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Dear Friends

A Very British Summer

*Excitement as someone is the first to see the sea
and dad grumpy cos there's nowhere near it
to park the overloaded car.
Feeling the softness of sand
under our feet and between our toes,
and its crunch in our sandwiches munched on the beach.
Sheltering from sudden summer rain
under the shade that we thought we'd brought
to protect us from the sun.
Enjoying an outdoor lunch,
but keeping a watchful eye
on the gull that wants to nick your chips.
Savouring an ice cream out on the seafront
with a mint choc chip, raspberry ripple
and a pesky wasp that wants to share the treat.
So here we are out together in God's good earth,
experiencing a very British summer.
It's character building and memory-making,
the source of many a story on a winter's night.*

That poem by Simon Taylor reminds me so much of summer holidays when I was growing up! I vividly remember that awful sensation of sand in my food; the 'whoosh' of the seagull's wings as it stole my ice-cream cornet; and the fear of the persistent wasp (once stung, twice terrified!). I also remember the excitement of the prospect of no school and having time to explore and to play and to share fun times with my family and friends. Happy days! But as the holidays began to draw to a close I recall there was a sense of nervousness and apprehension as returning to school meant change. A different teacher; a new timetable; two or three times it meant a new school; as I got older it meant preparation for exams; and I never found it easy. Change is never easy but when I look back I realise that through all those post summer holiday changes I developed as a person. My relationships with others were enhanced and the world became a more interesting, exciting and, yes, challenging place.

As we move towards a new Connexional year in September we too, as a Circuit, must face change. We will be entering the stationing process to seek a new superintendent for next year. We will be exploring new ways of being a Circuit to try to ease the administrative burden on our churches and release more time and energy for the work of God. We will be looking at how we can establish a closer relationship across our churches and so build a stronger network of support and encouragement throughout the Circuit. It is an exciting, albeit challenging, time for the Church as whole and of one thing I am sure – God still has work for us to do if we are willing.

God bless

Liz

North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

Preaching Plan – August 2025

					August				
					3	10	17	24	31
					18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectionary Year (C)					Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23	Genesis 15:1-6	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Proverbs 25:6-7 or Sirach 10:12-18
(Principal Service)					Psalms 49:1-12	Psalms 33:12-22	Psalms 82	Psalms 103:1-8	Psalms 112
					Colossians 3:1-11	Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Hebrews 12:18-29	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
					Luke 12:13-21	Luke 12:32-40	Luke 12:49-56	Luke 13:10-17	Luke 14:1, 7-14
Please Pray For:					Silverdale	Wolstanton	Audley	Baldwins Gate Community	Bradwell
Cross Heath	LS	11.00	StF	NIV	Singleton HC	Chambers	Rowley	LA	Matthews
(23)		3.00	MSB						
Silverdale	LS	11.00	StF	MM	YouTube Davies	Chadwick	Singleton HC	YouTube Davies	Refuel LA
(40)		5.00							
Wolstanton	LS	10.30	StF		Strachan	Singleton HC	N Jones	LA	Davies T
(85)		3.00	MWB						
Audley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1&2	LA	X	Ventom HC	X	US @Madeley
(27)		3.00	MWB	GNB	X	Strachan	X	Singleton	X
Bradwell	JV	10.00	StF	SoF 1&2	Barnett	Davies T	Harrison T	Ventom	E Perry HC
(33)		3.00	MWB	NIV H&P					
Halmer End	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 1&2	Ventom	Strachan HC	I Perry	LA	US @Madeley
(23)		3.00	MWB	GNB	X	X	X	X	X
Madeley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1234	LA	Ventom HC	Chadwick	Singleton	Ventom US
(23)		3.00	MWB	NIV					
St Luke's	JV	10.30	H&P	GNB	LA	Pritchard	Wakelin HC	N Jones	Singleton
(23)		3.00	MWB						
Higherland	JP	10.00	StF	MM	Chadwick	N Jones	Pritchard HC	LA	Harrison T
(36)		6.00	MWB						Singleton Café Church
Printed Service for this week prepared by:					Heap	Pritchard	Ventom	Singleton	Heap
Baldwins Gate	JP								

Eco Tips

Conserve Water: Water use tends to climb as temperatures rise. Reduce your water consumption by taking shorter showers, shutting off the water while you brush your teeth, and watering plants with a watering can rather than a hose. Gather rainfall and use it to hydrate your plants.

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.

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 for details to donate food or money donations.

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

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Fruit

Biscuits

Long Life Milk

Teabags

Long Life Fruit Juice

Chocolate

Toiletries



Higherland Church Coffee Bar
2pm-4pm Monday 18th Aug



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

Please note that the next service will
take place at 2.30 pm on
Wednesday, 22nd October
and will be a Service of Holy
Communion with Rev'd James
Pritchard.

Please come and join us.
All are very welcome.



Higherland Church Coffee Bar

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

Come along @ 6pm

Sunday 31st Aug

C3A
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ACTIVITIES
FOR OVER-50'S**

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY
9:45AM — 16:00PM
THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL,
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DURING THESE ABOVE TIMES

CHARITY COMMISSION REF: 1039363

PHONE US ON 07719458642

**YOU'LL MAKE FRIENDS
YOU'LL HAVE FUN
COME AND JOIN US!**

New Bible Study Group

First Wednesday of every
month starting 3rd September
2.30pm-4pm

Wolstanton Methodist Church

All welcome

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: Audley Methodist Church
Date: 16th September 2025
Time: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

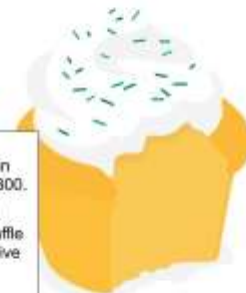
For the last two years the coffee morning team at Audley Methodist Church has hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning in September. This year we are doing it again. Our target is £300.

I ask for cake donations - homemade or bought, so that we can sell what we don't eat. If anyone has any items for a raffle prize I would be grateful. Our page for online donations is live now and can be accessed at:

<https://cm25.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/CM25001368>

Any and all donations will be gratefully received.

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**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
Elevenes




On Wednesdays at 11am



PLEASE NOTE ... that during school holidays, Elevenes will meet at the cafe in the Madeley Centre not at the Church.


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**

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CHURCH
THURSDAY'S 10 - 12**



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Severn Drive
Clayton
ST5 4BH

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Activities

Games

Bingo

Quiz

Stories

Tea, Coffee
& Biscuits

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.

WE HAVE THIS
HOPE
AS AN ANCHOR
FOR THE SOUL,
FIRM & SECURE.



HEBREWS 6:19