

Newsletter

September 2021

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

On behalf of Peter and myself I'd like to thank the Circuit for the warm welcome we've received on our arrival in North Staffordshire. It's a part of the world that is very 'new' to me and, although he was born and raised in Manchester, Peter hasn't lived 'up north' for many years. So, it's very much a voyage of discovery which we are looking forward to. Voyages never usually go quite to plan though, do they? Sometimes an expected storm blows up or you have to take a detour or you lose sight of a landmark and find yourself floundering for a while. And I'm sure that as we travel through the coming months and years things won't always work out as we either expected, or hoped them, to. But that's when you recognise the value and the joy of travelling with others. And travelling, journeying, sharing with others is a significant part of what it means to be a Christian. I look forward to exploring new ventures with you; to listening afresh to the ways in which God is speaking to us; to sharing in the excitement of the unexpected when the Spirit freely blows; to hearing how Jesus is working in and through your lives. I look forward to 'being' with you and discovering what this part of the voyage has in store.

May God bless you and all those whom you love and care about.

Liz



North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

Provisional Quarterly Preaching Plan

September 2021

					September			
					5	12	19	26
					23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectionary Year (B) (Principal Service)					Prov 22:1-2,8-9,22-23 Psalm 125 Jms 2:1-10,(11-13),14-1 Mark 7:24-37	Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38	Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:13-4:3,7-8a Mark 9:30-37	Esth 7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22 Psalm 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50
Please Pray For:					Halmer End	Higherland	Madeley	St Luke's
Baldwins Gate (10)	LS	9.30	StF MWB	GNB	Cartwright	Rowley	Singleton HC	X Ventom HF 3 pm
Wolstanton (101)	LS	10.30 6.00	StF MWB		Singleton	Singleton HC	LA	Barnett
Cross Heath (23)	CL	11.00	StF MSB	NIV	Cartwright	Legge HC	LA	Davies T
Higherland (39)	CL	10.00 3.00	StF	MM	Benson	Barnett	Dyble T	Legge HC HF 11 am
Madeley (21)	CL	10.30	H&P MSB	SoF 1234	Legge HC	Benson	LA	Matthews
Silverdale (54)	CL	11.00	StF	MM	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Legge HC	Emmaus
Audley (40)	JV	10.30 3.00	StF MWB	SoF 1&2	X Ventom HC CA CV	Ventom B X	X Legge	Singleton HF X
Bradwell (46)	JV	10.00	StF MWB	SoF 1&2 NIV H&P	Barnett	N Jones	Harrison T	Ventom HF HC
Halmer End (23)	JV	10.00	H&P MWB	SoF 1&2 GNB	N Jones	LA	Ventom HF B	Orrell
St Luke's (23)	JV	10.30	H&P MWB	SoF 123 GNB	Ventom HC	Mitchell	Davies T	LA

All the churches around the Circuit have now reopened for worship. And it is wonderful to see some new and creative ideas that have arisen from the opportunity lockdowns and the Covid restrictions have given us to do things differently. Silverdale's Emmaus worship for example.

What has your church been doing? What do you have planned? Let us know! And if you do have new initiatives, you may be interested in the new one-off grants being offered by the Circuit *read on!*

POST COVID SEED CORN GRANTS

The Circuit Leadership Team would like to offer the Circuit churches the opportunity to apply for one-off grants to encourage each church to start thinking about new ways of engaging in mission and ministry in a world that has been changed by the Coronavirus pandemic. The hope being that such grants will encourage new ways of thinking the lead to new and fresh ways of being Church. MORE DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CIRCUIT MEETING!

KEEPING UP TO DATE ...

The North West and Mann Region Learning Network carries a regularly updated calendar of their work on their website <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/learning-and-development/learning-network-regions/the-north-west-and-mann-region/>

Here you can find information regarding training opportunities, resources etc

They also produce a newsletter – contact Rob Glassonbury nwmannnetwork@gmail.com to sign up for that.

And they can also be found on Facebook – search Learning Network North West & Mann



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NEXT STEPS ... A Connexional resource

Are you wondering what your vocation might look like as we emerge from the Covid restrictions? Is your church wanting to do something new or different to reach out to and engage with your community? Copies of a new booklet produced by the Evangelism and Growth team will be available at the Circuit Meeting. In it there is overview of some of the key programmes and resources available to help us to take intentional missional steps into the future. An online version is already available and can be found here

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/evangelism-growth/read-our-next-steps-booklet>

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DIARY DATES...

Sunday	19 th September	6.15pm	District Service	Swan Bank - visit of the President & Vice-President of the Methodist Conference
Wednesday	22nd September	7.30pm	Circuit Meeting	

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

Deodorants for Men & Women

Tinned Cold Meat – Ham, Pork, Corned Beef

Chocolates & Sweets

Shampoo

Shaving Gel & Foam

Long Life Milk

Long Life Juice

TRUST in the LORD forever,
for the LORD, the LORD,
is the Rock eternal.

Isaiah 26:4



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