

The Methodist Church



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Dear friends,

I wonder if you agree with me, that it is not so much the number of words we use that are important but rather the message they convey. We can wax lyrical with lots and lots of words and say nothing, or we can be brief and precise and speak volumes.

Take, for instance, the 70 words spoken as part of our baptism liturgy as found in The Methodist Worship Book.

For me, it is one of the most beautiful parts of the baptism service, giving me the opportunity to proclaim the truth of the gospel in as simple and concise a way as possible.

Whether I am holding the baby or not, whether it is a baby, an older child or an adult being baptised, still, speaking directly to them I say:

**for you Jesus Christ came into the world;
for you he lived and showed God's love;
for you he suffered death on the Cross;
for you he triumphed over death,
rising to newness of life;
for you he prays at God's right hand;
all this for you, before you could know anything of it.
in your Baptism, the word of Scripture is fulfilled:
'We love, because God first loved us.'**

As they are spoken, these words never fail to move me, because the truth of which they speak is as much for me and everyone at the service as it is for the individual being baptised.

Just take a moment to re-read those words of immense and immeasurable Grace and Love; just take a moment to claim the truth they convey for yourself. And as you do, may you know, as never before, just how much you are loved and cherished by God, now and always.

God bless, Lyn Gregg



Goodbye and Hello

Saturday 26th July 10.30am at Staincross Methodist Chapel
Farewell service for Rev Andrew Atkins

Sunday 30th August 10.30am at Buckley Methodist Chapel
150th Anniversary service including the formal welcome service for Rev Michelle Deans

And on **Saturday September 26th** why not come to Brierley to sing at **'Hymns & Harmony'**. Our focus will be to rehearse some of the hymns we love, work at four part harmony and develop our skills of musical interpretation.

This will be followed by an **early evening service** when we hope to gather a **congregation** to join us.

Meanwhile if you want to know more,
please contact **Elizabeth 07512 221109** or **Dawn 07977745942**.
We look forward to you joining us either as a singer or a member of the congregation.

June to August 2026 Barnsley 25/15	7th June Ord 10	14th June Ord 11	21st June Ord 12	28th June Ord 13	5th July Ord 14	12th July Ord 15	19th July Ord 16	26th July Ord 17	2nd August Ord 18	9th August Ord 19	16th August Ord 20	23rd August Ord 21	30th August Ord 22
Principal Reading (Year A)	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	Matthew 9:35-10:8	Matthew 10:24-39	Matthew 10:40-42	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Matthew 14:13-21	Matthew 14:22-33	Matthew 15:21-28	Matthew 16:13-20	Matthew 16:21-28
Special Sundays		Methodist Homes	Sanctuary Sunday		Philippians 1:1-30	Philippians 2:1-30	Philippians 3:1-21	Philippians 4:1-23					

Streamed Worship usually 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at 10.30am - this can be found through the Barnsley Methodist Circuit YouTube channel. **Contemporary Worship 7pm - Brierley 3rd June / 1st July / 5th Aug and Emmanuel 17th June / 15th July / 19th Aug**

North West - Rev Lyn Gregg

Buckley	Saturday after coffee morning	11:15 am	-	Webster	-	Atkins	-	Attwood	-	Gregg Circuit Service	Gregg	Gregg	Peet	Gregg	-
Buckley	Sunday	10:30 am	FFC 3.00pm	-	Ashton	-	LA	-	LA	Circuit Service @ Staincross	-	-	-	-	Gregg Circuit Service
Dodworth	Sunday	10:30 am	Gregg LS	Reid (Car)	LA	Buckingham	Taylor	Peet	LA		Praed	Gregg LS	LA	Halliday (Car)	Circuit Service @ Buckley
Emmanuel	Sunday	10:00 am	Ashton	Gregg LS	LA	No Service	BS	Aggrey	Gregg LS		Gamewell	Aggrey	LA	Stammers	
Higham	Sunday	4:00 pm	Gregg LS	-	Evans	-	OA	-	Gregg LS		Gregg	-	LA	-	
Kexborough	Sunday	10:30 am	Gamewell	Evans	Gregg LS	Taylor	YS	LA	Stammers		LA	Reason	Furusa	Gregg LS	

