

## Newsletter June 2025

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Dear All,

I sit writing this in glorious sunshine, apparently, we've already had more 'full sun' than last summer I know many farmers have been longing for rain. I wonder how you notice or mark the changing seasons? Maybe there are key points in your year, personal anniversaries or birthdays, or something in the garden or park you wait to see in bloom, time certainly doesn't stand still! Thinking about the turning of time I wonder if anyone can place these lyrics?

*March went out like a lion, A-whippin' up the water in the bay.*

*Then April cried and stepped aside, and along come pretty little May!*

*May was full of promises, but she didn't keep 'em quick enough fer some,*

*And a crowd of Doubtin' Thomases was predictin' that the summer'd never come.*

Are you baffled or maybe you got it? It's strange what our memories can drag up, this song crept from the depths of my brain. It comes from the first big show I was in as a child, aged around nine, in it I played one of the 'snow children' - has that given anyone a clue? It's from the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical Carousel and the song is: '*June Is Bustin' Out All Over*'. It's a light, fun song amidst a rather tragic story, it is certainly not the most famous song from the musical that, thanks in part to football, goes to '*You'll never walk alone.*' It's a song that speaks of the turning of time and of life bursting out, it describes June as '*a love song, sweetly sung.*'

As this song came crashing into my memory the thing that struck me is that early in June the Church will mark Pentecost when the life of the Spirit comes bursting forth! Pentecost is that 'full of life' 'can't be contained' essence that this song conveyed to me. Pentecost is a marker in our church's year, it marks the outpouring of the Spirit which enables and equips the first followers of Jesus to live out their faith with great power, it's also sometimes called the birthday of the Church.

The Spirit continues to be at work today, sometimes with great power like the flames of Pentecost, sometimes like a gentle breeze or the breath we breathe. But the one thing the Spirit does is offers life and reminds us of God's presence. This June, be open to the bursting forth of life, to fresh opportunities and the surprises of God. And like that more famous song from the musical, be reminded that you never walk alone and that God is always with you.

Have a blessed and 'busting' June!

James

# North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

## Preaching Plan – June 2025

						June				
						1	8	15	22	29
						Easter 7	Pentecost MHA Sunday	Trinity Sunday (Father's Day)	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Conference Sunday)
<b>Lectionary Year (C)</b>						Acts 16:16-34	Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31	Isaiah 65:1-9	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
<b>(Principal Service)</b>						Psalm 97	Psalm 104:24-34,35b	Psalm 8	Psalm 22:19-28	Psalm 16
						Revelation 22:12-14,16-17 20-21	Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17(25-27)	Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	Galatians 5:1,13-25 Luke 9:51-62
Please Pray For:						Wolstanton	Audley	Baldwins Gate Community	Bradwell	Cross Heath
<b>Cross Heath</b>	LS	11.00	<b>StF</b>	NIV	LA	Parke HC	N Jones	Chadwick	Singleton	
<b>(23)</b>		3.00	MSB							
<b>Silverdale</b>	LS	11.00	<b>StF</b>	MM	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Singleton HC	Emmaus LA	LA	
<b>(40)</b>		5.00							Refuel LA	
<b>Wolstanton</b>	LS	10.30	<b>StF</b>		Singleton GCM	Singleton B	LA	Davies T	Barnett HC	
<b>(85)</b>		3.00	MWB							
<b>Audley</b>	JV	10.30	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1&2	X	Ventom	X	LA	X	
<b>(27)</b>		3.00	MWB	GNB	Singleton	X	Ventom HC	X	Ventom	
<b>Bradwell</b>	JV	10.00	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1&2	Chadwick	LA	Taylor CA	Ventom HC	R Jones	
<b>(33)</b>		3.00	MWB	NIV H&P						
<b>Halmer End</b>	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 1&2	Pritchard	X	Chadwick	N Jones	Ventom HC	
<b>(23)</b>		3.00	MWB	GNB	X	Parke Open Air	X	X	X	
<b>Madeley</b>	JV	10.30	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1234	Williams	Davies T	Parke B	LA	Pritchard HC	
<b>(23)</b>		3.00	MWB	NIV						
<b>St Luke's</b>	JV	10.30	H&P	GNB	Irvine	LA	Ventom HC	Harrison T	Matthews	
<b>(23)</b>		3.00	MWB							
<b>Higherland</b>	JP	10.00	<b>StF</b>	MM	LA	R Jones	Barnett	Pritchard HC	Wakelin	
<b>(36)</b>		6.00	MWB						Pritchard Café Church	
Printed Service for this week prepared by:						Pritchard	Heap	Singleton	Heap	Pritchard
Baldwins Gate						JP	No service this month			

