

## Newsletter October 2025

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The emerging of autumnal colours is a reminder of the turning of time. October is a time of dramatic change in the natural world; the colours of spring and summer give way to the red and orange hues; glossy leaves fade to those that will crunch beneath our feet. It sometimes feels to me that nature puts on a special show at this time of the year ahead of the barrenness to come. Maybe it's a reminder that even in the colder darker months there is much to look forward to and things are happening even if hidden from view... The changes in the natural world are a reminder of the change that happens throughout our lives, the steady passing of time, the growing of a child, the aging of our bodies...

In the summer I visited the Greenwich observatory with friends from New Zealand whilst there we saw a globe and the marking of the various time zones of the world. We could see how we were normally separated by such a great distance and even time itself, the passing of day and night continue, even if we experience them at 'different times'. It makes me think of the words found in John Ellerton's hymn 'The Day Thou Gavest'

*As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.*

*The sun that bids us rest is waking  
our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.*

There is a real urge in some parts of society to seek to hold back time – or for nostalgia of times gone by (the latter being a regular feature of many of our churches). Although sometimes we might wish time would stand still, or for things not to change that is not possible or truly desirable. Change is often seen as a bad or negative thing but if nature tells us anything is that each season brings fruit and feeds the next and in the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1 'There is a time and a season for everything.'

As churches and as a Circuit we need to be open to a new season and all that lays ahead. We must find ways to grow and adapt, to find new ways to live out our calling as disciples of Christ today. During this season, we will seek a new superintendent and continue to explore new ways of being a Circuit. As we do so, let us pray for God's wisdom and guidance and trust in God for all that is yet to come.

May God's Grace and Peace be with us,

James

# North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

## Preaching Plan – October 2025

					October (Black History Month)			
					5	12	19	26
					Ordinary 27	Ordinary 28 Prisons Sunday	Ordinary 29	Ordinary 30
<b>Lectionary Year (C)</b>					Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4	2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c	Genesis 32:22-31	Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22
(Principal Service)					Psalm 37:1-9	Psalm 111	Psalm 121	or Sirach 35:12-17
					2 Timothy 1:1-14	2 Timothy 2:8-15	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Psalm 84:1-7
					Luke 17:5-10	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-18	2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
								Luke 18:9-14
Please Pray For:					St Luke's	Silverdale	Wolstanton	Audley
<b>Cross Heath</b>	LS	11.00	<b>StF</b>	NIV	Davies T	Singleton HC	N Jones	Irvine
(23)		3.00	MSB					
<b>Silverdale</b>	LS	11.00	<b>StF</b>	MM	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Emmaus LA	Singleton HC
(39)		5.00						Refuel LA
<b>Wolstanton</b>	LS	10.30	<b>StF</b>		Singleton HF	Davies T	Willis HC	Kirk
(82)		3.00	MWB					
<b>Audley</b>	JV	10.30	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1&2	X	Ventom HC	X	Chambers US
(29)		3.00	MWB	GNB	White	X	Ventom	X
<b>Bradwell</b>	JV	10.00	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1&2	Ventom HC	Rowley	Davies T	Matthews
(32)		3.00	MWB	NIV H&P				
<b>Halmer End</b>	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 1&2	LA	Strachan HC	X	US @ Audley
(22)		3.00	MWB	GNB			R Jones CA	
<b>Madeley</b>	JV	10.30	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1234	Hilton	Barnett HC	Ventom CC	Pritchard
(23)		3.00	MWB	NIV				
<b>St Luke's</b>	JV	10.30	H&P	GNB	Harrison T HF	Willis	Wakelin	Ventom HC
(23)		3.00	MWB					
<b>Higherland</b>	JP	10.00	<b>StF</b>	MM	Pritchard	LA	Parkes HC	Barnett
(36)		6.00	MWB					Café Church Pritchard
<b>Printed Service for this week prepared by:</b>					Pritchard	Ventom	Heap	Singleton
<b>Baldwins Gate</b>					Wednesday, 22nd October, 2.30 pm - Holy Communion Service - Rev'd James Pritchard			

### Eco Tips

Turn off lights when leaving a room, unplug devices when not in use, and use natural light whenever possible.

**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:-**

<b>Tinned Fruit</b>	<b>Potatoes – Tinned &amp; Mash</b>	<b>Hot Meat–Curry/Stew/Meatballs</b>
<b>Pasta Sauce</b>	<b>Soup</b>	<b>Jam</b>
<b>Toiletries</b>	<b>Tinned Carrots/Sweetcorn</b>	<b>Strong Carrier Bags</b>
<b>Cereals</b>		

# New Bible Study Group

First Wednesday of every  
month  
2.30pm-4pm

Wolstanton Methodist Church All welcome

WOLSTANTON METHODIST CHURCH

Invites you to  
'ELDERBERRIES'

embracing all ages and various interests

MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup>, OCTOBER at 2.30p.m.

'HARVEST CELEBRATION'

[Fully booked]

MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup>, OCTOBER at 2.30p.m.

'GLADSTONE POTTERY'

With Curator - Ben Miller

*Chat & Refreshments*

An opportunity to renew friendships  
and make new ones - come and join us

SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

# BARNDANCE



18<sup>TH</sup> | 6:00PM  
OCTOBER | £2 PER PERSON

Earl Street (behind the Chippy), ST5 6NF

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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, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the death of  
Samuel Brindley, Local Preacher

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>  
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 Sunday Service, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 10:30am, including an article about Sammy Brindley and family.



**Café Church**  
Higherland Church Coffee Bar

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

**Come along @ 6pm**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Higherland Church Coffee Bar  
2pm-4pm Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct**



**Everyone welcome to come and**

***Join in the chatter***

***Free snacks, cakes & drinks.***



## Methodist Women in Britain

Chester and Stoke on Trent District

### “The Status of Women – A Way Forward”.

A District Day to be led by  
**Rev Leonora Wassell**  
(MWIB Connexional Chair)

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
10am to 3pm.

At Broadway Methodist Church  
Pickford Place, Meir, ST3 7DX

*Please bring a packed lunch – drinks will be provided.  
The day will include talks, craft, and of course tea & cake.*

Fair Trade Stall

MWIB Resources

Book Stall

## Audley & District Male Voice Choir @

Wolstanton Methodist Church  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
7.30pm

Tickets £10 from the church office ST5 0HE  
or [churchadmin@wolstantonmethodist.com](mailto:churchadmin@wolstantonmethodist.com)

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Telford 2026



25th June – 1st July  
2026

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**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

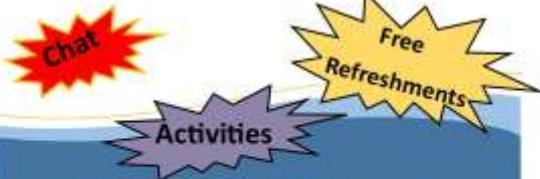
**Madeley Methodist Church**  
invites you to join us at our



**Warm Space**  
**Elevenses**



On Wednesdays at 11am



**Everyone Welcome**



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WITH FRIENDS OLD  
AND NEW

BRADWELL METHODIST  
CHURCH  
THURSDAY'S 10 - 12



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Clayton  
ST5 4BH

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- 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 Jeanette Hodges  
on 01782 634766 or look on our Facebook page.

I wait for the LORD,  
my soul waits,

and in his word  
I put my **HOPE**

Psalm 130:5

cross  
with care

