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Dear All

Showing God's Grace

Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:31-32, MSG

I had this verse in one of my morning readings in September of last year. I assumed at the time that it was telling me about the tendency we sometimes have to gossip about our fellow church attenders; especially those who are ill or not always at church services. It can sometimes be confused for the 'passing on of information' bundled up in our 'concern for others'.

Paul's message to the Church was illustrating that our churches should be communities that get rid of bitterness, anger and slander, but also a community that seeks to welcome all; ex offenders, those struggling with lifestyle issues, those struggling with identity, those who have made mistakes.

We need to strive to be a community of forgiveness; after all, we are a community in need of forgiveness and a place where forgiveness flows freely. We have been forgiven all our mistakes, all the wrong we have done or will ever do, with no payment or redress from ourselves; just by the grace of God.

I have heard it said many times by those who don't attend church that they often think that those who do are somehow 'better people' than they are. They see 'us' as a separate body of people that are 'good' and 'ok'. I think that we can ourselves be guilty of feeling that same thing even if we don't like to admit it. Churches are not meant to be places that house the perfect, walking around as Holy people glowing with light.

Churches are called to be hospitals where the wounded, hurt, injured and broken find healing; the hurt and desperate will not enter if they think they will be judged.

We hope that church welcomes everyone because it is kind, compassionate and gracious. Not just for those who are entering our churches for the first time, but also for those of us who are already installed.

Justine Eardley, Circuit Lay Pastoral Assistant

North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

Preaching Plan – May 2026

					May				
					3	10	17	24	31
					Easter 5	Easter 6 Christian Aid Week	Easter 7	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday
Lectionary Year (A) (Principal Service)					Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10,32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11 John 17:1-11	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 Psalm 104:24-34,35b 1 Cor. 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39	Genesis 1:1-2.4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20
Please Pray For:					Silverdale	Wolstanton	Audley	Bradwell	Cross Heath
Cross Heath (23)	LS	9.00 11.00 3.00	StF MWB	NIV	LA	Wakelin	Higherland LA Leaders	US Wolstanton	Singleton HC
Silverdale (38)	LS	11.00 3.00 5.00	StF	MM	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Singleton HC	Emmaus	Compassion' Celebration LA Refuel
Wolstanton (91)	LS	10.30 3.00	StF MWB		Singleton	Singleton HC US	LA	Singleton US	Barnett
Audley (26)	JV	10.30 3.00	StF MWB	SoF 1&2 GNB	X Singleton	LA X	X White	US HC Bradwell Ventom Wedding	Ventom Prayer Brunch X
Bradwell (30)	JV	10.00 3.00	StF MWB	SoF 1&2 NIV H&P	Chadwick	US @ Wolstanton	Harrison T	Ventom US HC	LA
Halmer End (19)	JV	10.30 3.00	H&P MWB	SoF 1&2 GNB	N Jones	Ventom HC	LA	US HC Bradwell	Matthews
Madeley (22)	JV	10.30 3.00	StF MWB	SoF 1234 NIV	R Jones	Rowley	Ventom	US HC Bradwell	LA
St Luke's (22)	JV	10.30 3.00	H&P MWB	GNB	LA	N Jones	Davies T	US HC Bradwell	LA
Higherland (36)	JP	10.00 3.00 6.00	StF MWB	MM	Irvine	Baker	Barnett HC	LA	Chadwick Café Church Singleton
Printed Service for this week prepared by:					Singleton	Ventom	Heap	Singleton	Ventom

Eco Tips

Support pollinators. Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But these precious pollinators are declining due to habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification. Wednesday 20 May is World Bee Day, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators. Read more about bees, butterflies and habitats that support them in our Target 25 resources at arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25. Sow a pollinator friendly seed mix, make or buy a bee hotel, let some wild flowers grow in your garden, and don't use pesticides. Pray that our pollinator populations will increase. For more about World Bee Day visit: awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/

A Rocha UK's East Eco Tips 2026 Calendar

Can you or your church give more to Foodbank?



I am aware demands on our goodwill giving becomes greater and greater as times are hard for all. However I am appealing for help once again.

Newcastle Foodbank has given **three days food supply** to **5820 adults** and **3088 children** in the **past twelve months**, which equates to **68,992 kilogrammes of food** providing **164,267 meals**.

At the moment we have 66 organisations on our system who refer clients to us, having determined them as someone in crisis. **No one is given food without that assessment.**

£40,000 was spent on buying food in the past twelve months to supplement your generous donations. **Sadly this is not sustainable long term, hence this appeal.**

Would you consider giving one item a week to help us to help those less fortunate than ourselves?

Or, if it is more convenient to you, can you help us financially on a regular or one-off basis?

We would love to hear from you if you want to know more.

I leave you with a few ideas as to what you may be able to contribute

Items we are short of include:

Bags for life

Pasta

Tinned fruit

Tinned rice pudding

Noodles

Tinned soup

Shaving foam/gel

Deodorant

I can guarantee your contribution will be used wisely and be much appreciated.

Take care and look after yourselves too. If you would prefer contact details for our warehouse team I can supply them.

Thank you

Marion Reddish (Foodbank Volunteer) 01782 613265
marionreddish@btinternet.com



WOLSTANTON METHODIST
CHURCH



PLANT SALE

CRAFT STALLS AND REFRESHMENTS

SATURDAY 23RD MAY
10AM-12.30PM



Stall Holders Wanted!

