

# Newsletter

May 2022

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.

I write this message the week after Easter Sunday. This is my favourite time of year, when our minds are focused on new life and Jesus rising from the dead.

I am an avid fan of many Yorkshire farm programmes. 'This week on the farm', 'Springtime on the Farm', 'The Yorkshire Vet' etc. It brings me joy to see the energy and life of the lambs and kids after just a few hours and the cute little baby pigs. It is a reminder of our amazing creator God, who conquered death and received new life.

I wonder as we are slowly released from lockdown and set free into the world again, are you experiencing a sense of new life? I am, there's the excitement of finally being ordained, being able to get out in the garden, meet people again and being back in Church worshipping God.

In John 20:19-31, we see through the experiences of the disciples. So often we need to have proof before we will believe that something is true. We find Thomas needing proof, before he will believe that Jesus is risen. The proof he wants is to see the marks from the nails in Jesus' hands and to physically put his hand in Jesus' side. When he had witnessed both of these signs he was able to say "My Lord & My God".

However, we are unable to see Jesus, to touch him. All we have to go on is what the witnesses of the resurrection tell us in the Bible and what we have experienced of Jesus and are able to share as witnesses in our faith story (testimony). This is where our faith and trust come in as we say the words of the creed and live out our lives as followers of Jesus.

Three times in this passage Jesus says, 'Peace be with you'. Firstly, when Jesus stood among them in the locked room and the disciples were frightened. Secondly, when the disciples realised it was really Jesus and were excited. Thirdly, the second time the disciples were in the locked room, this time with Thomas.

Jesus brought peace to his frightened disciples.

Jesus brought peace to the unbelieving Thomas.

Jesus comes today, to bring us peace.

We go into the world, taking with us peace and spreading the light of Christ.

Every Blessing

Rev'd Joy

# North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

## Preaching Plan

### May 2022

					May				
					1	8	15	22	29
					3rd Sunday of Easter	4th Sunday of Easter	5th Sunday of Easter	Aldersgate Sunday	7th Sunday of Easter
<b>Lectionary Year (C)</b> (Principal Service)					Acts 9:1-6(7-20) Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10,22-22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14,16-17 20-21 John 17:20-26
Please Pray For:					Silverdale	Wolstanton	Audley	Baldwins Gate	Bradwell
<b>Baldwins Gate (10)</b>	LS	9.30 6.00	<b>StF</b> MWB	GNB	Barnett	US @ Madeley	Dyble T	Singleton HC	LA
<b>Wolstanton (99)</b>	LS	10.30 6.00	<b>StF</b> MWB		Singleton	Singleton HC GCM	Davies T	Barnett	LA
<b>Cross Heath (22)</b>	CL	8.00 11.00 6.00	<b>StF</b> MSB	NIV	Barnett	LA CA	Ventom HC	Davies T	Singleton
<b>Higherland (45)</b>	CL	10.00 6.00	<b>StF</b>	MM	Strachan HC	Rowley	Singleton CA & Gift Day	Mitchell	LA
<b>Madeley (19)</b>	CL	10.30 6.00	<b>StF</b> MSB	SoF 1234	Ventom HC	N Jones US	Barnett	Perry	LA
<b>Silverdale (55)</b>	CL	11.00 6.00	<b>StF</b>	MM	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Strachan HC	Emmaus	Heap (Service via Zoom)
<b>Audley (40)</b>	JV	10.30 3.00	<b>StF</b> MWB	SoF 1&2	X Singleton	Ventom HC US X	X Ventom	LA X	X M Ventom
<b>Bradwell (45)</b>	JV	10.00 6.00	<b>StF</b> MWB	SoF 1&2 NIV H&P	N Jones	Davies T	LA	Ventom HC	Matthews
<b>Halmer End (23)</b>	JV	10.00 6.00	H&P MWB	SoF 1&2 GNB	Davies T	US @ Audley	LA	N Jones	Orrell
<b>St Luke's</b>	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 123	R Jones	Pritchard	Orrell	LA	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 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](mailto: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**

