

North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

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MINISTERS' REST DAYS – members of the Circuit Staff will normally be expected to be free from duties on the following days:

Rev'd Liz Singleton – Friday; Rev'd Joy Ventom – Monday; Rev'd James Pritchard – Thursday. During Rev'd James Pritchard's sabbatical (May-July) Rev'd Liz Singleton will have pastoral oversight of Higherland Methodist Church and Justine Eardley (Lay Pastoral Assistant) will deal with pastoral care matters.

Quarterly Preaching Plan - March – May 2026

				March					April				May					
				1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	
				Lent 2	Lent 3	Lent 4	Lent 5	Palm Sunday	Easter Day	Easter 2	Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5	Easter 6	Easter 7	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday	
						Mothering Sunday							Christian Aid Week					
Lectionary Year (A) (Principal Service)				Genesis 12:1-4a	Exodus 17:1-7	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Matthew 21:1-11	Acts 20:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6	Acts 2:14a,22-32	Acts 2:14a,36-41	Acts 2:42-47	Acts 7:55-60	Acts 17:22-31	Acts 1:6-14	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	
				Psalms 121	Psalms 95	Psalms 23	Psalms 130	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29	Psalms 118:1-2,14-24	Psalms 16	Psalms 116:1-4,12-19	Psalms 23	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16	Psalms 66:8-20	Psalms 68:1-10,32-35	Psalms 104:24-34,35b	Psalms 8	
				Romans 4:1-5,13-17	Romans 5:1-11	Ephesians 5:8-14	Romans 8:6-11	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Col. 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43	1 Peter 1:3-9	1 Peter 1:17-23	1 Peter 2:19-25	1 Peter 2:2-10	1 Peter 3:13-22	1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11	1 Cor. 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	
				John 3:1-17	John 4:5-42	John 9:1-41	John 11:1-45	Psalms 31:9-16	John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:13-35	John 10:1-10	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-21	John 17:1-11	John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39	Matthew 28:16-20	
								Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66									
								or Matthew 27:11-54										
Please Pray For:				Silverdale	Wolstanton	Audley	Bradwell	Cross Heath	Halmer End	Higherland	Madeley	St Luke's	Silverdale	Wolstanton	Audley	Bradwell	Cross Heath	
Cross Heath (23)	LS	9.00	SIF	NIV					Easter Breakfast LA									
		11.00			LA	Davies T	Harrison T	Singleton HC	Matthews	Barnett HC	LA	Rowley	Singleton	LA	Wakelin	Higherland LA Leaders	US Wolstanton	Singleton HC
		3.00	MWB									CS @ Higherland @ 3pm						
Silverdale (38)	LS	11.00	SIF	MM	Café Church LA	Singleton HC	Chadwick	Emmaus LA	LA	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Singleton HC	Emmaus	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Singleton HC	Emmaus	Compassion' Celebration LA
		3.00										CS Easter Offering Audley						
		5.00						Refuel LA				CS @ Higherland @ 3pm						Refuel
Wolstanton (91)	LS	10.30	SIF		Parkes	LA	Singleton	Barnett HC	Pritchard	Singleton HC	N Jones	LA	Singleton	Singleton HC US	LA	Singleton US	Barnett	
		3.00	MWB									CS Easter Offering Audley		CS @ Higherland @ 3pm				
Audley (26)	JV	10.30	SIF	SoF 1&2	Denny	X	Ventom US	X	Hoe HC	X	Ventom HC	X	Davies T	X	LA	X	US HC Bradwell	Ventom Prayer Brunch
		3.00	MWB	GNB	X	Singleton	X	LA	X	White	X	Pritchard CS Easter Offering	CS @ Higherland @ 3pm	Singleton	X	White	Ventom Wedding	X
Bradwell (30)	JV	10.00	SIF	SoF 1&2	LA	Ventom	Strachan HC	Parkes	Open Air @ St Barnabas 9.30 am	Ventom HC	R Jones	LA	Pritchard	Chadwick	US @ Wolstanton	Harrison T	Ventom US HC	LA
		3.00	MWB	NIV H&P									CS Easter Offering Audley	CS @ Higherland @ 3pm				
Halmer End (19)	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 1&2	LA	Hilton	US @ Audley	Pritchard HC	Singleton	Williams	Wakelin HC	Ventom	LA	N Jones	Ventom HC	LA	US HC Bradwell	Matthews
		3.00	MWB	GNB									CS Easter Offering Audley	CS @ Higherland @ 3pm				
Madeley (22)	JV	10.30	SIF	SoF 1234	Singleton	Parkes HC	LA	Ventom & CC	N Jones	Strachan HC	Davies T	LA	Barnett	R Jones	Rowley	Ventom	US HC Bradwell	LA
		3.00	MWB	NIV									CS Easter Offering Audley	CS @ Higherland @ 3pm				
St Luke's (22)	JV	10.30	H&P	GNB	N Jones	Rowley	R Jones	LA	Ventom HC	Parkes HC	Irvine	Harrison T	Ventom HC	LA	N Jones	Davies T	US HC Bradwell	LA
		3.00	MWB										CS Easter Offering Audley	CS @ Higherland @ 3PM				
Higherland (36)	JP	10.00	SIF	MM	Pritchard	Wakelin HC	BB & GA LA	Davies T	Parkes	Pritchard HC	LA	Pritchard GCM	Matthews	Irvine	Baker	Barnett HC	LA	Chadwick
		3.00											CS Easter Offering Audley					
		6.00	MWB					Café Church Pritchard					Singleton/Kirk CS @ 3pm					Café Church Singleton
Printed Service for this week prepared by:					Pritchard	Ventom	Singleton	Heap	Pritchard	Singleton	Ventom	Heap	Pritchard	Singleton	Ventom	Heap	Singleton	Ventom

