

The Methodist Church



Barnsley Circuit

Preaching Plan & Newsletter

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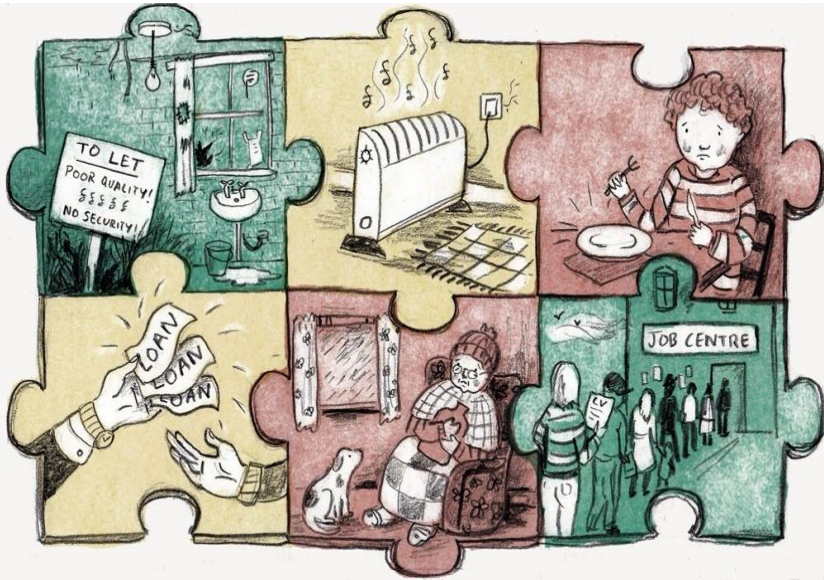
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Dear All

As I write this the sun is streaming in the study window but it's midwinter and just opening the door reminds me instantly. It's almost Lent as Easter is early this year and as we plan for the future it feels a bit squashed up.

By the time you receive this we will be entering lent and hopefully beginning to work out our responses to God's grace and love in the covenant love poured out on us.

I hope that you will find the resources of the Methodist Way of Life useful in exploring your response to God. You may feel comfortable in a big group or working with a couple of friends, you may need some help to decide which, the ministers and lay workers can help you work it out.



We are honoured to be part of the District's response to poverty using the "On the Breadline photographic exhibition" It will be at Staincross Methodist Church and the opening times will be advertised soon. There are Bible studies with the course which explores Christian responses to poverty. We were asked to be involved because of the work we are doing.

It is a busy time with lots to think about and ways to develop our faith and explore the consequences of poverty and injustice more deeply. I hope you will find enrichment and challenge to your faith in this Lenten season.

Yours in Christ. Louise

Photographic exhibition - Life on the Breadline
breadlineresearch.coventry.ac.uk

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 28th March

6pm - Passover Love Feast at Brierley
7.30pm - Maundy Communion at Emmanuel
Tbc - Darfield Wesley with Parish Church at Wesley

Good Friday 29th March

Tbc (am) - Walk of Witness at Hemsworth
Tbc (am) - Walk of Witness at Staincross
10.45am - Barnsley Christian Endeavour at Higham
12 noon - Good Friday Service at Pilley
2pm - Good Friday Service at Ryhill
3pm - Good Friday Service at Kexborough
3pm - Good Friday Service at Wombwell
7pm - Good Friday Service at Staincross

Holy Saturday 30th March

7pm - Easter Vigil Service at Hoyland and Birdwell

Easter Sunday 31st March

- See preaching plan

March to May 2024 Barnsley 25/15	3rd March Lent 3	10th March Lent 4	17th March Lent 5	24th March Palm Sunday	31st March Easter Day	7th April Easter 2	14th April Easter 3	21st April Easter 4	28th April Easter 5	5th May Easter 6	12th May Easter 7	19th May Pentecost	26th May Trinity Sunday
Principal Reading (Year B)	John 2:13-22	John 3:14-21	John 12:20-33	Mark 15:1-39	Mark 16:1-18	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36b-48	John 10:11-18	John 15:1-8	John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	Acts 2:1-21	John 3:1-17
Special Sundays		Mothering Sunday								Vocations Sunday	Christian Aid		

