

# The Methodist Church



## Barnsley Circuit

### Preaching Plan & Newsletter

**December 2024 to  
February 2025**



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Dear Friends

As advent begins so does the new plan.

This one will have as full a list of Christmas services as we can achieve. If your service is at a normal service time it will be on the plan grid rather than in the list - we have so many it's hard to have them all in a single sheet, which is in itself good news. What will you try from the list of opportunities, an alternative to the usual church Carol service or is that what makes Christmas for you, singing words familiar from your earliest memories.



This year the Methodist Church resources explores one carol in some depth - the strap line for the material is **“Hush the noise”**, if it doesn't immediately register it's from **“It came upon the Midnight Clear”** and encourages those singing or listening to **hush the noise, ye men of strife and hear the song the angels bring**. It hadn't been on my list of favourites until asked what the group might sing at women's fellowship, Dorothy told me it wasn't Christmas for her unless she sang it. I asked her why, she told me it was practical. Christmas should bring peace and greater understanding but we didn't stop and think like this carol told us. It's moved up my list of carols as I've thought on her wisdom.



Over the next month there will be groups exploring the carol and what it teaches us about God. What does your favourite carol tell you about God? Mine changes fairly regularly but amongst the favourites would be the words **“Our God contracted to a span, incomprehensibly made man”** - out of love God chose to limit powers and be as one of us. A pop song also reflected on that - what if God was one of us. The heart of what we reflect on at Easter.

Louise

**“See weekly newsletter for details of Advent study groups”**

<i>December 2024 to February 2025 Barnsley 25/15</i>	1st December Advent Sunday	8th December Advent 2	15th December Advent 3	22nd December Advent 4	29th December 1st of Christmas	5th January 2nd of Christmas	12th January Ord 1	19th January Ord 2	26th January Ord 3	2nd February Ord 4	9th February Ord 5	16th February Ord 6	23rd February Ord 7
Principal Reading (Year C)	Luke 21:25-36	Luke 3:1-6	Luke 3:7-18	Luke 1:39-45	Luke 2:41-52	John 1:1-18	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	John 2:1-11	Luke 4:14-21	Luke 4:21-30	Luke 5:1-11	Luke 6:17-26	Luke 6:27-38
Special Sundays						Epiphany		Week of prayer for Christian Unity			Racial Justice		

**Streamed Worship weekly at 10.30am - Fb Link each week available on Barnsley Methodist Community**      **Contemporary Worship 7pm - Brierley 4th Dec / 1st Jan / 5th Feb and Emmanuel 18th Dec / 15th Jan / 19th Feb**