ABBREVIATIONS

BB & GA	Boys Brigade & Girls Association	LA	Local Arrangement
CC	Church Council	MM	Multi Media please ring the multimedia contact as many choices are available
CS	Circuit Service	MWB	Methodist Worship Book
Emmaus	“As the disciples walked along the road Jesus came and walked alongside them” (Luke 24:15). This is walking/strolling/chatting/sharing church. (There will be indoor Prayer Stations for those unable to participate in the walking experience).	NIV	New International Version
GCM	General Church Meeting	Refuel	1 hour of interactive, informal and relaxed praise and worship for all ages followed by food.
GNB	Good News Bible	SoF	Songs of Fellowship
H&P	Hymns & Psalms	StF	Singing the Faith
HC	Sacrament of Holy Communion	T	Transport
		US	United Service
		X	No Service

Please note that Halmer End and St Luke's are still using Hymns & Psalms.

EASTER SERVICES (not shown on the plan)

Audley

Good Friday, 3rd April

10.30 am – Open Air Service – Methodist Car Park in the Village (next to Tesco) – Rev'd Joy Ventom

Bradwell

Good Friday Reflection 3rd April

(stay for 5 mins or 55 mins)

2.00 pm – Local Arrangement

Halmer End

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April

6.00 pm – Supper and Communion

Halmer End

Good Friday, 3rd April

7.00 pm - Good Friday Service – Rev'd Joy Ventom

Wolstanton

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

Maundy Thursday Service at 7.00 pm – Rev'd Liz Singleton

Good Friday, 3rd April

Good Friday Service at 10.30 am – Rev'd Liz Singleton

OTHER SERVICES (not shown on the plan)

Silver Service at Silverdale Methodist Church - on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 11.30 am followed by a light sandwich lunch
1st Thurs - Worship including HC, 3rd Thurs - Worship including creative activity

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Local Preachers' and Leaders of Worship Meeting

Wednesday 4th March at 7.30 pm at Bradwell Methodist Church. Grateful thanks to Bradwell Methodist Church for hosting our meetings. Don't forget the Resource Library which is available for our use.
(please remember to give your apologies to the LP Secretary if you are unable to attend).

Circuit Meetings

Thursday, 26th February 2026 at 7.30 pm at St Luke's Methodist Church

Wednesday, 24th June 2026 at 7.30 pm at Bradwell Methodist Church

CIRCUIT SERVICES

Circuit Easter Offering Service on Sunday 19th April at 3.00 pm at Audley Methodist Church.

Circuit Farewell Service for Rev'd James Pritchard on Sunday, 26th April at the Higherland Methodist Church at 3.00 pm.

Circuit Farewell Service for Rev'd Liz Singleton on Sunday, 19th July at Wolstanton Methodist Church at 3.00 pm.

Any concerns regarding the Preaching Plan should be addressed to the Superintendent Minister.