### Eco Tips

#### **30 Days Wild**

**The whole month of June is '30 Days Wild'. 30 Days Wild was created by The Wildlife Trusts to help everyone be more connected with nature by doing something 'wild' every day. When you sign up you're sent a digital pack with ideas for you and your family.**

[30 Days Wild | The Wildlife Trusts](https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30-days-wild)

**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 Spaghetti**

**Sponge Puddings**

**Milk**

**Rice**

**Fruit Juice**

**Noodles**

**Washing Pods**

**Deodorant – male and female**

**Pasta Sauce**

### Godly Play as Bible Study

Story is one of the most ancient forms of knowing. It is the way our Christian heritage has been passed down to us. And story forms the foundation of Godly Play. It invites you to sit as part of a circle and listen as the stories of the Bible are told through word and action. It allows you to immerse yourself in the stories as an act of meditation and prayer and ultimately to encounter God. As the stories are told you sit and listen and at the end of the storytelling you are invited to consider a number of 'I wonder questions'. Questions posed by the storyteller that ask you to reflect on what you have heard. Questions like:

I wonder what part of the story was most important to you?

Or

I wonder where you are in the story?

Or

I wonder if there is a part of the story we can leave out and still have all the story we need?

There are no right or wrong answers to any of the questions, they are a means by which you are invited to wonder deeply about the story and what it says to you. Then when the story is put away there is time to respond to all that you have heard and wondered about. It may be that you want to re-read the story again for yourself, paint, draw, model or write a response - the choice is entirely yours.

At the end of the response time we gather back together for refreshments before drawing our time together to an end.

If this is something you think you might like to try then our next Godly play session will take place on **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 6.30 pm** at **Wolstanton Methodist Church**. Come and see, wonder, and reflect deeply about stories you thought you knew.

Karen Barnett

## *A Celebration of Pentecost (birthday of the Christian Church)*

*Presented by Members of  
Halmer End Methodist Church  
and friends with the  
Rev. Richard Parkes*

*On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
at 3.00 pm*

*In the Minnie Pit Memorial Garden  
Opposite to Halmer End Chapel  
Families welcome - with activities  
for children*

*Donations will be gratefully  
accepted for the work of MHA  
(Methodist Homes for the Aged)*



### WOLSTANTON METHODIST CHURCH

Invites you to

#### *'ELDERBERRIES'*

embracing all ages and various interests

MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup>. JUNE at 2.30p.m.

*'TAKING IT EASY BY NARROWBOAT'*

With Stuart Jackson

MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>. JUNE at 2.30p.m.

*'GEORGE! DON'T DO THAT!'*

Joyce Grenfell remembered

With Kathryn Ford

MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup>. JUNE at 2.30p.m.

*'THE GREENDOOR CHARITY'*

Activities for the disabled at Westport Lake

With Julian

*Chat & Refreshments*

## Bradwell Methodist Church

— 75th ANNIVERSARY —



Sat 14th June 10am-3.30pm  
Photo's & Archives on Display

Sunday  
10am

Anniversary  
Service led by Rev.  
John Taylor

We look forward to welcoming you!

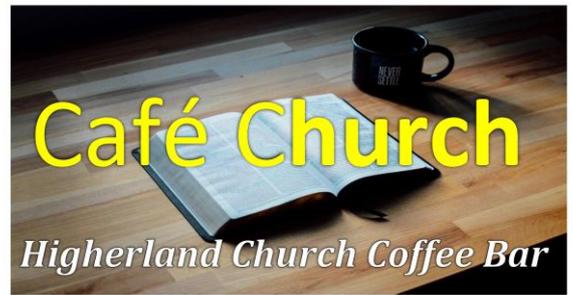
**Higherland Church Coffee Bar**  
**2pm-4pm Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**



Everyone welcome to come and

***Join in the chatter***

*Free snacks, cakes & drinks.*



## Café Church

*Higherland Church Coffee Bar*

*Friendly Chatter & discussion,  
Welcoming Smiles & a good laugh,  
Songs, poems, thoughts & Prayers  
Drinks & biscuits.*

***Come along @ 6pm***

***Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June***

## **AMERICAN MEAL AND QUIZ NIGHT**



***Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July***

*(American Independence Day)*

7:00pm

*Cross Heath Methodist Church*

**Come and enjoy hotdogs, burgers,  
doughnuts, Coca Cola and other  
Americian delights, followed by one of  
our famous quizzes**



Book your place: 01782 614436

£8 per person

## **Circuit Service**

Please come and join us for our ...

