

The Methodist Church



Barnsley Circuit

Preaching Plan & Newsletter

**June to
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**We give thanks for the life of the Rev Alan Saxby
and acknowledge his many years service to the Methodist Church.
We continue to hold his family and friends in our prayers.**

Dear friends,

This summer is, once again, going to be one of change for us as a circuit. We will be saying farewell to two members of staff, Rev Claire Rawlinson and Mrs Ellie Peet. Shortly after their leaving we will be welcoming Rev Andrew Atkins, Deacon Mark Attwood and (hopefully) a new lay worker for the South church. To those leaving us, we wish you every blessing in the next part of your journey along God's highway (or motorway depending on your direction and speed of travel).

Not many of us like change, we like to stay within the safe and familiar confines of what we know and trust. But nothing stays the same forever. The earth keeps turning, the seasons keep changing, the years keep rolling by. It's enough to make a person dizzy and breathless! But we are not called to be a static people, we are called to be a pilgrim people, always on the move, following where God leads. And so, although we know change can be uncomfortable and challenging, we should remember it also offers the possibility of renewed vitality and new opportunities.

Rev Claire might well be moving to pastures new, but who knows what our pastures here in Barnsley will become if only we are courageous enough to embrace the challenges and changes ahead. Whether we stay or go, may we "go in the strength of the Lord", always.

Yours, in Christ,
Lyn

Rev Claire's reflections on her time in Barnsley

When I first learnt that I was stationed to Barnsley, I confess I had no idea where in the country it was or anything about the area. It was nerve-wracking arriving as a probationer, new to the role, to an area I knew very little about. But when I arrived, as has often happened when I have put my trust completely in God, I found a place where I truly felt called to be.



Looking back over the last eight years, in many ways it doesn't seem that long at all. We have worked together for the kingdom of God in this place, with all the blessings and challenges that go along with that. We have celebrated many highs, tried new things and struggled together through a pandemic and chapel closures.

I have learnt a lot about myself, God and ministry during my time here. It has been a real privilege to walk alongside you, sharing your joys and sorrows, and I am genuinely sad to leave. However, I know that God is calling me to somewhere new, and although daunting, I once more put trust in God that my next step will also be the right one.

I want to thank you all for the love, support and encouragement I have received during my years here. It is my prayer for you all that you continue to work together in love and fellowship. I pray that you bear fruit for all the work that you do for God's kingdom in this place – even if the fruit may be different to what you might expect. Most of all, I pray that you allow God to challenge you and bless you in the years to come.

God bless, Claire

<i>June to August 2025 Barnsley 25/15</i>	1st June Easter 7	8th June Pentecost	15th June Trinity	22nd June Ord 12	29th June Ord 13	6th July Ord 14	13th July Ord 15	20th July Ord 16	27th July Ord 17	3rd August Ord 18	10th August Ord 19	17th August Ord 20	24th August Ord 21	31st August Ord 22
Principal Reading (Year C)	John 17:20-26	John 14:8-17 (25-27)	John 16:12-15	Luke 8:26-29	Luke 9:51-62	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13	Luke 12:13-21	Luke 12:32-40	Luke 12:49-56	Luke 13:10-17	Luke 14:1, 7-14
Special Sundays		Methodist Homes		Refugee Week	Conference Sunday		Action for Children							

Streamed Worship weekly at 10.30am - FB Link each week available on Barnsley Methodist Community Contemporary Worship 7pm - Brierley 4th June / 2nd July / 6th August and Emmanuel 18th June / 16th July / 20th August

