN QR CODE for TICKETS



DOORS OPEN 6:30PM  
FREE PARKING  
small Booking Fee when buying off 'TicketSource'

or..  
> 07403534575  
> info@silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk

**SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY, 7pm**

Higherland Church Coffee Bar

**2pm-4pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb**



Everyone welcome to come and

**Join in the chatter**

*Free snacks, cakes & drinks.*

**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, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2025 –  
Mr Kevin Lovatt**

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025  
**Friday 7 March**  
A service for everyone!

**SPECIAL SHARED SERVICE**  
**7.30pm**  
**MADELEY METHODIST CHURCH**

**SLIDES STORIES REFRESHMENTS**  
**FREE BOOKLET SONGS**

SPEND AN EVENING IN THE SUNSHINE OF THE COOK ISLANDS  
AND SHARE THIS SERVICE WITH THOUSANDS OF OTHERS  
AROUND THE WORLD.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



# SPRING TABLE TOP

**AT AUDLEY  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 22ND MARCH 2025**  
**10:30AM TO 12:30PM**

**£12 per table**  
**to book - contact office**  
**01782 722755 or email**  
**audleymethodist@btconnect.com**

*refreshments  
available  
free parking*

Higherland Methodist Church

# SING-ALONG

With

# Fustian

&

# Musical Misfits



**6pm - Saturday 22nd March**

**Tickets £5 Each**

**Incl. light refreshments**

**Call Kev: 07988 532 738**

## 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.



# 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** 

**Elevenses**

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
- Art Talks
- Tea, Coffee & Biscuits
- Quiz
- 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.


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




 Christian Resources for Life  
@ Methodist Book Centre  
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Christian bookshop

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**Online**



[www.crfl.co.uk](http://www.crfl.co.uk)  
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01782 212146

LIFE IS NOT ABOUT  
WAITING FOR THE  
STORM TO PASS,  
IT IS ABOUT  
LEARNING  
TO DANCE IN  
THE RAIN. ANON

GOD IS OUR REFUGE  
AND STRENGTH  
(PSALM 46:1A)