**Local Preachers' &  
Leaders of Worship  
Reaffirmation Service**

On Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
at 3.00 pm  
at Bradwell Methodist Church

**Fustian**  
&  
**Musical Misfits**  
**SING-ALONG**



Higherland Methodist Church

6pm - Saturday 12th July

Tickets £5 Each, Incl. light refreshments

Call Kev: 07988 532 738

**Baldwins Gate**  
**Methodist Community**  
(Baldwins Gate, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 5DA)

## Mid-Week Service

Please note that the next service will  
take place at 2.30 pm on  
Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July and will be a  
Service of Holy Communion with  
Rev'd James Pritchard.

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

  
**The Methodist Church**  
Chester & Stoke-on-Trent District

The Chester & Stoke-on-Trent District  
of the Methodist Church is seeking a

**Pioneer for "New Places for New People"**  
**Based at Temple Street Methodist Church, ST4 4NW**  
**18½ hours per week for £18,500**

Length of contract: 6 years

The Chester & Stoke-on-Trent District is seeking a Pioneer  
in the "New Places for New People" initiative to work alongside  
Temple Street Methodist Church in its formation of an  
emergent worshipping community.

We are looking for a Christian to journey alongside us and  
lead us into deeper relationships with those around us.

For an initial conversation about this post,  
please contact Revd Joe Adams [revd.adams.joe@icloud.com](mailto:revd.adams.joe@icloud.com)  
before 20 June 2025.

For more information and an application form please email  
[chester.stoke@btconnect.com](mailto:chester.stoke@btconnect.com)

Applications by Noon on Friday 20 June 2025  
Interviews Monday 14 July 2025  
Post to begin Monday 1 September 2025

  
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**Based at The Haven (Crewe)**  
**and The Dinner Hub (Alsager)**  
**18½ hours per week for £18,500**

Length of contract: 6 years

The Chester & Stoke-on-Trent District of the Methodist Church is  
seeking a Pioneer in the New Places for New People initiative to  
work in partnership with The Haven and Dinner Hub to nurture faith  
development and explore growing church communities.  
We are looking for a Christian pioneer to journey with us and lead  
us into deeper relationships with God and those around us.

For an initial conversation about this post,  
please contact Revd Rob Hilton before 20 June 2025.

For more information and an application form please email  
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*Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.*  
*Isaiah ch 64, v 8*

The Potteries Mission Circuit of the Methodist Church in Stoke-on-Trent is seeking to appoint three

## Lay Pastors

Half time (20 hours a week), £14,144 pa

Each Lay Pastor will provide pastoral ministry in two churches in the circuit, leading the congregations in discipleship and outreach, in partnership with the minister in pastoral charge

For an application pack please email:

[office@potteriesmission.co.uk](mailto:office@potteriesmission.co.uk) (away till 9th June)

[jenny.dyer@methodist.org.uk](mailto:jenny.dyer@methodist.org.uk) (before that)

Applications by noon on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, interviews 10<sup>th</sup> July

For an initial conversation please contact Revd Joe Adams on 07985 417000

## 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.



## Coffee Morning's at Audley Methodist Church

Refreshments, in a  
welcoming  
"WARM SPACE"  
await you

Join us  
every  
Tuesday  
10am to  
midday



## Coffee Morning

10.30am – 12.30pm

Every Wednesday at  
Wolstanton  
Methodist Church



**Madeley Methodist Church**  
invites you to join us at our



**Warm Space**  
**Elevenses**



On Wednesdays at 11am



**Everyone Welcome**



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**MAGIC MOMENTS**  
St. Luke's Methodist Church  
Severn Drive  
Clayton ST5 4BH