**Shampoo**

**Shaving Gel & Razors**

**Long Life Juice**

**Tinned Rice Pudding**

**Washing Powder/Tablets/Gel**

**Deodorants – Gents & Ladies**



**Do you want to help us to change lives?**

Newcastle-Staffs Foodbank, as part of the Trussell Trust network, is passionate about helping people in crisis. **Are you?**

We are looking for a part-time dedicated Warehouse Coordinator who has the enthusiasm, drive and determination to help us to make a difference for our local community. The Warehouse Coordinator will oversee the operation of our central warehouse, ensuring that stock levels are managed well and liaising with volunteers, donors and our foodbank centres. The ideal candidate will have previous knowledge of Foodbanks and experience within the voluntary sector, although this is not essential. They will however need to share our vision and desire to tackle poverty. The successful candidate will have an eye for detail, and an ability to work independently whilst still being a good team player.

The role initially is for a fixed term contract of 1 year (with a view to this being extended) and has an hourly rate of £12 per hour for 11 hours per week.

For further information and to receive a copy of the job description, please contact us on [info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk). The full job description can also be found on our website [www.newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk)

If you would like to be considered for the role, please email your letter of application along with a current CV to Jane Baker at [projectlead@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:projectlead@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk), along with the names and contact details for two referees, one of which must be your current employer (if applicable).

Closing date for applications is **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022**, with interviews taking place during week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.



Baldwins Gate Methodist Church

## Coffee Fellowship

(including a quiz)

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 10.30 am

All are very welcome



## Coffee Morning & Plant Fair

with a selection of seasonal plants, strawberries, herbs, vegetables & hardy perennials and a Cake Stall

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.00 am until 12 noon**

Proceeds for Halmer End Methodist Church

[www.halmerendmethodists.org.uk](http://www.halmerendmethodists.org.uk) and Facebook



## May Concert

Performances by High Scorers  
and  
Festival winners

St. Lukes Methodist Church  
Seven Drive  
Clayton  
ST5 4BH  
Sat. 7th May 2022  
7.00pm

Tickets £7.50 Adults  
16 years and under and performers free admittance  
Refreshments on sale.  
Tickets available from:  
A Major Music-Trentham Shopping Village  
and Entries Coordinator: Karen Shutt 07434158571



Madeley Methodist Church  
(CW3 9DX)

## Spring Fayre

**Saturday 21 May**

**10.30am to 12pm**

Cakes, Tombola, Raffle,  
Plants, Crafts

Admission, includes refreshments £2



*Everyone Welcome!*

Proceeds for Church funds

## Higherland Methodist Coffee Bar

Everyone Welcome to  
**GET TOGETHER**  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2pm  
Tea, coffee and cakes.

Join in the natter, games, craft & fellowship.

If you fancy an afternoon chat or doing a puzzle, maybe knit & natter, or just drink a cuppa and have a nice cake, come along to the 'Get Together' at Higherland Methodist Coffee Bar. Everyone is warmly welcome.

## Jubilee Family Fun Event



at

**Audley Methodist Church**

Tuesday 31st May  
10:30am to 12:30pm

FREE event

Aimed at children under 11

Children must be accompanied by an adult

refreshments  
available



free  
parking  
available



## 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

Higherland Methodist Church  
Presents...  
**Fustian**  
& Special Guests  
**Musical Misfits**  
Songs From Stage & Screen  
6pm Saturday 30th July  
Tickets £5 each incl. light refreshments  
To book your seat call Steph on 01782 634181

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?

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk), if you want to check in-advance!

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

# Silver Service

..on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of every month..