North West - Rev Lyn Gregg															
Buckley	Saturday <i>after coffee morning</i>	11:15 am	LA	-	14th - Own Arr / CS	-	-	-	11th - Gregg	-	25th Rawlinson	-	8th - Gregg LS	-	22nd - Webster
Buckley	Sunday	10:30 am	-	Dawson	-	Gregg @ 3pm / CtgI	Circuit Service @ Brierley	Aggrey	-	Gregg COV	-	Padgett	-	Ashton CA	-
Pogmoor	Tuesday @ Treddehoyle	2:30 pm	3rd - Evans	-	-	-	-	7th - Gregg COV	-	-	-	4th - Gregg	-	-	-
Dodworth	Sunday	10:30 am	E Sanderson	Evans	LA	Gregg CS	Circuit Service @ Brierley	Gregg COV	Lodge	Tewson (Car)	LA	Gregg LS	Tanyanyiwa	Aggrey	Taylor
Emmanuel	Sunday	10:00 am	Gregg LS	Webster	Roots N	Rawlinson		BS	Gregg COV	E Sanderson	LA	Ashton	Gregg LS	LA	Lodge
Higham	Sunday	4:00 pm	-	Gregg LS	Own Arr VCS	Dawson		Gregg COV	-	Rawlinson	-	Gregg LS	-	LA	-
Kexborough	Sunday	10:30 am	Junior Church	Girls Brigade	Gregg LS	Own Arr CS		Ashton AAW	Praed	Evans	Gregg COV	Stammers AAW	Aggrey	Gregg LS	Reid
North East - Rev Claire Rawlinson															
Monk Bretton	Sunday	10:30 am	Ashton	Tanyanyiwa	Rawlinson B	Own Arr CS	Circuit Service @ Brierley	Rawlinson COV	LA	M Sanderson	Halliday (Car)	Webster	Rawlinson Café	LA	Evans
Staincross	Sunday	10:30 am	Peet	Padgett	Halliday (Car)	Lodge CS		Stammers	Rawlinson COV	Reid	LA	Tewson (Car)	Taylor	Rawlinson Café	Carr LS
Brierley	Sunday	10:30 am	Band @ 3pm	Gregg	Ashton	Rawlinson CS @ 4pm	Rawlinson Circuit Service	Haigh	Peet	Rawlinson COV	Taylor	Carr	E Sanderson	LA	Rawlinson Café
Hemsworth	Sunday	10:30 am	M Sanderson	Rawlinson Café	Reid	Own Arr CS	Circuit Service @ Brierley	Tanyanyiwa	LA	Halliday (Car)	Rawlinson LS	Aggrey	Lodge	Stammers	Webster
Ryhill	Sunday	6:00 pm	-	Stammers	-	Rawlinson CS		Carr	-	Rawlinson COV	-	Carr	-	Rawlinson LS	-
New Hope Fellowship	Tuesday	2:00 pm	-	10th - Rawlinson LS	-	24th - No service	-	-	14th - Carr	-	28th - Peet	-	11th - Rawlinson LS	-	25th - Gregg
Mapplewell Manor	Sunday	2:00 pm	-	-	Rawlinson LS	-	-	-	Rawlinson LS	-	-	-	Rawlinson LS	-	-
South - Rev Louise Carr															
Darfield Wesley	Sunday	10:30 am	Taylor	Haigh	Own Arr CS	Carr	Circuit Service @ Brierley	Carr COV	LA	Stammers	Aggrey	Gamewell	Praed	LA	UTD @ Wombwell
Great Houghton	Sunday	10:30 am	Gamewell	Taylor	Carr	Own Arr CS		Halliday (Car)	Carr COV	Peet	LA	Praed	Carr	LA	
Wombwell	Sunday	10:30 am	Carr	LA	Peet	Own Arr CS @ 5pm		Gamewell	Taylor	Carr COV	Lodge	LA	Haigh	Carr	Peet SoP @3pm
Hoyland & Birdwell	Sunday	10:30 am	Praed	Carr	Aggrey	Own Arr CS		Peet	LA	Ashton	Carr COV	Peet	M Sanderson	LA	UTD @ Wombwell
Pilley	Sunday	3:00 pm	-	Peet	-	Tewson (Car) CS		-	Carr COV	-	Rawlinson	-	Gregg	-	

<b>AAW</b> - All Age Worship	<b>Ctgl</b> - Christingle	<b>Own Arr</b> - Own Arrangement
<b>B</b> - Baptism	<b>COV</b> - Covenant Service	<b>SoP</b> - Songs of Praise
<b>BS</b> - Be Still	<b>CS</b> - Carol Service	<b>UTD</b> - United Service
<b>(Car)</b> - Transport Required	<b>LS</b> - Holy Communion	<b>VCS</b> - Village Carol Singing
<b>CA</b> - Church Anniversary	<b>N</b> - Nativity	
<b>LA</b> - Church Stewards & Worship Leaders to make own arrangements for this service		



❖ **use our human & financial resources to encourage and equip our churches to engage in mission by; Making grants of up to £500 to chapels to resource mission**

The North East Church received a mission grant to resource an outreach called **Messy Vintage**. Daphne Irwin, Pastoral visitor of the North East church tells us how the grant was used.

**Messy Vintage** is a creative Christ centred celebration and hospitality session open to everyone. Part of the mission grant was used to purchase the **Messy Vintage** Resource book, which gives ideas on how to share **Christ centred fun and fellowship** with the older generation who happen to reside within a care home.

A typical session involves hands on creative activities which help explore a bible story. It's a short celebration, with story, prayer and sometimes song, and always with refreshments included at some point.



We have introduced a monthly **Messy Vintage session** at many of the care homes we regularly visit.

For each monthly **Messy Vintage session** we have a themed craft activity.

The rest of the money from the grant is being used to purchase the Art & Craft supplies and other equipment which is used within the 'craft part' of the themed activities.

We started with the basics; pencils, crayons, paints, pastel crayons, felt pens, glue, scissors, to which we added selections of coloured paper and card, and other textured craft materials like foam, felt, crepe paper, tissue paper, and last but not least lots and lots of coloured sticky gems and themed stickers. The residents love sticky gems and stickers of all kinds, better than glue. The residents enjoy being creative.