Streamed Worship weekly at 10.30am - Fb Link each week available on Barnsley Methodist Community Contemporary Worship 7pm - Brierley 6th March / 3rd April / 1st May and Emmanuel 20th March / 17th April / 15th May

North West - Rev Lyn Gregg

Buckley	Saturday after coffee morning	11:15 am	-	9th McCauley	-	23rd - Gregg	-	6th - Gregg	-	20th - Hollands	-	4th - Gregg LS	-	18th - LA	-
Buckley	Sunday	10:30 am	Gregg LS	-	LA	-	Ashton LSe	-	Tewson (Car)	-	Gregg LS	-	Gregg Ladies Anniv	-	McCauley
Pogmoor	Tuesday @ Treddlehoyle	2:30 pm	5th - Rawlinson	-	-	-	2nd - LA	-	-	-	-	7th - Gregg	-	-	-
Dodworth	Sunday	10:30 am	Aggrey	Gregg LS	LA	Ashton	McCauley LSe	Platts	Gregg	Praed	Stammers	Gregg LS	Aggrey	Lodge	Halliday (Car)
Emmanuel	Sunday	10:00 am	Own Arr	Roots Team & Brownies	Gregg GD	E Sanderson	Gregg LSe	BS	Furusa	Gregg	Aggrey	Own Arr	Praed	LA	Peet
Higham	Sunday	4:00 pm	Evans CA	-	Gregg LS	-	Gregg LSe	-	Gregg	-	LA	-	Gregg	-	McCauley
Kexborough	Sunday	10:30 am	Girls' Brigade	Hague	Lodge	Gregg LS	E Sanderson LSe	Gregg B	Hollands CA	LA	Peet	Hollands	Reason	Gregg LS	Taylor

North East - Rev Claire Rawlinson

Monk Bretton	Sunday	10:30 am	McCauley GD	Haigh	Aggrey	LA	Rawlinson LSe	Carr	Halliday (Car)	Reason	Lodge	LA	Bellamy	Peet UTD / Café	M Sanderson
Staincross	Sunday	10:30 am	Mellor	McCauley B	Tewson (Car)	Rawlinson Café	Lodge LSe	Evans	Carr	Rawlinson LS	Taylor	LA	McCauley	UTD at Monk Bretton	Dawson LS
Brierley	Sunday	10:30 am	Rawlinson B	LA	Stammers	Taylor	Peet LSe	Hague UTD	Rawlinson Café	Ashton	M Sanderson	McCauley	Dawson LS		Webster
Hemsworth	Sunday	10:30 am	Reason	LA	Rawlinson Café	Hollands	Haigh LSe	UTD at Brierley	Stammers	Taylor	Rawlinson LS	Platts	Hague		Furusa
Ryhill	Sunday	6:00 pm	Rawlinson Café	-	McCauley	-	Rawlinson LSe	-	Carr	-	Rawlinson LS	-	LA	-	Gregg
New Hope Fellowship	Tuesday	2:00 pm	-	12th - No Service	-	26th - OA	-	9th - Rawlinson	-	23rd - OA	-	-	14th - OA	-	28th - McCauley
Mapplewell Manor	Sunday	2:00 pm	-	-	-	-	Rawlinson LS	-	-	-	Rawlinson LS	-	-	-	Carr LS

South - Rev Louise Carr

Darfield Wesley	Sunday	10:30 am	Platts	Carr LS	Furusa	McCauley CA	Praed LSe	UTD at Pilley	Peet	Carr	Hague	Halliday (Car)	Taylor	Aggrey	Stammers
Great Houghton	Sunday	10:30 am	Peet	Taylor	Praed	Carr LS	Halliday (Car) LSe		McCauley	Haigh	Carr	Carr	LA	Ashton	Evans
Wombwell	Sunday	10:30 am	Carr LS	LA	McCauley	Aggrey	Reason LSe		Lodge	Peet	McCauley	Ashton	Carr LS	Haigh	E Sanderson
Hoyland & Birdwell	Sunday	10:30 am	E Sanderson CA	Bellamy	Carr LS	LA	Carr LSe		Ashton	McCauley	Mellor	Lodge	Tewson (Car)	Carr	Gregg
Pilley	Sunday	3:00 pm	-	Carr LS	-	Gregg	-	Carr UTD / SoP	-	Carr	-	Peet	-	LA	-