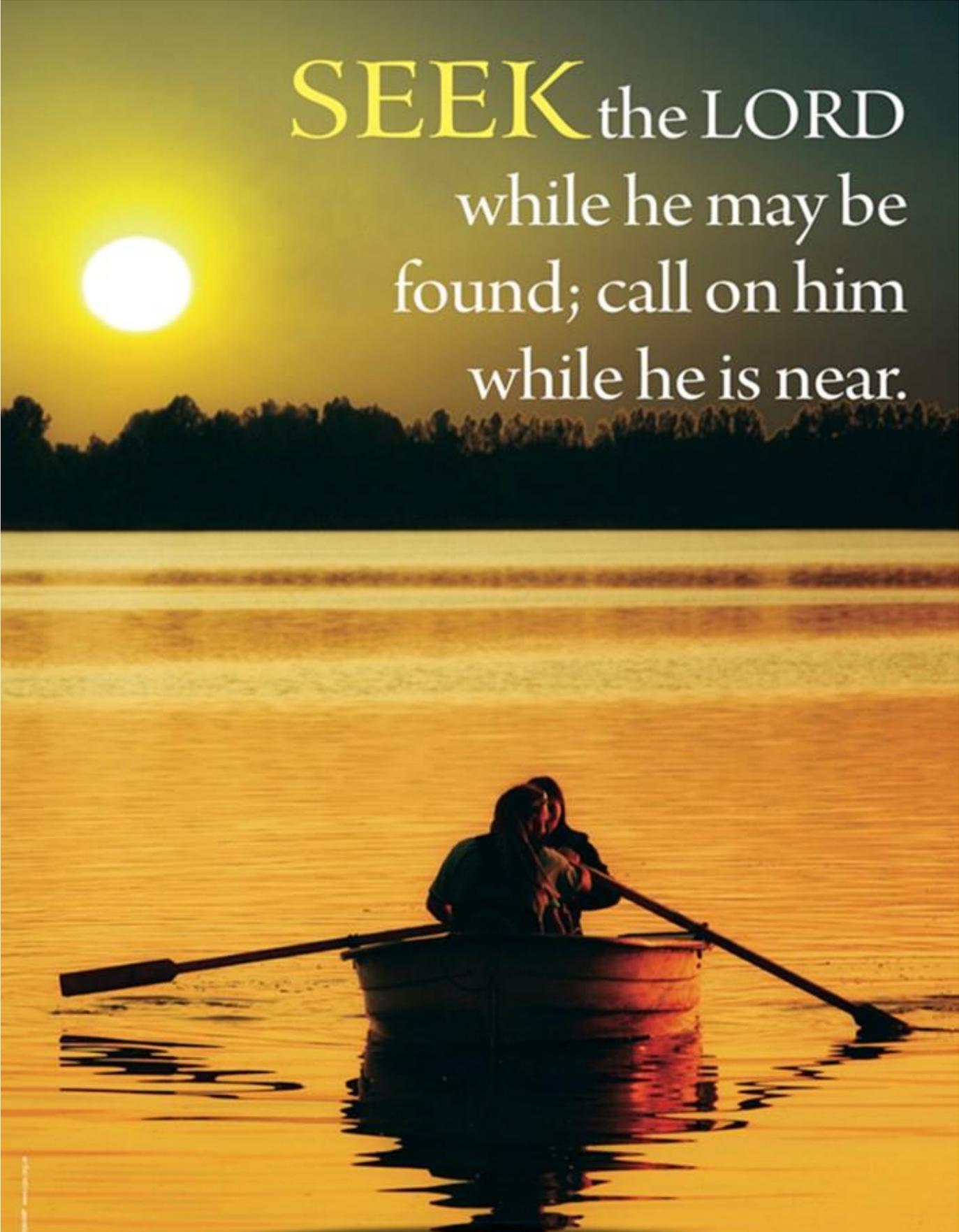
..beginning at 11:30am..

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday = Communion Service : 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk)

**SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH**

A serene sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the upper left, casting a golden light across the sky and water. The water is calm, reflecting the sun and the sky. In the distance, a dark silhouette of a forest line is visible. In the foreground, a person is sitting in a small, round boat, holding a long oar. The person is silhouetted against the bright water. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**SEEK** the LORD  
while he may be  
found; call on him  
while he is near.

ISAIAH 55:6