For our Plant sale and Craft stall on Saturday 23rd May
Wolstanton Methodist Church 10am-12.30pm - £12 a
table churchadmin@wolstantonmethodist.com

Higherland Church Coffee Bar
2pm-4pm on Monday 18th May



Everyone welcome to come and
Join in the chatter
Free snacks, cakes & drinks.



Upcoming retreat

'A DAY OF PERSONAL SPIRITUAL RENEWAL'

led by Rev Helen Kirk (Chair of District)

SATURDAY 30TH MAY
10AM - 3PM

A day of prayer, quiet time
and guided reflection,
including lunch and refreshments

Ashley Methodist Church
Westway Road, Ashley, TF9 4JT

£20
per
person

We have a small number of limited places available for the day if finances are a barrier, so if you would like to access one of these please mention on enquiry.



Enquiries / Bookings
retreats@ashleymethodist.co.uk

For more information
www.ashleymethodist.co.uk/retreats



Higherland Church Coffee Bar

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

Come along @ 6pm

Sunday 31st May

Audley Together

at Audley Methodist Church

Saturday 20th June
10:30am to 2pm

a Community Fundraising Event - further details to follow!!

Save the Date!



PUDDINGS AND PRAISE

WOLSTANTON 26TH JUNE 6.30PM

COME AND ENJOY TWO OF THE MOST FAVOURITE CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES - EATING PUDDINGS AND PRAISING GOD THROUGH SONG!

BRING FAMILY. BRING FRIENDS.

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO SUPPORTING DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES IN OUR AREA.

TICKETS £3.00 (£10 FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR) THROUGH WOLSTANTON OFFICE – TEL -01782 712768



The Methodist Church – Chester & Stoke-on-Trent District
Cheshire South Circuit (118)
www.cheshiresouth.org.uk



Nantwich Methodist Church is looking to recruit two experienced joint Team Leaders for Drop 'n' Shop our childcare facility which currently opens twice-monthly Saturdays 10am – 12 noon for primary school age children.

Drop 'n' Shop is an inclusive childcare provision therefore all candidates need to have understanding and experience of working with children, including children with SEND needs and a passion for inclusion.

Salary £16 per hour (£2,412.80 per year) fixed term of 12 months for 5.8 hours twice per month. (Contract initially for 26 weeks per year with the potential to rise to 39 weeks per year on project review.)

Minimum of 3.5 hours 9.00am – 12.30pm, which includes the Drop 'n' Shop sessions 10 – 12 noon twice per month Saturday mornings. Additional time which gives an average of 5.8 hours per-fortnight over the 12 months to cover all job role and responsibilities, including training, planning and administration is included in the yearly salary above. See job description and person specification for further details.

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 20 May 12 noon.
Interviews week beginning 1 June 2026, posts to start asap.

If you would like an informal chat about this role please contact Lorraine Evans 07749 765950 e-mail nuttyknittingnana1@gmail.com

Please request application packs and submit completed applications via 1108info.cheshiresouth@gmail.com

The Methodist Church is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its life and ministry. Safeguarding is about the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture.

Are you, or someone you know, looking for a group to join or an activity to take part in, there may be something happening at Wolstanton Methodist Church that will suit?



Every other Monday 2.30-4pm: Elderberries a church social group for older people normally with a speaker always with refreshments

1st Monday of the month 2-4pm: Trefoil Guild a social meeting for people connected with Girl Guiding

Monday 5.30pm- 8.30pm: [Workout with Mika](#) three different exercise classes from hula hoop fitness to boxing to rock music workoutwithmika@gmail.com

Monday 6.30-7.30pm Pilates with Nicola nicolajherd@hotmail.com

Tuesday 9.30am-10.30am Baby Signing and Tiny Talk for young babies under 1 year nicolaausterberry@tinytalk.co.uk

Tuesday 10am - 11am: [YogaJules.Stoke](#) yogajules.stoke@gmail.com

Tuesday 7.30pm-9pm: Church Music Group

1st Wednesday of the month Bible Study 2.30pm -4pm

Wednesday 10.30am-12.30pm: Community coffee morning - open to all

Wednesday 6-7.30: Brownies

Wednesday 7.30pm-9.30pm: [NULCO Newcastle under Lyme Community Orchestra](#) music rehearsals for shows and concerts secretary@nulco.co.uk

1st Wednesday of the month 7.30pm Sugar craft – fondant decorations for cake.

Thursday 10am -11am: [Tots of fun](#) music and play for little ones under 4 totoffunuk@gmail.com

Thursday 11.45am-12.45am Tots of Fun new mums social with coffee and cake for young babies and new mums totoffunuk@gmail.com

Thursday 7.30pm-9.30pm Jazz Orchestra / Flute ensemble alternative weeks

Thursday 6pm 7 6.45pm: Dog obedience classes darwins-dog-grooming.square.site

Friday 9.30am-11.30am Tots of Fun Playgroup totoffunuk@gmail.com

Saturday 9am-10.15am: Spanish lessons for children delia.alvarez@kidslingo.co.uk

**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.



**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



Activities

Everyone Welcome


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
 Support your local, independent
 Christian bookshop



In Store



Online

www.crfl.co.uk
 Gitana Street, Hanley, ST1 1DY
 01782 212146

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

FREE ENTRY

- MAGIC MOMENTS
- Crafts
- Activities
- Quiz
- Bingo
- Games
- 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 Joannette Hodges
on 01782 634766 or look on our Facebook page.

TRUST in the LORD forever,
for the LORD, the LORD,
is the Rock eternal.

Isaiah 26:4

