

The Methodist Church



Barnsley Circuit

Preaching Plan & Newsletter

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Dear friends,

Happy New Year seems a strange thing to be wishing you at the beginning of September, but here we are at the beginning of a new church year. And as we look forward to all that lies ahead of us during the busy weeks of this plan, I hope you do so, feeling rested, refreshed and rejuvenated by those 'lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer'.

For some, summer will not have been those blissfully happy, fun-filled days alluded to by Nat King Cole. Life goes on, with all its trials and tribulations, all its sorrows and sufferings, all its challenges and chaos. My prayers are with you.

Whatever the past, whatever the future, one thing is true, we are safe in the hands of God. And so, whatever we are facing, whatever uncertainty, fear or hope we are carrying in our hearts, let's 'praise God for all that is past, and trust God for all that's to come', knowing that God goes with us, always.

Yours, in Christ, **Lyn**

Introducing Rev Andrew Atkins

Hello everyone,

This feels a bit like the television quiz show, 'Pointless' where contestants have 30 seconds to introduce themselves to those watching. However, unlike a Pointless contestant, I do need to say that I am really looking forward to being with you as we share in the next stage of our faith journey together and learn more about each other as companions on the way.



So, a bit about me. I am married to Vicky, (who, if you weren't aware, became Chair of our district in August) and we have four children and two grand-children. Rather than give you a list of stuff about me I'm going to answer three questions and encourage you to think how you would answer them and perhaps share one or more of your answers with me when we meet. I could answer 'my family' to all of these, but that goes without saying and wouldn't tell you much about me.

Q1. What brings you joy? Honestly, many things, however, being outside and walking anywhere in nature, though the coast does hold a special place in my heart.

Q2. Name something you are good at and why you enjoy doing it.

I love story telling. I was pleased my children all enjoyed bedtime stories. I regularly tell stories in reflective services I lead, as I think they enable those hearing them to go on a very personal journey. I also love writing: reflections, poetry and so on, but particularly communion liturgies that reflect what we have shared in our services together.

Q3. What is important in life?

Getting a good balance of work, rest, and spiritual recharge. How we do that will be different for us all, but the rest and recharge bits for me will often include music (especially live), reading and a camera.

See you all in September, till then...

Andrew

<i>September to November 2025 Barnsley 25/15</i>	7th September Ord 23	14th September Ord 24	21st September Ord 25	28th September Ord 26	5th October Ord 27	12th October Ord 28	19th October Ord 29	26th October Ord 30	2nd November Ord 31	9th November Ord 32	16th November Ord 33	23rd November Sunday before Advent	30th November Advent 1
Principal Reading (Year C)	Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-31	Luke 17:5-10	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-8	Luke 18:9-14	Luke 19:1-10	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:33-43	Matthew 24 36-44
Special Sundays		Education Sunday			Homeless Sunday	Prison Sunday	Freedom Sunday	Bible Sunday		Remembrance			

Streamed Worship weekly at 10.30am - this can be found through the [Barnsley Methodist Circuit YouTube channel](#). Contemporary Worship 7pm - [Brierley 2nd Sept / 7th Oct / 4th Nov](#) and [Emmanuel 16th Sept / 21st Oct / 18th Nov](#)

North West - Rev Lyn Gregg

Buckley	Saturday <small>after coffee morning</small>	11:15 am	-	-	20th - Gregg LS	-	4th - Gregg	-	18th - Atkins	-	1st - Gregg Shoe Box	-	15th - Evans	-	29th - Gregg
Buckley	Sunday	10:30 am	-	UTD @ Emmanuel	-	Gregg HT	-	Taylor	-	LA	-	Gregg LS	-	Tewson (Car)	Ashton
Pogmoor	Tuesday <small>@ Treddlehoyle</small>	2:30 pm	2nd - Evans	-	-	-	7th - Gregg	-	-	-	4th - Gregg	-	-	-	-
Dodworth	Sunday	10:30 am	LA	UTD @ Emmanuel	Gregg LS	LA	Bellamy	Aggrey	Gregg LS	Taylor	UTD @ Emmanuel	@ War Memorial	Attwood	Gregg LS	Taylor
Emmanuel	Sunday	10:00 am	BS	Gregg <small>Circuit Serv @ 10.30am</small>	Aggrey	LA	Gregg LS	Ashton HT / AAW	Furusa	V Atkins	Gregg BS / MEM	Peet AAW	Aggrey	LA	Gregg LS
Higham	Sunday	4:00 pm	-	UTD @ Emmanuel	-	Stammers HT	-	Gregg LS	-	Atkins	-	Gregg LS	-	Gregg	-
Kexborough	Sunday	10:30 am	Praed AAW		LA	Attwood HT	LA / AAW	Gregg LS	LA	Ashton	UTD @ Emmanuel	@ All Saints Darton	Gregg LS	Halliday (Car)	Atkins

