

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.

Dear Friends

It seems to me that Christmas is but a distant memory and yet we have only just celebrated Candlemas.

Over the Christmas weekend I became the proud owner of a Cockapoo puppy. She is beautiful, and it is a thrill to see her develop her own unique character. Just as we are reminded that a dog is for life and not just for Christmas, so I take this opportunity to remind us that Jesus is for life and not just for Christmas. So often in the Christmas celebrations this year the truth that Jesus came to die on the cross, seemed stronger than ever.

I wonder then, what other things you can think of that are for life and not just for Christmas. How about our worship? Our friendships? Being good stewards of god's creation, fighting injustice, being eco-friendly. This is just a start, maybe you can add other things to this list. I invite you then to take a few moments to make your list of those things for you that are for life and not just for Christmas.

Every blessing

Rev'd Joy

North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

Preaching Plan

February 2022

					February			
					6	13	20	27
					5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday Before Lent
Lectionary Year (C) (Principal Service)					Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 137:1-11, 39-40 1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)
Please Pray For:					Madeley	St Luke's	Silverdale	Wolstanton
Baldwins Gate (10)	LS	9.30	StF	GNB	Mitchell US	Benson	Singleton HC	Matthews
Wolstanton (100)	LS	10.30	StF		Singleton	Singleton HC	R Jones	Benson
Cross Heath (23)	CL	11.00	StF	NIV	Mitchell	LA	Harrison T	Legge HC
Higherland (43)	CL	10.00	StF	MM	Legge HC	Davies T	Legge	Cartwright
Madeley (21)	CL	10.30	H&P	SoF 1234	US @ Baldwins Gate	Legge HC	Benson	Singleton
Silverdale (56)	CL	11.00	StF	MM	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Legge HC	Kind CA
Audley (39)	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1&2	X	Perry HC US	X	LA
Bradwell (46)	JV	10.00	StF	SoF 1&2	Ventom HC	Dyble T	N Jones	Davies T
Halmer End (23)	JV	10.00	H&P	SoF 1&2	Cartwright	US @ Audley	Ventom	Orrell
St Luke's (26)	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 123	Orrell	LA	Barnett	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
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 Kids Grove 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

Custard – Tinned/Packet

Shampoo

Shaving Gel & Razors

Deodorants – Gents & Ladies

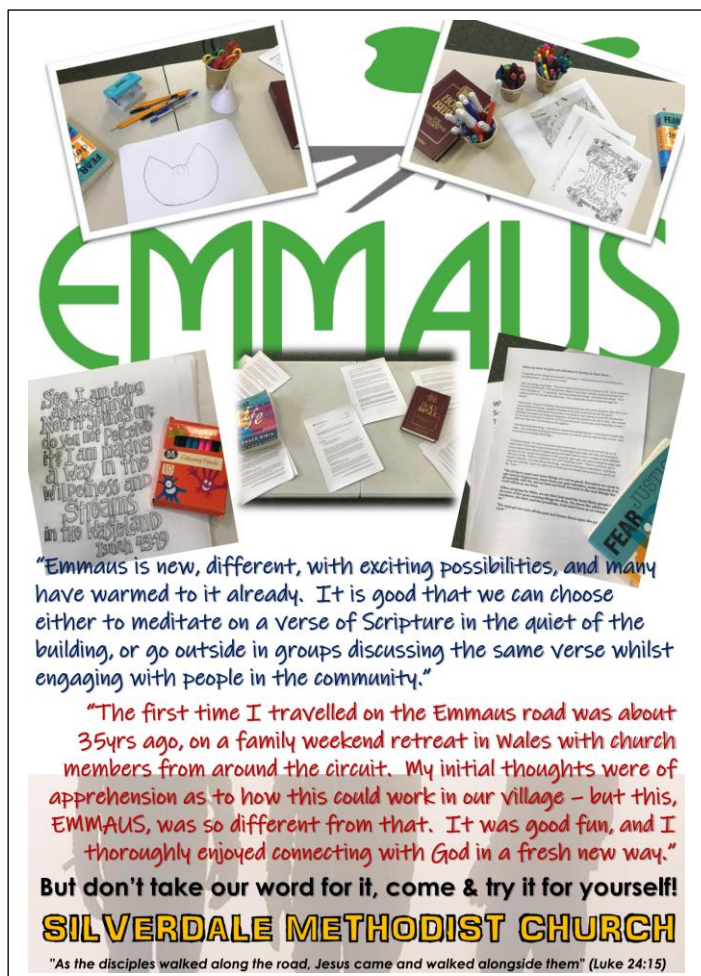
Rice Pudding

Tinned Potatoes

Toothpaste

Washing Up Liquid

Washing Powder/Tablets



EMMAUS

"Emmaus is new, different, with exciting possibilities, and many have warmed to it already. It is good that we can choose either to meditate on a verse of Scripture in the quiet of the building, or go outside in groups discussing the same verse whilst engaging with people in the community."