The pictures and craft items produced are often used by the Home Activities coordinators as part of an art and craft display. Sometimes the individual residents are so proud of their items they take them back to their rooms or tie them to their frames. They are also often taken by the residents to pass onto a loved one, a relative, friend, or carer. They want to pass on their gratitude and love to that special person in their life.

The **Messy Vintage** sessions are run by either Rev Claire Rawlinson or myself or both, ably assisted by our wonderful, fantastic volunteers and the staff in the homes. Without their help the **Messy Vintage** Sessions could not take place. Several volunteers comment that they gain as much from the sessions as the residents! If anyone wants to come along and see what happens you will be very welcome.

Please contact Claire Rawlinson or Daphne Irwin who have all the information on future dates and locations of **Messy Vintage** sessions.

❖ **Arrange training for Local Preachers, Worship Leaders and others who wish to lead worship, study groups or other online activities**

## Answering a call to preach

# Is it I lord? I have heard you calling



Geoffrey  
Buckingham

## How do you hear a call to any kind of ministry in the church?

It is easily distinguished from any kind of ambition, and any brief exposure brings an immediate understanding of the immense responsibility piled on the shoulders of a candidate for local preacher or worship leader. Even thumbing through the demanding coursework is enough to question whether you are doing the right thing. It is daunting in quantity and depth. But you cannot flee from it - the strange tale of Jonah shows that cowardice is futile. And the call of Moses tells us that any objections will be overcome.

### So, what can you do?

I believe I have been training all my life to preach.

Like many I have studied the Bible in a rudimentary and haphazard way for many years and been taught much. I have had glimpses into the mind of God by way of preachers of global stature.

### And now I just have to step out in faith and get on with it.

Ten months in and those who have heard me have said encouraging things.

Nobody has walked out. We have even shared laughter.

But the responsibility is awesome.

Asking God prayerfully and humbly for the words He has for a sermon demands much.

There is room for improvement certainly, and there is progress:

*I will go, Lord*

*If you lead me,*

*I will hold your people in my heart.*

*Singing the Faith 663*

If you would like to know more about sharing in the leading of worship please speak to your Minister, or one of the local preachers

## *Christmas Events around the Barnsley Circuit*

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Monk Bretton  
Christmas Fayre – 10.30am

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Pilley  
Pilley Link – Christmas Special – 1.30pm

Monk Bretton  
Band Concert – 7.30pm

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Wombwell  
Christmas Fayre – 10am

Kexborough  
Christmas Fayre 10-12 noon

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Dodworth  
Village Carol Service - Rosehill - 6pm

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Kexborough  
Christmas Band Concert 7-9pm  
Tickets available on line or from Stewards

Pogmoor  
Carol Service at Tommy Treddlehoyle – 7pm

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Darfield Wesley  
Christmas Coffee Morning  
9.30am

Buckley  
Carol Service – 11.15am

Monk Bretton  
Christmas Coffee Morning  
10.30 to noon

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Monk Bretton  
Dementia Friendly Carol Service – 11am

Wombwell  
Christmas Choir Concert – 7pm

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Dodworth  
Fellowship Carol Service - 2pm

Hoyland & Birdwell  
Blue Christmas – 4pm

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Hoyland & Birdwell  
Christmas Party - tbc

Buckley  
Pie & Peas Lunch

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Wombwell  
Carol Service– 5pm

Emmanuel  
Carol Service – 6pm

Hoyland & Birdwell  
Carol Service – 10.30am

Hemsworth  
Christingle – 3pm

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve

Emmanuel  
Christingle – 3pm  
Dawn Webster

Dodworth  
Christingle – 4pm  
Rev Louise Dawson

Kexborough  
Christingle – 4pm  
Rev Lyn Gregg

Staincross  
Christingle – 4pm  
Rev Claire Rawlinson

Higham  
Carol Service In the  
Village - 6pm

Hoyland & Birdwell  
Christmas Eve Service  
7.00pm  
Rev Louise Carr

Emmanuel  
Midnight Communion  
11.30pm  
Rev Lyn Gregg

Hemsworth  
Midnight Communion  
11.30pm  
Rev Claire Rawlinson

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day

Staincross  
Christmas Day Service – 10am  
Rev Claire Rawlinson

Kexborough  
Christmas Day Service - 10.30am  
Rev Lyn Gregg

Wombwell  
Christmas Day Service – 10am  
Rev Louise Carr