North East - Rev Andrew Atkins

Monk Bretton	Sunday	10:30 am	LA	Furusa	Aggrey	Haigh	Atkins LS	LA	Attwood	Circuit Service @ Staincross	Buckingham	Halliday (Car)	Peet	Reason	Circuit Service @ Buckley
Staincross	Sunday	10:30 am	LA	Aggrey	Atkins LS	Halliday (Car)	LA	Taylor	Reason		Attwood	LA	Ashton	LA	
Brierley	Sunday	10:30 am	LA	Praed	OA	Atkins LS	Webster Str	LA	Peet Str		Gregg Str	Attwood	Taylor Str	Attwood / Dawson LS	
Hemsworth	Sunday	10:30 am	Atkins LS	Halliday (Car)	Webster	Aggrey	LA	Attwood	Haigh		LA	Webster	M Sanderson	LA	
Ryhill	Sunday	6:00 pm	-	Atkins LS	-	Gregg	-	Gregg LS	-		-	Attwood	-	LA	
New Hope Fellowship	Tuesday	2:00 pm	9th - LA	-	23rd - Atkins	-	-	14th - LA	-	28th - Attwood	-	11th - LA	-	25th - Evans	-
Mapplewell Manor	Sunday	2:00 pm	-	Atkins	-	-	-	Attwood	-	-	-	-	Evans	-	-

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

Darfield Wesley	Sunday	10:30 am	Aggrey	UTD @ Hoyland & Birdwell SS	LA	Gregg LS	Stammers	LA	Dawson	Circuit Service @ Staincross	Ashton	Taylor	Evans	LA	Circuit Service @ Buckley
Great Houghton	Sunday	10:30 am	LA		Taylor	E Sanderson LS	Gamewell	Furusa	Reid (Car)		Peet	LA	Praed	E Sanderson LS	
Wombwell	Sunday	10:30 am	E Sanderson LS		Reason	LA	Peet	Gregg LS	Ashton		Taylor	LA	E Sanderson LS	M Sanderson	
Hoyland & Birdwell	Sunday	10:30 am	Reason	Atkins LS	LA	Peet	LA	Praed	E Sanderson LS		Aggrey	LA	Reid (Car)	LA	
Pilley	Sunday	3:00 pm	-	UTD @ Hoyland & Birdwell SS	-	Gregg LS	-	LA	-		-	Gregg LS	-	Gregg	

BS - Be Still **OA** - Own Arrangement **UTD** - United Service
(Car) - Transport Required **SS** - Section Service **YS** - Youth Led Service
FFC - Filey Fishermen's Choir **Str** - Streamed
LS - Holy Communion
LA - Church Stewards & Worship Leaders to make own arrangements for this service

❖ Encourage accessible & varied opportunities to encounter God

Messy Church

Messy Church provides a welcoming space for families to explore faith together in a creative and informal setting. Sessions typically involve a fun and "messy" activity time (like painting or crafts) whilst exploring a bible based theme, followed by a time of celebration (story/song) and snacks. Its purpose is to welcome people of all ages, particularly those who have no previous church connection, offering an informal, "non-churchy" setting. Messy churches in the circuit are run by dedicated teams of volunteers from the chapels. Older children and parents help with tidying, stacking chairs, and sometimes getting involved in guiding others with some of the crafts. There are three thriving groups across the circuit at Staincross, Emmanuel and Ryhill. During school holidays, joint "Messy Church in the Park" gatherings have also taken place at Anglers Country Park, bringing families together in new ways.

Circuit Youth

Youth cinema trip



Circuit Youth meets on the last Sunday of each month, offering young people the opportunity to share food and build friendships. Anyone in the circuit between the ages of eight to seventeen years who is looking to explore faith with friends is welcome to join the circuit youth meetings. Alongside regular gatherings, the group enjoys outings throughout the year. Some of the outings last year include: Breathe Deep at Sheffield Cathedral, Youth cinema trip, One Youth summer activity day, joining cliff college trek, Youth sleepover, Hesley Wood district youth day, 3 Generate, Barnsley

Christian youth activity day at Base 71 and Barnsley's One Youth Faith Camp. Fundraising events help support residential and activities— the next youth fundraiser will be a ticketed event held at Emmanuel on the 12th June. The evening will include a night of comedy, singing and refreshments – why not come along to encourage the young people in the circuit?