**FREE ENTRY**

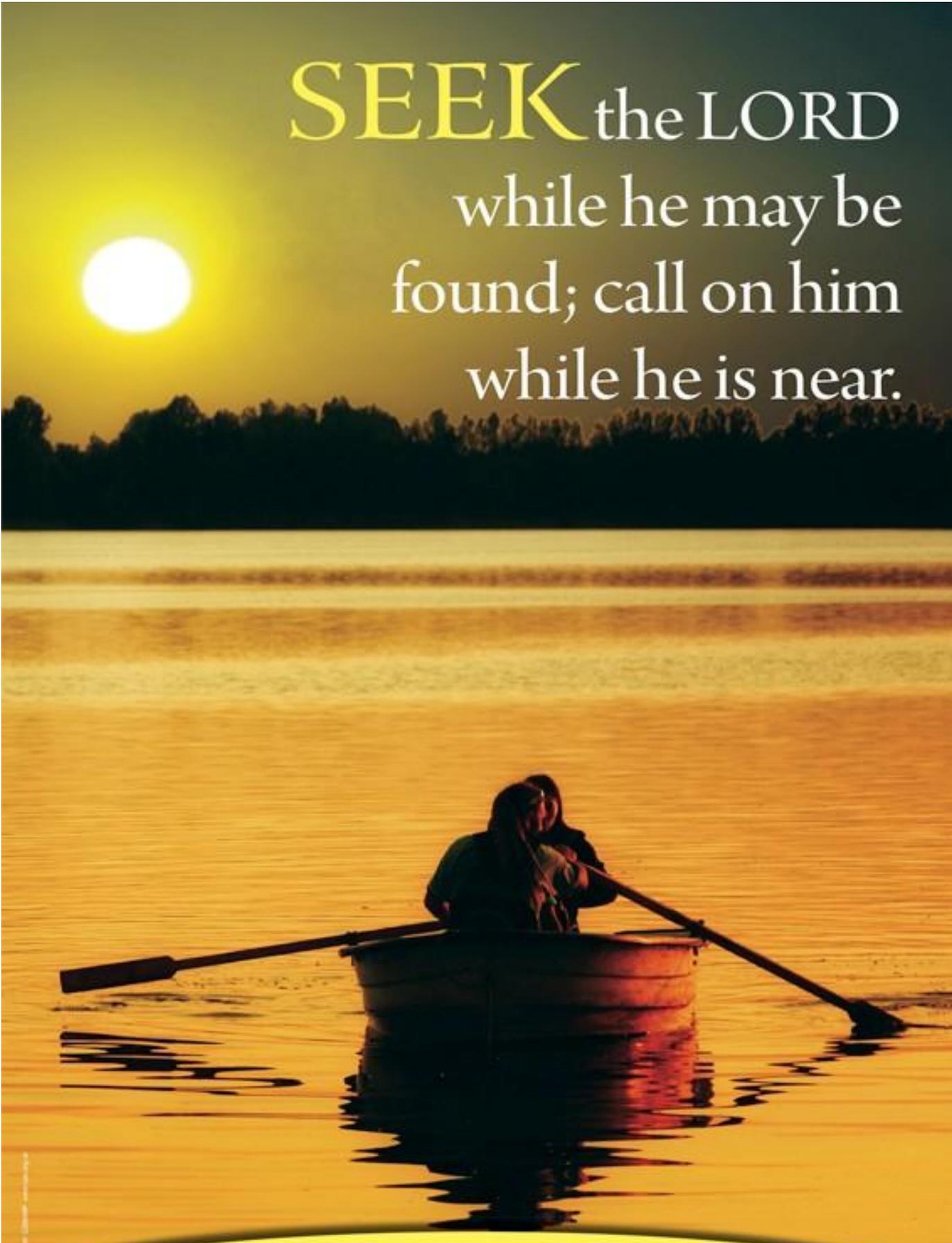
MAGIC MOMENTS

- Crafts
- Activities
- Games
- Tea, Coffee & Biscuits
- Bingo
- Quiz
- Stories

10.00am - 12.00 noon, last Thursday of every month.

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.

A person is rowing a small boat on a calm lake during sunset. The sun is a bright yellow circle in the upper left, casting a golden glow over the water and the dark silhouette of a forest in the background. The person in the boat is also silhouetted against the bright water.

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

ISAIAH 55:6