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Dear Friends

Of the many and varied books I've read over the past year *The Passionate Church: The Art of Life-Changing Discipleship* by Mike Breen and Walt Kallestad excited me. It opens with this story.

"February 3rd, 1931, began as a quiet Tuesday morning in the beautiful coastal region of Hawkins Bay in New Zealand. In Napier and Hastings, the two main towns in that area, life was going on as it had always been as the sun rose over those idyllic villages.

Then, at 10.46 in the morning, everything changed. An earthquake struck. When the smoke and dust cleared the shattered landscape that remained bore little resemblance to the terrain people had known so well. Flat ground replaced hills. Where there had been valleys, there was now level ground. The extent to which the earthquake had changed the environment was astonishing so rebuilding posed a dilemma. Their maps were redundant because they showed roads running along land that no longer existed and they didn't show the new land heaved up by the earthquake.

Eventually though the towns of Napier and Hastings were successfully redeveloped because those who directed the rebuilding threw out their maps and instead relied on a compass. When the landscape changes, maps are useless, but the compass is still trustworthy."

I think today's society presents us with the equivalent of a cultural earthquake. The social landscape we once knew has changed - the world today is far removed from the old 'map' we've been used to.

Today's 20/30/40 year olds spend Sunday mornings in coffee shops, visiting friends, working, playing or watching sport. That's where they experience community, share their deepest thoughts, their doubts and certainties, their concerns. Not in church. And for us this presents challenges.

Many of the ways in which we used to do things no longer work and if we continue to follow our same old maps we will struggle to reach people today. They're in a different place. Breen and Kallestad put it like this "we keep searching for the next programme or formula that will bring people back to our churches. What a pity. What we need is a compass."

And that compass is Jesus. Always trustworthy and true. I am convinced that before we can begin to reach this new cultural landscape with the good news of God's love we, as his church, need to rediscover what it means to be disciples of Christ.

So my prayer for the North Staffordshire Circuit for the coming months is that we will be prepared to throw out the old maps, spend more time with Jesus, and be guided along his path.

God bless

Liz

North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

Preaching Plan

June 2022

				June			
				5	12	19	26
				Pentecost	Trinity Sunday	Ordinary 12	Conference Sunday/
				World Environment Day	(MHA Sunday)	Father's Day	Refugee Week
Lectionary Year (C)				Acts 2:1-21	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31	Isaiah 65:1-9	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
(Principal Service)				Psalm 104:24-34,35b	Psalm 8	Psalm 22:19-28	Psalm 16
				Romans 8:14-17	Romans 5:1-5	Galatians 3:23-29	Galatians 5:1,13-25
				John 14:8-17(25-27)	John 16:12-15	Luke 8:26-39	Luke 9:51-62
Please Pray For:				Cross Heath	Halmer End	Higherland	Madeley
Baldwins Gate	LS	9.30	StF	GNB	US @ Madeley	Singleton HC	Barnett US
(10)		6.30	MWB				Irvine
Wolstanton	LS	10.30	StF		Singleton	Sutcliffe HC	LA
(100)		6.30	MWB				Barnett
Cross Heath	CL	11.00	StF	NIV	R Jones	Singleton HC	Mitchell
(25)		6.30	MSB				Davies T
Higherland	CL	10.00	StF	MM	Rowley US	N Jones	Dyble T FF
(44)		6.30					Chadwick
Madeley	CL	10.30	StF	SoF 1234	Ventom HC US	R Jones	US @ Baldwins Gate
(19)		6.30	MSB				LA
Silverdale	CL	11.00	StF	MM	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Singleton HC
(51)		6.30					Emmaus
Audley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1&2	X	Cooper US HC	X
(36)		3.00	MWB		Ventom HC	X	Ventom
		6.30					LA
Bradwell	JV	10.00	StF	SoF 1&2	Barnett CA	US @ Audley 10.30	Ventom
(44)		6.30	MWB	NIV H&P			Matthews
Halmer End	JV	10.00	H&P	SoF 1&2	Dyble T	US @ Audley 10.30	LA (Leprosy Mission)
		3.00	MWB	GNB		Short OA	Orrell
(23)		6.30					
St Luke's	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 123	US @ Higherland	Ventom	Harrison T
(25)		6.30	MWB	GNB			Ventom HC