North East - Rev Andrew Atkins

Monk Bretton	Sunday	10:30 am	Aggrey CA	UTD @ Emmanuel	LA	Webster Café	Evans HT	Tewson (Car)	LA	Atkins LS	Reid (Car)	Atkins @Parish	LA	Bellamy	Attwood
Staincross	Sunday	10:30 am	Attwood		Reason	Atkins HT	E Sanderson LS	M Sanderson	Evans	LA	Aggrey	Stammer @ 10am	Atkins LS	LA	Haigh
Brierley	Sunday	10:30 am	Atkins LS		Haigh HT	Ashton	M Sanderson	CA / LA	Praed	Webster	Peet	LA @ 10am	Ashton	Evans	Stammers
Hemsworth	Sunday	10:30 am	Gregg B		Atkins COV	LA	Platts HT	Webster	Reason	Stammers	E Sanderson LS	Haigh	Taylor	LA	Aggrey
Ryhill	Sunday	6:00 pm	-		-	Atkins HT		Gregg LS	-	LA	-	Atkins	-	Atkins LS	-
New Hope Fellowship	Tuesday	2:00 pm	9th - Gregg	-	23rd - Atkins	-	-	14th - Atkins	-	28th - Gregg	-	11th - Atkins	-	25th - Gregg	-
Mapplewell Manor	Sunday	2:00 pm	-	-	Atkins	-	-	-	Gregg	-	-	-	Atkins	-	-

South - Rev Andrew Atkins / Rev Eileen Sanderson (Gt Houghton & Wombwell)

Darfield Wesley	Sunday	10:30 am	Peet	UTD @ Emmanuel	LA	Halliday (Car) HT	Taylor	Reid (Car) LS	Aggrey	LA	Atkins	Own Arr	Praed	LA	UTD @ Wombwell
Great Houghton	Sunday	10:30 am	Gamewell		Peet	LA	Halliday (Car) HT	Attwood	LA	Tewson (Car)	M Sanderson	Halliday (Car)	E Sanderson LS	Atkins	
Wombwell	Sunday	10:30 am	Platts		Praed HT	LA	Haigh	Atkins	LA	E Sanderson CA / LS	Gamewell	@ Parish	Furusa	LA	E Sanderson TZ
Hoyland & Birdwell	Sunday	10:30 am	LA		Ashton	Peet HT	Gamewell	E Sanderson	Atkins LS	Attwood	Taylor	LA	Platts	Reason	UTD @ Wombwell
Pilley	Sunday	3:00 pm	Peet		Gregg	-	Gregg	-	Atkins LS	-	LA	-	Gregg LS	-	

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 COV - Covenant HT - Harvest Thanksgiving LS - Holy Communion	Own Arr - Own Arrangement MEM - Memorial TZ - Taize UTD - United Service
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❖ encourage each Church to provide widely accessible opportunities to encounter God across its chapels through a variety of styles, locations and times, and to encourage its people to take advantage of this variety

The Greenhouse – Youth Worship



It's a Sunday afternoon in June. The technology is thankfully working well, as one of the leaders invites everyone to use their phones to connect to the interactive Bible quiz.

There's a scrabble for phones, some people joining together in teams. "You can either scan the QR code or use the web address on the screen..." We've had a time of worship with a live band, giving thanks to God and inviting everyone to focus their hearts and minds on what He has to say to us.

A greenhouse is a place not only of new beginnings, where plants can germinate and start their journey but also a place to grow and strengthen in safety.

Helen, a former youth worker, who worships at Brierley, was moved to look around at how she could get involved in youth work in the circuit – in particular, she felt passionately about the worship experience for young people. She started by gathering as many Christian youth workers as she could find to come together, pray and talk about what is already available and whether there was a desire to add a new event. Now, working with our North West youth worker, Libby, The Exodus Project, and the youth workers at St George's Church in Barnsley town centre they have put together Sunday afternoon services once per half term that are aimed at teenagers, with modern worship songs, games, quizzes and teaching.

