

Newsletter June 2026

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Dear Friends,

Over these past weeks I've found myself returning again and again to the simple, astonishing truth at the heart of our faith: **grace comes first**. Before we have done anything to deserve it, before we have sorted ourselves out, before we have even found the words to pray, God's grace is already reaching toward us.

We often imagine grace as something delicate, almost fragile—like a soft word or a gentle touch. But the grace of God is far stronger than that. It is the steady, unshakeable love that holds us when life feels overwhelming. It is the quiet mercy that meets us in our mistakes. It is the patient kindness that refuses to give up on us, even when we have given up on ourselves.

Paul writes that “while we were still weak, Christ died for the ungodly.” Grace does not wait for us to be ready. It does not demand perfection. It simply arrives—unexpected, undeserved, and utterly transforming.

And yet many of us struggle to receive it. We carry guilt that clings to us like a shadow. We hold ourselves to impossible standards. We worry that if people really knew us—our doubts, our failures, our fears—they might turn away. But grace whispers a different story. Grace says: *You are loved. You are forgiven. You are welcomed home.*

This month, I invite you to notice the small places where grace is already at work in your life. A moment of kindness you didn't expect. A breath of peace in the middle of worry. A conversation that softened something inside you. A sense of being held when you cannot hold yourself.

These are not coincidences. They are signs of the God who delights in you.

And as grace flows into us, it also flows through us. We become people who forgive more easily, who listen more deeply, who choose compassion over judgement. Not because we are trying harder, but because grace has changed the way we see ourselves and others.

May you know, deep in your bones, that God's grace is enough for you—today, tomorrow, and every day that lies ahead. May it steady your steps, soften your heart, and renew your hope. And may you find yourself surprised by grace in the most ordinary moments of your week.

Every blessing,

Rev'd Joy

North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

Preaching Plan – June 2026

					June			
					7	14	21	28
					10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (MHA Sunday)	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Father's Day)	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Conference Sunday)
Lectionary Year (A)					Genesis 12:1-9	Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)	Genesis 21:8-21	Genesis 22:1-14
(Principal Service)					Psalms 33:1-12	Psalms 116:1-12, 12-19	Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17	Psalms 13
					Romans 4:13-25	Romans 5:1-8	Romans 6:1b-11	Romans 6:12-23
					Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)	Matthew 10:24-39	Matthew 10:40-42
Please Pray For:					Halmer End	Higherland	Madeley	St Luke's
Cross Heath	LS	11.00	StF	NIV	LA	R Jones	Singleton HC	Matthews
(23)		3.00	MWB					
Silverdale	LS	11.00	StF	MM	Café Church	Chadwick	YouTube	Singleton HC
(51)		3.00						
		5.00						Refuel
Wolstanton	LS	10.30	StF		Singleton/White	Davies T	Parkes HC	LA
(92)		3.00	MWB					
Audley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1&2	Chadwick	X	Ventom HC	X
(26)		3.00	MWB	GNB	X	Wakelin	X	Singleton
Bradwell	JV	10.00	StF	SoF 1&2	Ventom	Singleton CA HC	Barnett	Barnett
(30)		3.00	MWB	NIV H&P				
Halmer End	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 1&2	N Jones	Ventom US HC	LA	Harrison T
(19)		3.00	MWB	GNB				
Madeley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1234	Williams	US @ Halmer End	LA	Rowley
(23)		3.00	MWB	NIV				
St Luke's	JV	10.30	H&P	GNB	Rowley	Higherland LA Leaders	LA	Hardacre
(22)		3.00	MWB					
Higherland	JP	10.00	StF	MM	LA	Wakelin HC	N Jones	Davies T
(35)		3.00						
		6.00	MWB					Café Church LA
Printed Service for this week prepared by:					Ventom	Singleton	Heap	Ventom

Eco Tips

Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food. Make plans to source locally grown foods that you can add to your diet/ shopping list throughout the seasons. Produce grown locally is picked at the peak of its ripeness and will be full of flavour, tasting better than the produce that has been imported and travelled thousands of miles.