B - Baptism BS - Be Still CA - Chapel Anniversary LA - Church Stewards & Worship Leaders to make own arrangements for this service	(Car) - Transport Required GD - Gift Day LS - Holy Communion	Ladies Anniv - Ladies Anniversary LSe - Extended Communion Own Arr - Own Arrangement	SoP - Songs of Prasie UTD - United Service
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Members of our staff team share some of their successes

In **2023** lots of great things happened in **Circuit Youth**. Firstly, we restructured the format of our meetings to have a more bible focused approach whilst keeping all the fun activities that we love. Additionally, we went to lots of fun events like **Breathe Deep** and **3GENERATE**. These events allowed the youth to grow more with God and interact with other young people their age.

January **2024**, we attended **Breathe Deep**, which the young people absolutely loved. In March, we will be attending the **District activity day**, where the young people get to spend time with other young people from across the district. In October, we will be attending **3GENERATE** again. Other things are beginning to be planned too, such as fundraising activities and sleepovers, but the dates for those aren't confirmed yet.

The Circuit granted us some money to buy journaling bibles for our youth group. These will be used within our sessions to allow us to have fun bible discussions. Our hope is that with a journaling bible, our young people will feel ownership over their time spent engaging with God's word and make notes of things they find interesting or questions that it has given them.



Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who supports us. We appreciate you all so much! If you have any questions about **Circuit Youth** or how to get involved, please email me.

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Inter-generational Community Partnerships

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, Daphne and Linda wondered how they could forge community partnerships with some of the schools and Care Homes in the North East Church. Christmas gave them the ideal time to put some of their ideas into action.

We invited Ryhill Primary School to the Chapel to decorate a Christmas tree as they had done before the covid lockdowns. Their school council members, accompanied by the head-teacher and the R.E. lead teacher, brought ornaments made by the entire school and enthusiastically trimmed the tree. The school choir also joined Rev. Claire and Daphne at Victoria House to sing carols for some of the residents. The teacher that brought them thought it was such a good idea and would like to do something similar at Easter!



At Brierley Primary CE School we spoke with the head-teacher about their own school choir visiting Bollingbroke Care Home to sing carols in addition to their usual visit to Brierley Chapel's Thursday Pop-In coffee morning. Again, the response was positive. They also made a few Christmas cards to give to the residents. Both audiences were completely wowed by the choir's performance and hope that they won't have to wait until next Christmas for another visit!



The response of both schools and care homes shows that these community links are beneficial to young and old. If you have other ideas that we could try in the future then please get in touch.

Linda & Daphne

Identify the requirements to become an Eco Circuit providing resources and training to enable Churches and the Circuit to fulfil them.



Becoming an ECO Church

Part 2: ECO Fest, A First for Barnsley

As we planned the **ECO Fest**, we thought that if we could attract 8 or perhaps 10 local **eco**-organisations, it would be a great first step towards engaging with the wider community and learning about what others are doing. On the day, 20 groups and organisations set up their stalls, displays and information. We offered Fair Trade tea and coffee and home-baked cakes – we know that these ingredients are key to successful community events – and opened from 10.00am – 1400pm.

The Mayor of Barnsley accepted our invitation and spoke about the importance of working together to achieve 'net zero'. Three local councillors attended and were very enthusiastic about our efforts. Our Barnsley Central MP, Dan Jarvis also joined us, engaging with the organisations but also advising us on how we might work with the Local Authority and partners, and become more closely involved in Barnsley's Net Zero ambitions.



We learned about the work of Christian Aid in combatting the impact of the climate crisis on some of the most vulnerable communities in the world.