North West - Rev Lyn Gregg

Buckley	Saturday <small>after coffee morning</small>	11:15 am	-	-	-	-	28th - Gregg LS	-	12th - Rawlinson	-	26th - Gregg LS	-	9th - Gregg	-	23rd - Hague	-
Buckley	Sunday	10:30 am	-	Haigh	UTD @ Brierley	LA	-	Praed	-	UTD @ Staincross	-	Gregg B	-	LA	-	UTD @ Emmanuel
Pogmoor	Tuesday <small>@ Treddlehoyle</small>	2:30 pm	3rd - Rawlinson	-	-	-	1st - Gregg LS	-	-	-	-	5th - Gregg	-	-	-	-
Dodworth	Sunday	10:30 am	LA	Gregg LS	Webster	Taylor	Reason	Hollands	Aggrey	UTD @ Staincross	Gregg LS	LA	UTD @ Kexborough	Ashton	LA	UTD @ Emmanuel
Emmanuel	Sunday	10:00 am	Aggrey	Taylor	Gregg LS	LA	No Service	BS	Roots / Brownies AAW		Praed	Halliday (Car)		Gamewell	Gregg B	Peet AAW
Higham	Sunday	4:00 pm	-	Gregg LS	-	Stammers	-	Rawlinson	-		-	Gregg LS		Gregg	-	Gregg LS
Kexborough	Sunday	10:30 am	Hollands	Praed	Furusa	Gregg LS	LA	Stammers	Reason		Webster	LA	Gregg LS	Evans	LA	UTD @ Emmanuel

North East - Rev Claire Rawlinson

Monk Bretton	Sunday	10:30 am	Gamewell	Rawlinson UTD / LS	LA	Buckingham	Rawlinson Café	Peet	LA	UTD @ Staincross	Reason	M Sanderson	LA	Taylor	Furusa	UTD @ Brierley
Staincross	Sunday	10:30 am	Halliday (Car)	UTD @ Monk Bretton	Rawlinson Café / LS	Furusa	Aggrey	LA	Praed	Circuit Service	Aggrey	Taylor	LA	Peet	Reason	
Brierley	Sunday	10:30 am	Rawlinson Café		FFC	Hague	Haigh	Evans	Rawlinson LS	UTD @ Staincross	M Sanderson	Ashton	Stammers	LA	Webster	Gregg LS
Hemsworth	Sunday	10:30 am	Ashton		Hague	LA	Peet	Rawlinson B	Hollands		LA	UTD @ Brierley	Haigh	Praed	Aggrey	UTD @ Brierley
Ryhill	Sunday	6:00 pm	-		-	Gregg	-	Rawlinson LS	-		-	LA	-	Gregg LS	-	
New Hope Fellowship	Tuesday	2:00 pm	-	10th - Evans	-	24th - Rawlinson	-	8th - Rawlinson	-	22nd - LA	-	-	12th - LA	-	26th - Gregg	-
Mapplewell Manor	Sunday	2:00 pm	-	-	Rawlinson LS	-	-	-	Rawlinson LS	-	-	-	Evans	-	-	-

South - Rev Claire Rawlinson / Rev Eileen Sanderson (Gt Houghton & Wombwell)

Darfield Wesley	Sunday	10:30 am	Reason	G Newton UTD / LS	Peet	LA	M Sanderson	Ashton CA	Taylor	UTD @ Staincross	LA	UTD @ Hoyland & Birdwell	LA	Gregg LS	Buckingham	UTD @ Gt Houghton
Great Houghton	Sunday	10:30 am	E Sanderson	UTD @ Darfield Wesley	Aggrey	Peet	LA	Gamewell	E Sanderson LS		LA		Furusa	E Sanderson	LA	E Sanderson LS
Wombwell	Sunday	10:30 am	LA		Ashton	Rawlinson GD	E Sanderson B	Halliday (Car)	Haigh		E Sanderson LS		Peet	LA	Praed	UTD @ Gt Houghton
Hoyland & Birdwell	Sunday	10:30 am	Evans		Halliday (Car)	Stammers	Gregg LS	Taylor	Peet		LA	Peet Café	Aggrey	LA	Hague	
Pilley	Sunday	3:00 pm	Rawlinson Café		Gregg	-	Rawlinson LS	-	LA		Peet	UTD @ Hoyland & Birdwell	Gregg LS	-	LA	-

AAW - All Age Worship B - Baptism BS - Be Still (Car) - Transport Required LA - Church Stewards & Worship Leaders to make own arrangements for this service	CA - Church Anniversary FFC - Filey Fishermen's Choir GD - Gift Day LS - Holy Communion	UTD - United Service
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Monk Bretton FRIENDSHIP CAFÉ

When the world went into lockdown during the Covid pandemic, I began to realise how fortunate I was. I spent the time sharing a house with my husband and daughter, unlike many people living on their own, loneliness was not a problem I had to face. I began to consider what our church community could do to help and once things began to return to normal I discussed it with the members at Monk Bretton and The Friendship Café was born.