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 Wednesday morning. 10.30 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 the Parkhouse estate on a Monday afternoon or Wednesday morning ... please give us a ring if you want details of how to get there, it is on the Aspire work complex.

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 Michael Heap for details: -

01782 639882 or email him on accounts@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk.

If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please visit the website or contact Michael Heap for details.

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

Small Jars of Coffee

Sponge Puddings

Custard – Tinned/ Packet

Tinned Spaghetti

Tinned Cold Meat (Ham/ Corned Beef)

Long Life Juice

Tinned Rice Pudding

Tinned Fruit

Chocolate & Crisps



Methodist Women
in Britain

QUEEN'S CELEBRATION CIRCUIT AFTERNOON TEA

Tickets are now available for the Circuit afternoon tea celebration of the Queen's platinum anniversary from your MWiB rep - £8.00 for adults, £6.00 for children 6-12 yrs, 5 yrs and under free.

To be held at Wolstanton Methodist Church on Saturday, 4th June, 2.30 pm start with a celebration service led by Rev'd Liz Singleton at 4.30 pm.

All dietary needs catered for – please let your MWiB rep know. Bring family and friends, all welcome. It promises to be an afternoon to remember and one where each church will be presented with a tree from the Circuit to commemorate the occasion.

All money raised will go to AGLIT+ (Adolescent Girls Literacy Plus) based in Malawi, which is our District President's project for this year.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Karen Barnett (Circuit President MWiB)



Invite you to a

Picnic Lunch

On Sunday 5th June 2022
at 12.00 noon

In the Minnie Pit Memorial Garden
- opposite to the Church

Bring your own picnic
lunch with drinks and meet
friends and neighbours to
celebrate the Queen's
Platinum Jubilee

SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH



invites you to ..
SUNDAY 5TH JUNE
FROM 11AM 'TIL 2PM
STREET PARTY
Earl Street, ST5 6NF

BRASS BAND
FACE PAINTING
RAFFLE
CRAFTS
& MUCH MORE!
FREE FOOD
AVAILABLE
WITH TICKET
contact Lee (07403534575
or Leetleighton@aol.com)
to book your FREE TICKET(s)

Baldwins Gate Methodist Church

Coffee Fellowship

(Theme: Platinum Jubilee)

Tuesday, 7th June

at 10.30 am

All are very welcome



COMMUNITY
MORNING
at **SILVERDALE**
METHODIST CHURCH
Earl Street, ST5 6NF
(behind the Chip Shop)
Saturday 11th June
11am 'til 1pm
IT'S AN "EVERYONE
HEALTH" SPECIAL
REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE
FREE ENTRY
A TIME TO
CONNECT
GET YOUR FREE
HEALTH CHECK



Plant Fair

To be held at
Halmer End Methodist Church

Saturday 11th June

10am - 12pm

Proceeds to Halmer End Methodist Church



Invite you to an

Open Air

Songs of Praise

On Sunday 12th June 2022
at 3.00 pm

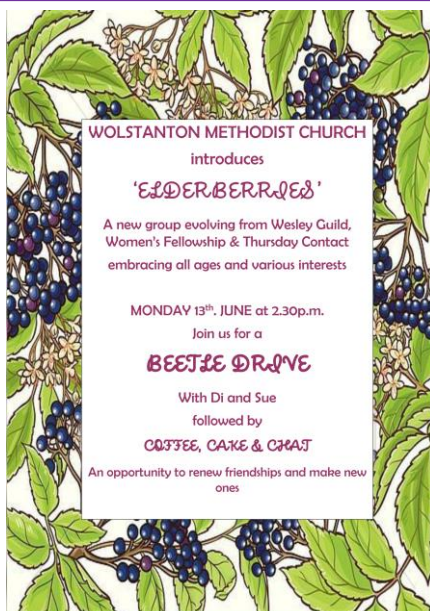
In the Minnie Pit Memorial Garden
- opposite to the Church

