

This is our monthly newsletter. The newsletter can be received by anyone who has an e-mail address. To subscribe to this service please send your e-mail address to: northstaffscircuit@hotmail.co.uk.

Question of the Month

– I've heard that all ministers are expected to engage with supervision. What is supervision?

In 2015 the Methodist Church in Britain introduced a system of structured reflective supervision for all our clergy. The intention of this supervision is to:

- Support ministers in their vocation and practice of ministry.
- Safeguard the interests of those amongst whom ministry is exercised, including children and vulnerable adults.
- Ensure that ministry offered in the name of the Methodist Church is collegially and accountably reflected upon in the light of God's mission and the purposes of the Methodist Church.

Those who act as supervisors to our clergy undergo comprehensive training and are encouraged to regularly assess and update their skills. They are also under supervision themselves.

Ministers who are in full-time appointments are expected to receive 6 x 90 minute supervision sessions a year and these sessions are planned each September for the year ahead.

It is widely demonstrated across the Connexion that the regular opportunity to share in supervision is benefitting the overall welfare of ministers; is supporting ministers in developing strategies for new or difficult situations; is offering the opportunity for learning from reviewing their practice; and is helping to support risk assessment in safeguarding and other matters.

I hope that you will support and encourage your minister as they engage with supervision. And if you would like to know more please visit

www.methodistchurch.org.uk/supervision/

Liz

If you have a question about the life of the Methodist Church please send it in writing or by email to Rev'd Liz Singleton or to the Circuit Administrator, Michelle. We can't guarantee to be able to answer all your questions, but we will do our best.

North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

Preaching Plan

October 2021

					October				
					3	10	17	24	31
					27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectionary Year (B)					Job 1:1;2:1-10	Job 23:1-9,16-17	Job 38:1-7(34-41)	Job 42:1-6,10-17	Ruth 1:1-18
(Principal Service)					Psalm 26	Psalm 22:1-15	Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c	Psalm 34:1-8,(19-22)	Psalm 146
					Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12	Hebrews 4:12-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Hebrews 7:23-28	Hebrews 9:11-14
					Mark 10:2-16	Mark 10:17-31	Mark 10:35-45	Mark 10:46-52	Mark 12:28-34
Please Pray For:					Silverdale	Wolstanton	Audley	Baldwins Gate	Bradwell
Baldwins Gate	LS	9.30	StF	GNB	LA	Legge	Singleton HC	R Jones	Orrell
(10)			MWB						
Wolstanton	LS	10.30	StF		Singleton	Singleton HC	Mitchell	Davies T	Matthews
(101)		6.00	MWB						
Cross Heath	CL	11.00	StF	NIV	Benson	Legge HC	Singleton	Dyble T	LA
(23)			MSB						
Higherland	CL	10.00	StF	MM	Chadwick	N Jones	Legge	Legge HC	LA
(39)		3.00							
Madeley	CL	10.30	H&P	SoF 1234	Legge HC CC	Barnett	Rowley	N Jones	LA
(21)			MSB						
Silverdale	CL	11.00	StF	MM	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Legge HC	Emmaus	Chadwick
(54)									
Audley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1&2	X	LA	X	Harrison T US	X
(40)		3.00	MWB		Ventom HC	X	Fitchett T	X	Ventom
Bradwell	JV	10.00	StF	SoF 1&2	Cartwright	LA	Ventom HC	US @ Audley	Dyble T
(46)			MWB	NIV H&P					
Halmer End	JV	10.00	H&P	SoF 1&2	Ventom HC	Benson	X	US @ Audley	Davies T
(23)			MWB	GNB			Harrison CA 3.00 pm		
St Luke's	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 123	Dyble T	Ventom HC HF	Cartwright	Orrell	N Jones
(23)			MWB	GNB					

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DIARY DATES...

Wednesday 6th October 7.30pm

Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting at
Wolstanton Methodist Church

**Stoke-on-Trent Churches Community Night Shelter ... invite you to their
*Open Day on Saturday 9 October, 12:00 till 4:00pm***

Wherever you are in the Chester & Stoke District you are welcome to come along and find out more about the work and current provision of the Community Night Shelter.

Coffee and cakes will be served as we chat with one another.

Please feel free to bring donations, monetary or practical.

Please note that this is also the weekend when World Homeless Day is marked (9-10 October).

***Stoke-on-Trent Churches Community Night Shelter
9 Chapel Lane
Burslem
Stoke-on-Trent
ST6 2AB***

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Biblical Who's Who – the lesser known characters of the Bible and what they have to say to us today.

EUTYCHUS

How often have you struggled to stay awake during a sermon! We've all been there, I'm sure.

Paul was spending his last night in Troas and still had a lot to share with the believers there so they stayed up late into the night. One of those there was a young man called Eutychus, who was sat in the window as he listened. There's no reason to think he was bored but rather simply that he was tired. He nodded off to sleep and fell out of the window. The three storey drop apparently killed him but Paul, on taking the young man in his arms, declared 'Don't be alarmed, for his life is in him.' The group shared bread together and Paul continued to speak with them until dawn! Eutychus had a narrow escape which no doubt left a lasting impression on the believers in Troas.

God understands our physical sleepiness, but he urges us spiritually to stay awake and be alert!

You can find Eutychus's story in Acts 20: 7 - 12

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Help for Afghan refugees

You may have seen in the local news that the Holiday Inn in Clayton has been booked for temporary refugee accommodation. Local churches and communities have been asking how they might be able to help and many people have already been incredibly generous with donations of practical gifts such as blankets etc. The local council have asked that no more material donations are made for the time being as they already have more than they can currently handle. However, there is an encouragement to consider a monetary gift instead. To this end a JustGiving page has been set up. All the details can be found via this link.

<https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/news/justgiving-page-launched-support-afghan-evacuees>

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
The Bethel Centre Silverdale 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:-

Sponge Puddings

Sugar

Shower Gel

Deodorants for Men & Women

Long Life Milk

Tinned Cold Meat – Ham, Pork, Corned Beef

Tinned Fruit

Biscuits

Chocolates & Sweets

Shampoo

Shaving Gel & Foam

Washing Powder/Tablets/Pods

Washing Up Liquid

Jam

Long Life Juice

Mashed Potatoes



Autumn Plant Fair

To be held at
Halmer End Methodist Church

Saturday 9th October

10.30am - 12.30pm

All proceeds to Halmer End Methodist Church

Audley Methodist Church

Coffee Morning

Saturday 16th October
10:30am to 12:30pm

Stalls including:

- *Handmade Gifts
- *Jams & Preserves
- *Tombola
- *Bric a Brac





Come and 'sing-along' in an evening of traditional and modern Christmas songs. We have safely spaced seating but please book early to avoid disappointment as numbers will be restricted. The cost includes drinks, cake, and a visit from Santa at the interval.



The God of *peace*
be with you all.

Amen

ROMANS 15:33