Barnsley circuit youth at 3 Gen in their orange hoodies



A few of the circuit youth on the climbing wall at the district youth day

- ❖ **Provide opportunities for people on the fringes of the Church to explore questions of spirituality, faith and discipleship**

Schools Ministry

Our lay workers, Libby, Josie and Jackie, continue to serve across primary schools in the Barnsley Circuit, leading assemblies through storytelling, song and drama. This year, they have also introduced discipleship workshops as a free resource for schools, exploring the Gospel of Luke in engaging and interactive ways. These sessions have been warmly received and valued by staff and pupils alike.

Ecumenical Work – One Youth Barnsley

Following feedback from young people at the Breathe Deep event, there was a clear desire for more opportunities to connect, attend local events and explore faith together. In response, Libby and Josie have begun working with churches across Barnsley through a new initiative, *One Youth Barnsley*. This growing partnership has already hosted three successful events, welcoming over 120 young people.

- ❖ **Support its churches to engage with “missing generations” e.g. children and young people**

North West Church Activities

A range of regular activities take place across the North West churches, including Crossroads Youth (Higham), Girls’ Brigade (Kexborough), Emmanuel Brownies, and holiday activity days at Dodworth.

Emmanuel Brownies



Holiday activity days

A “Roots” alternative worship also takes place within Sunday services. For more information or to get involved, please contact Libby, Youth Worker (North West Church).

North East Children and Families Work

Across the North East, children’s and family ministry continues to grow through groups such as Messy Church, Little Fishes (Hemsworth) and toddler groups, alongside events including family fiestas and pizza lunches. These gatherings provide valuable opportunities to share Bible stories, support families in faith, and build community. Volunteers play a vital role, and new helpers are always welcome.

God bless, Josie – Children & Families Worker (North East Church)

As part of the Circuit **Mission Plan 2024-2027** under the heading

LEARNING & CARING

we said we would,

❖ **Support and equip people for growth, nurture and leadership**

Methodist Youth President in South Africa



On Friday 13th March 2026, a small number of people gathered at Emmanuel Church to hear and see slides of this year's Youth President*, Genesis Padgett's, recent trip to South Africa.

It was fascinating to hear of the different challenges facing the young people in South Africa and how the Methodist Church is supporting them. Genesis travelled thousands of miles during his 2 weeks and saw many different initiatives as well as sharing in various services and conferences - a standard Sunday service lasts 3 hours!

It was challenging to see how much these young people were willing to do to spread God's word while having very little themselves.

We then enjoyed sampling some South African snacks and chocolate that Genesis had brought as well as coffee and cake to raise funds to sponsor a South African child at school for a year**.

This was a most interesting evening and especially heartwarming for those of us who have watched Genesis grow up in Emmanuel's family and mature in his Christian faith.

*Youth presidency is only one of many opportunities for young people to be involved in the leadership of the Methodist Church. If you would like to explore more, please ask Genesis or your minister.

** a year's sponsorship costs £300

There will be another opportunity for some of you to hear about Genesis' adventures at the next Ladies Lunch. **Save the date** Thursday July 6th at Emmanuel. More details coming soon.

Opportunities for young people within the Methodist Church

The **Leadership Year** for those aged 18-30 who want to invest time in developing their leadership abilities - aimed at those just starting out in leadership, or those who are thinking about leadership.

The **Youth Rep Programme** for those aged 16-21. The role of the Reps is to hear children's and young people's views, opinions and thoughts, on society and the church, and feed it back to relevant people and meetings within the Methodist Church.

Cliff College Gap Year for those aged 18-25, it offers the opportunity to explore where God is calling you through intentional growth and training, alongside practical opportunities to share your faith and impact the world around you.

Young Adult Think Tank for those aged 18-30 offering to commit a year where they will meet with others to grow skills and influence transformation across the Methodist Church in Great Britain.

Further information can be found on The Methodist Church of Great Britain website