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

Long-life milk

Sponge puddings

Tinned tomatoes

Baked beans

Long-life juice

Pasta

Tea bags

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



EXPLORERS!

At Halmer End Methodist Church

High St, ST7 8AD



Calling all Master builders!

Come and join us for building fun, 6.00 pm till 7.00 pm,

Meeting again on **Monday 1st June**

Followed by ... 6th July, and back in September!

It is suitable for Reception to Year 6 children accompanied by an adult; Year 7 and above unaccompanied, but must have parental permission. Just turn up or..

Contact: Helen 01782 722685 or David 01782 722014



Drinks Bible Stories,



Methodist Women in Britain – Easter Offering

Many, many thanks to all the churches for their generous donations for the Easter offering service on 19th April. We raised £1,023.25 which has now been sent off.



2026 STOKE-ON-TRENT ANNUAL CIVIC PRAYER BREAKFAST

Friday
5 June, 2026

Kings Hall, Kingsway
Stoke, ST4 1JH

Run time
07:30am - 10:00am

Join us to celebrate 'Stoke-on-Trent Day'



Guest Speaker
Jan Rouse CBE
Chief Executive
Stoke-on-Trent City Council
"The importance of the faith and voluntary sector in the city"



Guest Interview
Laura Nicholls
Director of Stoke City
Community Engagement



Guest Interview
Sarah Parson
Head of Port Vale
Foundation

Event hosts
Lloyd Cooke & Sam Taylor (Saltbox)

Worship led by
Paul Critchley (Presence Worship)
St. Peter's C of E Academy Gospel Choir

Tickets £15.00 including
an updated
breakfast menu,
individual table service
and free car parking

Book your place:

By Card - Call 07625 345142

By Cheque - Made payable to Saltbox - Send to Saltbox, Gervensley House, Gittano Street, Hanley, ST1 1DY
In Person - Buy from The Christian Book Centre, Gibsons Street, Hanley, ST1 1DY
General Enquiries - email@saltbox.org.uk





Would you enjoy
interesting speakers on a wide variety of topics, entertainers
and Afternoon Teas?

You will find a warm welcome at

'ELDERBERRIES'

We meet fortnightly on Mondays from 2.30 pm
at Wolstanton Methodist Church

Please look at our programme below to see what is planned for
the summer:

- 8th June: An Afternoon with Revd. Liz Singleton
- 22nd June: 'UKU LIMES' Songs and laughter
- 29th June: Revd Geoff Eze
- 13th July: 'My Musio' With Justine Eardley
- 27th July: 'Keeping You Safe' With PC Simon Street – Staffordshire Police
- 10th August: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- 24th August: 'Midlands Air Ambulance' with Sally McMahon

A donation of £3 is invited towards costs.



Invite you
to a

Summer Fayre

Saturday 13th June
12.00 - 2.00 pm

Various Stalls
Including Minnie Pit Heritage
& Guide Stalls

Light Lunches served

Proceeds for Church Funds

www.halmerendmethodists.org.uk & on Facebook



Audley Together

a Community
Fundraising Event

at Audley Methodist Church

Saturday 20th June
10:30am to 2pm

**Come and visit local
charities and groups who
are fundraising and
raising awareness
for their causes**



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





Café Church

Higherland Church Coffee Bar

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

Come along @ 6pm

Sunday 28th June

Fustian & Musical Misfits
80's SING ALONG CONCERT!

Higherland Methodist Church
SATURDAY JULY 11th
Doors Open From 5PM • Concert Starts at 6PM
Tickets £5 Each Incl. Light Refreshments
For Tickets Call Kev on 07988 532738

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

Chat

Activities

Free
Refreshments

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



Crafts
 Activities
 Quiz
 Bingo
 Games
 Tea, Coffee & Biscuits
 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 Joannette Hodges
on 01782 634766 or look on our Facebook page.



The God of *peace*
be with you all.

Amen

ROMANS 15:33