Led by Rev. Joy Ventom

Speaker: Rev. Jeff Short
(from Longton Central Hall)

With Mr. Stuart Jackson on organ

Donations will be gratefully accepted for the work of
Methodist Care Homes (MHA)



**Higherland Methodist
Church**



**Flower Festival
and**

Afternoon Tea

Saturday 18th June 2022

2.45 pm - 5.00 pm £5

Ring 01782 628578 to book a table or pay on the door

All Flower Arrangements welcome

No judging or competition

Floral theme - 'Platinum Jubilee'

Flower Service Sunday 19th June 10.00 am

Higherland Methodist Coffee Bar

2pm Monday 27th June 2022



Come and join in the
natter, cake, natter, cake,
coffee and craft.



Organising on behalf of the
North Staffordshire
Methodist Circuit

**A Sponsored* Circuit Walk
on Saturday 16th July 2022**



**At Halmer End
in Bateswood Country Park and
visiting the Minnie Pit Heritage Site**

Book the date and look out for more
details coming to your Church soon.

* If you don't want to be sponsored just come for the pleasure
of the walk. Bring your Church groups including children
who must be accompanied by a parent.

www.halmerendmethodists.org.uk



Come and sing-along to songs from 'Stage & Screen' with Fustian and special guest choir 'Musical Misfits'. Free tea, coffee and cakes will be served in the interval and a full song lyrics program is also included in your £5 ticket price. There will be a raffle with many good prizes to be won. The performance will start at 6pm in the Higherland Church top hall with free parking and easy access at the rear of the church via Priory Road entrance. All proceeds are for church funds and book your tickets early as numbers may be restricted - Call Steph on 01782-634181.

Bringing
people
Together

TRANSFORMING
COMMUNITIES
TOGETHER



OPEN FELLOWSHIP

at SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

Why not join us for a time of fun & friendship?

2nd & 4th Monday's of the month

@ 2pm, from April to August

**We have a different speaker
every time, and finish our time
together with refreshments & chat!**



EVERYONE is welcome to join us, at any time of the year
- and there is no obligation to attend,
you can come as many times or as little as you want to!



Speakers for each time are listed on the "CALENDAR" page of our website,
www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk, if you want to check in-advance!

Earl Street (behind the Chip Shop!), Silverdale, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 6NF

SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

is a...



Earl Street (behind the Chip Shop)
Silverdale, Newcastle Staffs, ST5 6NF

Places of Welcome
is a network of safe
places where people
can **connect, belong**
and **contribute**.



come & join us
FREE REFRESHMENTS
(drinks, cakes, etc.)



every **Wednesday & Friday**
from 2:45pm to 3:45pm

**NEAR
NEIGHBOURS**
BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

Silver Service

..on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of every month..

..beginning at 11:30am..

1st Thursday = Communion Service : 3rd Thursday = Activity Service

at Silverdale Methodist Church,
Earl Street (behind the Chip Shop!)
ST5 6NF

Find us on Facebook: "Silverdale Methodist Church"
Visit our website: www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk

SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

Green Tips for the Month of June

Save Water:

- Don't overfill the kettle - boil only as much water as you need.
- Use short cycles on washing machines - modern washing machines have an "eco wash" setting.



...PUT YOUR
HOPE
IN GOD,
WHO RICHLY
PROVIDES US
WITH EVERYTHING
FOR OUR ENJOYMENT.

1 TIMOTHY 6:17