We were able to buy fairley traded products – some in readiness for Christmas! Many organisations took part in a 'speakers' corner', holding conversations and answering questions. We displayed slides about our achievements to date, including the individual pledges to which all the chapels of the Barnsley NW Church had committed. We invited visitors who hadn't already made pledges, to do so. We heard about local work on tree planting; restoration of derelict sites to encourage wild-life and the plight of hedgehogs due to our farming techniques. We learned about the work of climate crisis campaigning groups in S Yorkshire and held conversations with conservation organisations.



The **ECO** Energy company, which has carried out the assessments in some of our chapels, joined us, talking with people about their services and offering advice. All these activities, information-sharing, contact detail swapping, conversations and questions, confirmed the value of the work we are doing to become **ECO** Churches. They also strongly affirmed that, each one of us can contribute to change, in small, incremental ways, building together, with many others, to make a difference.

Whilst each of the criteria to become an **ECO** Church must be considered individually, organising the **ECO Fest** met many of them, with additional benefits. We raised our profile as church and chapels, about our commitment to **ECO** matters. We demonstrated how we are willing and ready to engage politically and we served our community by bringing together groups and organisations. We created opportunities for individuals to feel they can contribute to sustainability. Feedback was extremely positive from stall-holders and those attending: *'Thank you for organising it'; 'We can't believe that this is the first time you've done it'; 'A great event; please do it again.'*

We are now members of the Positive Climate Partnership in Barnsley; linked to Enterprise Barnsley and are already planning our next festival, working together, with other chapels in NW Barnsley to become **ECO** Churches. The **ECO Fest** is an important testimony to our Christian commitment to caring for the planet and working together, towards sustainability.

Raise awareness across the Circuit of opportunities for service and engagement, especially through external groups seeking to meet the needs of local people.



I guess that most of you have been supporting **Christian Aid** for many years. I first heard of it at South Hiendley Chapel in the 1960s, as we raised money for some of the poorest people in the world, though it dates back to 1945, when it was founded by British and Irish churches to help refugees following the Second World War. As I grew up, **Christian Aid** widened its work, becoming a founder member of the Disasters Emergency Committee and challenging the causes of world poverty and injustice. At university in the 1970s I joined the World Development Movement and began reading the New Internationalist magazine, both of which were set up with help from **Christian Aid**. All these influences, along with my study of poverty in Britain and my use of excellent resources from **Christian Aid** as a Local Preacher, fed into my understanding of Christian discipleship as I trained for ordained ministry. Now I have the role of championing **Christian Aid** in our circuit and encouraging you all to support it, as a major pillar in our following a Methodist Way of Life.

Christian Aid in 2024 describes itself in these ways:

We stand together. For dignity. For equality. For justice.

Everyone is equal in the sight of God. Yet we live in a world where poverty still persists.

Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. But together we have the power to transform lives.

For over 70 years, we've been standing with the poorest of our neighbours. We work in 37 countries, with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice.

Together we can create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

Our voices and actions are stronger together. And with your help, we can make an even bigger difference.

Together with our supporters and partners, we aim:

- *to expose poverty throughout the world*
- *to help in practical ways to end it*
- *to highlight, challenge and change the structures and systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised.*

We believe in life before death

- *We seek to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ, who commanded his followers to love their neighbour and work for a better world*
- *We stand with the most vulnerable and excluded people of the world – in times of crisis and for the longer term. We give people survival essentials when they are without shelter or refuge, and help them find the strength and resources they need to flourish and protect themselves from disasters*
- *We support people to stand up for their rights and to build stable, secure lives they can enjoy living.*

In our circuit many chapels and individuals still support **Christian Aid** in different ways. However, with the demise of street collections during **Christian Aid Week**, perhaps we have lost our focus and interest in its continued work.

To rekindle our passion and reboot our efforts, I encourage you all to find a way for your church or chapel to raise vital funds for the world's poorest people this **Christian Aid Week, 12th to 18th May**.

It could be a special event or perhaps you could make it the focus of one of your regular meetings. There will be resources available this spring on

Christian Aid's website, which also has information about its projects and partnerships. I look forward to hearing about your events and say a big "thank you" in anticipation of you all getting involved.

Reverend Louise M. Dawson



If you would like to donate or know more about the charity, take a look at the website www.christianaid.org.uk or contact Rev Louise Dawson