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Dear Friends

Happy Connexional Year!

I wonder what has gone well for you and your Church in the past Connexional year? I hope you all have a list of successes, joys and celebrations. Sometimes we don't celebrate them and we should. We should also be people of gratitude and encouragement who say thank you more than we do.

I take this opportunity to tell you about the amazing development of a community garden at Bradwell. From the small beginnings of a book swap box, grew a monthly book swap coffee morning. This summer saw the beginning of a plant and seed swap, which as the season has gone on has developed into a produce swap. A patio area is now in place with planters and benches. The community have caught the vision, helping with watering plants, keeping the area tidy but most importantly using the area. I must thank Jacqueline and Mandy for walking alongside the community as the garden unfolds. We will be holding a garden celebration service on 7th September 2025.

I know who holds the future
And he guides me with his hands
With God things don't just happen
Everything by him is planned.
So as I face tomorrow
With its problems large and small
I'll trust the God of miracles
Give to him my all.

Let's make this our prayer as we go into a new church year, Jeremiah 29: 11-14 says ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² In those days when you pray, I will listen. ¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," says the Lord. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land."

Let's look for seeds of hope and celebrate them. Pray with God who already has the master plan and pray as individuals and groups to discover that plan one piece at a time. I hope God excites you and that excitement with motivate you to give him your all.

Every Blessing

Rev'd Joy

North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22) Preaching Plan – September 2025

					September					
					7	14	21	28		
					Ordinary 23	Ordinary 24	Ordinary 25	Ordinary 26		
						Education Sunday	Peace Sunday			
Lectionary Year (C)					Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Exodus 32:7-14	Amos 8:4-7	Amos 6:1a, 4-7		
(Principal Service)					Psalm 1	Psalm 51:1-10	Psalm 113	Psalm 146		
					Philemon 1-21	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Timothy 6:6-19		
					Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-31		
Please Pray For:					Cross Heath	Halmer End	Higherland	Madeley		
Cross Heath	LS	11.00	StF	NIV	Chadwick	LA	Chambers HC	Singleton HF		
(23)		3.00	MSB							
Silverdale	LS	11.00	StF	MM	Singleton "Celebration Sunday	Chadwick	Café Church LA	Emmaus LA		
(39)		5.00						Refuel LA		
Wolstanton	LS	10.30	StF		Barnett	Singleton HC	R Jones	LA		
(82)		3.00	MWB							
Audley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1&2	Х	LA	Х	N Jones		
(29)		3.00	MWB	GNB	Palmer CA HC	Х	Rutherford HF	X		
Bradwell	JV	10.00	StF	SoF 1&2	Ventom HC	LA	Ное	Pritchard HF		
(32)		3.00	MWB	NIV H&P						
Halmer End	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 1&2	N Jones	LA	Singleton HF	Ventom HC		
(22)		3.00	MWB	GNB						
Madeley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1234	LA	Ventom HC	Wakelin HF	Matthews		
(23)		3.00	MWB	NIV						
St Luke's	JV	10.30	H&P	GNB	LA	Barnett HC	Williams	Irvine		
(23)		3.00	MWB							
Higherland	JP	10.00	StF	MM	Pritchard HC	Strachan	LA HF	Chadwick		
(36)		6.00	MWB					Café Church Pritchard		
Printed Service for this week prepared by:					Pritchard	Ventom	Singleton	Неар		
Baldwins Gate	JP									

Eco Tips

<u>Secondhand September</u> ... a campaign started by Oxfam, Secondhand September is, as they put it themselves... "a campaign that promotes donating, reusing, rewearing and restyling your clothes during September – and beyond!" Buying secondhand is always a good idea. It's cheaper and it helps to reduce the amount of 'new' products being made if there is less demand for them. It helps to preserve and conserve our natural resources. You can find some amazing things in secondhand shops, just take your time and go on a treasure hunt!

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 <u>info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk</u> for details to donate food or money donations.

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

Tinned Fruit Potatoes – Tinned & Mash Biscuits
Pasta Sauce Teabags Chocolate

Toiletries Tinned Ham/Pork/Corned Beef







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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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.

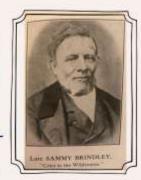
Please come and join us. All are very welcome.

Coffee Morning at Audley Methodist Church

commemorating 150th anniversary of the death of Samuel Brindley, Local Preacher

Saturday 25th October 10am to 12pm

with
Audley & District
Family
History Society

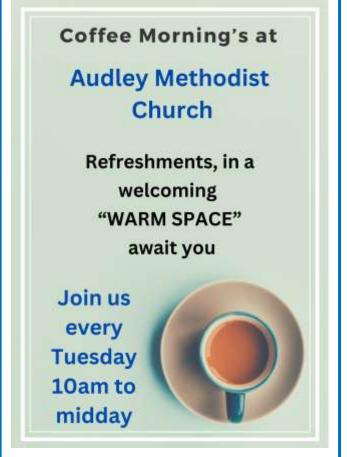


2025 edition of the Audley Historian will be on sale at the coffee morning and after the <u>Sunday Service</u>, 26th October, 10:30am, including an article about Sammy Brindley and family.

Book Swap at Bradwell Methodist Church

There is a new free book swap library outside Bradwell Methodist Church. Please take a look and if you have any unwanted books please pop them in.











PLEASE NOTE ... that the coffee mornings will resume back at the chapel from the first week of September.