"The first time I travelled on the Emmaus road was about 35yrs ago, on a family weekend retreat in Wales with church members from around the circuit. My initial thoughts were of apprehension as to how this could work in our village – but this, EMMAUS, was so different from that. It was good fun, and I thoroughly enjoyed connecting with God in a fresh new way."

But don't take our word for it, come & try it for yourself!

SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

"As the disciples walked along the road, Jesus came and walked alongside them" (Luke 24:15)



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

Baldwins Gate Methodist Church

Coffee Fellowship

Tuesday, 8th February at 10.30 am

**(including a talk about the history of
Baldwins Gate Village & Chapel)**

All Welcome.



VALENTINE'S Coffee Morning



**at Audley Methodist
Church**

Saturday February 12th 2022

10:30am -12:30pm

Stalls, Tombola



North Staffordshire Methodist Circuit

Lent Study 2022 'A Challenging Lion'

Six sessions based on the life and writings of CS Lewis with specific reference to 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe', 'Prince Caspian' and the book/film 'Shadowlands'.

The full details of this years' Lent Study will be available in your churches but, in the meantime, you may wish to put the dates in your diary.

There will be two sessions each week, both covering the same topic. You don't have to limit yourself to the same session time – mix and match is fine!

The daytime sessions will be held at:

Audley Methodist Church

Friday mornings at 10.30am on

March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

April 1st and 8th

The evening sessions will be held at:

Wolstanton Methodist Church

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm on

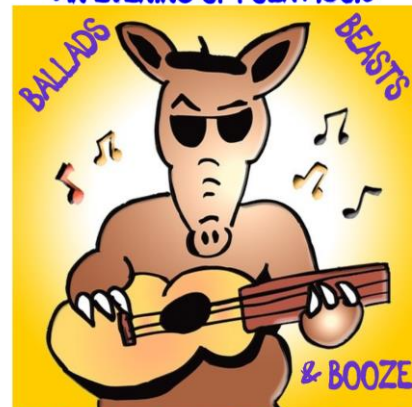
March 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

April 5th and 12th

Sessions will last for an hour and a half, after which refreshments will be served for those who wish to stay for a while longer.

Fustian

AN EVENING OF FOLK MUSIC



Higherland Methodist Church

6pm start Saturday 2nd April 2022

Tickets £5 each incl. light refreshments

Call Steph on 01782 634181

Come and enjoy an entertaining evening of folk and acoustic songs and ballads. Free tea, coffee, and cakes will be served in the interval and a 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.



WE ARE BACK!

So come and join the celebration. It's a very special day!

The Queens 70th year on the throne that is.

We are planning a Circuit afternoon tea to be held at Wolstanton followed by a service of thanks and celebration on Saturday 4th June.

Bring friends and family – all are welcome and as a Circuit, friends and family together, let's celebrate. Details to follow.

SAVE THE DATE AND SPREAD THE WORD.

*Spectacular exhibition of
bible based stitching
at Chester Cathedral
from 12th Jan 2022*



Threads through Creation

a *stunning* exhibition of *huge* silk panels
re-imagining the Genesis story

at Chester Cathedral

12 January to 1st March

Mondays - Saturdays 10-4, Sundays 12-4
admission free

Creating the world in eight million stitches!

Spectacular stitching at Chester Cathedral

Here are a few glimpses of the panels.

Feel free to forward these images to friends!



Day 5



Day 6



Day 8



Goodbye to Eden



Day 6



Day 4

Threads through Creation – at Chester Cathedral

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Threads through Creation

a *stunning* exhibition of *huge* silk panels



Visit Chester Cathedral, and you'll be able to enjoy a spectacular art exhibition. 'Threads through Creation' is a stunning display of twelve huge embroidered panels that explore the story of creation.

It's a great chance to take non-Christian friends to share something really significant.

Inspired by Genesis, the first book in the Bible, textile artist Jacqui Parkinson reimagines this ancient story in a vibrant combination of silks, hand-dyed materials, metallic leathers, gold leaf – with eight million stitches!

It's a deeply thought out project by a Christian artist whose work has been displayed in most of the cathedrals of England. The huge panels, 2.5m high and as wide as 3.5m, start with strong elemental pieces illustrating the first days of creation, onto complex and lush work as we enter the Garden of Eden.

Jacqui's work is eye-catching and attractive, highly accessible for viewers of all ages. She uses fascinating, unique techniques that produce a feast for the eye.

Jacqui says, 'My work is all about engaging people with the Bible story, offering encouragement and opening up opportunities for interesting discussions. In this exhibition, my aim is to capture the wonderful extravagance of the creation story - and to delight people who view the panels. Despite Adam and Eve's fall from grace, it remains a story of love and promise, something we can all do with these days.'

A photograph of two white lambs lying on a lush green lawn. The lamb in the foreground is lying down, looking towards the camera with its mouth slightly open. The lamb behind it is also looking towards the camera. The background shows more green grass and a hint of a tree trunk on the left.

Jesus said

I am the good
shepherd

John 10:11