Our vision is for young people in the Barnsley area to use The Greenhouse services to find out more about our Christian faith, come closer to Him through worship, and have a safe place to spend time in prayer with the support of their youth workers.

Dates of next service will be advertised in the circuit news

On Easter Monday, 25 young people gathered in Barnsley cinema to watch 'The King of Kings', an animated retelling of the gospel. One young person shared, "I loved going to watch King of Kings; it helped me learn about Jesus."

❖ **support our Churches to identify and engage with “missing generations”, e.g. children and young people, adults of working age, men, culturally diverse communities**

What have the Youth been up to, and what's next

In April, the circuit youth and Crossroads youth from Higham chapel had an exciting day at Hesley Wood Scout Camp. There were many outdoor pursuits including: zip lining, rock climbing, archery, axe throwing, and more. Alongside these activities, we reflected on what it means to be a justice-seeking church.

Some of our youth also joined Cliff College students for the Walk of Witness through the Hope Valley—an inspiring trek marked by shared testimonies and meaningful conversations.

There's still plenty to look forward to! On Saturday 13th September, we'll gather for a circuit youth sleepover at Emmanuel, before Youth President welcome service on Sunday 14th.

**We're especially excited for 3Generate,
the national Methodist youth residential in October—always a highlight of the year!**

We are hosting a fundraiser at Hoyland and Birdwell Chapel on Saturday 20th September—come grab a treat and help support our young people as they prepare for this year's 3Generate!

As I prepare to begin my year as **Methodist Youth President 2025-26**, I find myself reflecting on the journey that has brought me here – a journey rooted in the Methodist Church, shaped by worship, community, and a growing love for God's people.

It is with great joy and honour to be entrusted with this role. I'm excited to listen to and stand alongside young Methodists across Britain, to represent their voices, and to encourage them in their walk with Christ. The Barnsley Circuit of the Methodist Church has offered me space to grow in faith, leadership, and identity – and now, I look forward to helping other young people around the Connexion find that same space in their home churches.

This year, I hope to be a bridge – connecting generations, communities, and experiences across our Connexion. I want to create space for honest conversations, where young people feel seen, heard, and valued. Whether in local churches, camps, synods, or online gatherings, I'm excited to meet others where they are, and to celebrate the diverse ways God is at work among us.

I carry this responsibility with humility, prayer, and a huge amount of hope. Young people have powerful things to say about faith, justice, and the future of the Church. I'm eager to help those voices be heard and taken seriously – not as the Church of tomorrow, but as the Church of today.

[Please keep me in your prayers as I begin this journey and know that I will be praying for all our young people – that they may feel empowered, loved, and called by name.](#)

God Bless **Genesis Padgett**



**Genesis' National Methodist Youth President welcome service
Sunday 14th September, Emmanuel 10.30am
Please support Genesis with your prayers**

❖ **appoint a Circuit minister with responsibility for growth, nurture and discipleship from September 2025 for three years**

MY LIFE IN 3 PICS (Deacon Mark Attwood introduces himself)



My parents would take my brothers and I into the mountains at every opportunity. This picture was painted by my brother in 1979, it hangs in my father's house reminding me how I first discovered living in God's fullness of life.

It was in the mountains I also learned to care for others and creation, to know God's amazing creation in our human ability to climb heights, to know my own frailty and brokenness, even to feel death. I led expeditions in the mountains of Africa's Rift valley, Norwegian Arctic, Slovak/Polish Tatra and the Alps.

For some time now churches in South London have been filled with the majority African and Caribbean population. Our black brothers & sisters gently taught my minority white english faith to put **ALL** my trust in the Lord **ONLY** and in no one else. This is how I met & married Christina and the photo shows our hearts open to each other, giving hospitality to the holy family that stays with us every Advent and Christmas.



Christina & I are blessed with 4 children & 6 grandchildren between us. The necessity of make and mend enabled our own survival as well as the planet. I think I inherit my parent's example of making and mending things. Dad has performed darning maintenance on his jumper for 50 years and he only puts his bin out for collection once a year. This picture was drawn in celebration of things we made and mended for my first experience of fatherhood. Little did I know I would be sending this same picture 36 years later, to celebrate God's gift of our 5th grandchild Seren, meaning star in Welsh.



I look forward to being Christ Jesus' church with you in Barnsley