Open to anyone of any age Friendship Café meets from 2pm to 3.30pm on the first Tuesday of every month at Monk Bretton Chapel. The volunteers (myself, Alison and Gaynor) serve FREE refreshments and offer a place to share an afternoon with other people.

As people arrive we provide some sort of printed quiz or wordsearch for anyone who would like to take part although there is no obligation to join in. Then we usually have an activity prepared such as a craft project or a game of bingo or a singalong. No one has to join in if they don't want to – a drink and a chat is absolutely fine.

Sometimes we arrange a special event for example we held an Information Fair in October when we invited a number of different organisations to come and offer advice on a range of subjects such as fire safety, applying for pension credit and general wellbeing.

We have also enjoyed two very popular afternoon teas – one with musical entertainment provided by a talented local singer (my daughter Catherine)



We would love to reach more people who may be struggling with loneliness so please spread the word. Everyone is welcome and if we could get more volunteers we could possibly meet more often.

If you would like to join us the dates for future meetings are
–3rd June, 1st July, 5th August, 2nd September and 7th October.

If you are a little worried about coming on your own please give me a call on 07767 870514 and I will arrange to meet you at the door.

Gillian Reed

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Staincross Christmas appeal

For many years Staincross Methodist Chapel has organised a Christmas appeal to support a local charity.

For Christmas 2024 it was agreed to raise funds for Barnsley Woman's Refuge. The funds raised were used to purchase ASDA vouchers. Although the refuge receives funding to provide emergency accommodation in Barnsley, they rely on charitable donations to provide for the extras women and children need, providing them with emergency food, clothing and toys.

Barnsley Woman's refuge is part of IDAS

(Independent Domestic Abuse Services)

IDAS offers a range of free and confidential services to help people cope with, and recover from, the traumatic effects of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

They started life as York Women's Aid in the 1970s at a time when domestic abuse was largely accepted, and women couldn't claim benefits in their own rights.

The services include the provision of different types of safe accommodation, one to one and groupwork support in the community, and access to a confidential helpline. Services are accessible and inclusive and can be accessed by anyone living in North Yorkshire, Barnsley and Sheffield.



Elizabeth Orange
presenting the vouchers
on behalf of
Staincross Chapel

Helplines: [03000 110 110 - Barnsley](tel:03000110110)

Would you know who to call if someone shared a problem with you?

The Methodist Church is committed to creating safe places

Safeguarding is not an optional extra.

The training available will help you to know:

- what to do if you identify a safeguarding concern
 - how you should respond to the concern
 - why you need to respond
- who you need to share your concern with.

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility – including yours.

Please contact your Minister for information on Safeguarding courses

- ❖ Provide opportunities to explore faith and discipleship
- ❖ support and equip people for growth, nurture and leadership
- ❖ encourage and equip Churches to engage in mission

Hello my name is Josie

In February I started working in the circuit as the new children and family's worker for the North East.



I have worked previously in a nursery and attend a church in Barnsley. To combine my faith and my job has been such a blessing. I am really enjoying my new role in the circuit and have had a very kind welcome from all who I have met. I have been involved in many different groups and events so far, and I feel my role has already shown me how important outreach and support from the church is for the whole community, from messy church to toddler groups as well as schools. Many events/groups so far have introduced me to families from within the community. Also the Staincross toddlers have occasionally been visiting a local care home which has been lovely to be a part of.

Little Fishes at Hemsworth has been another regular event attended for me and it's been interesting to see how popular this is to the local community. I am looking forward to continuing and working with the circuit to develop new exciting ideas of ways we can support children and families in their faith as well as outreach to the local community.

Hi, I'm Libby



I'm delighted to have joined the Barnsley Methodist Circuit as a youth worker. I work for the North West Church and also help lead the Barnsley Circuit Youth. My weekly role includes working with: Brownies, Girl's Brigade, Crossroads Youth, toddler groups and local primary schools. I want to say a heartfelt thank you to the staff and volunteers across the circuit who have made me feel so welcome. It has been a joy to meet the youth and take them to events such as Breath Deep at Sheffield Cathedral and the activity day at Hesley Wood scout centre. Look out for other upcoming youth events across the circuit!

A little about me: I'm a Christian; I help lead the worship and the children's ministry in my local church. For the past five years, I have been working in education as a primary school teacher.

Please welcome these new members of our team