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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The emerging of autumnal colours is a reminder of the turning of time. October is a time of dramatic change in the natural world; the colours of spring and summer give way to the red and orange hews; glossy leaves fade to those that will crunch beneath our feet. It sometimes feels to me that nature puts on a special show at this time of the year ahead of the barrenness to come. Maybe it's a reminder that even in the colder darker months there is much to look forward to and things are happening even if hidden from view... The changes in the natural world are a reminder of the change that happens throughout our lives, the steady passing of time, the growing of a child, the aging of our bodies...

In the summer I visited the Greenwich observatory with friends from New Zealand whilst there we saw a globe and the marking of the various time zones of the world. We could see how we were normally separated by such a great distance and even time itself, the passing of day and night continue, even if we experience them at 'different times'. It makes me think of the words found in John Ellerton's hymn 'The Day Thou Gavest'

As o'er each continent and island the dawn leads on another day, the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away. The sun that bids us rest is waking our brethren 'neath the western sky, and hour by hour fresh lips are making thy wondrous doings heard on high.

There is a real urge in some parts of society to seek to hold back time – or for nostalgia of times gone by (the latter being a regular feature of many of our churches). Although sometimes we might wish time would stand still, or for things not to change that is not possible or truly desirable. Change is often seen as a bad or negative thing but if nature tells us anything is that each season brings fruit and feeds the next and in the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1 'There is a time and a season for everything.'

As churches and as a Circuit we need to be open to a new season and all that lays ahead. We must find ways to grow and adapt, to find new ways to live out our calling as disciples of Christ today. During this season, we will seek a new superintendent and continue to explore new ways of being a Circuit. As we do so, let us pray for God's wisdom and guidance and trust in God for all that is yet to come.

May God's Grace and Peace be with us,

James

North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22) Preaching Plan – October 2025

					October (Black History Month)				
					5	12	19	26	
					Ordinary 27	Ordinary 28	Ordinary 29	Ordinary 30	
						Prisons Sunday			
Lectionary Year (C)					Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4	2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c	Genesis 32:22-31	Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22	
(Principal Service)					Psalm 37:1-9	Psalm 111	Psalm 121	or Sirach 35:12-17	
					2 Timothy 1:1-14	2 Timothy 2:8-15	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Psalm 84:1-7	
					Luke 17:5-10	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-18	2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18	
								Luke 18:9-14	
Please Pray For:					St Luke's	Silverdale	Wolstanton	Audley	
Cross Heath	LS	11.00	StF	NIV	Davies T	Singleton HC	N Jones	Irvine	
(23)		3.00	MSB						
Silverdale	LS	11.00	StF	MM	Café Church LA	Chadwick	Emmaus LA	Singleton HC	
(39)		5.00						Refuel LA	
Wolstanton	LS	10.30	StF		Singleton HF	Davies T	Willis HC	Kirk	
(82)		3.00	MWB						
Audley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1&2	χ	Ventom HC	Х	Chambers US	
(29)		3.00	MWB	GNB	White	Χ	Ventom	X	
Bradwell	JV	10.00	StF	SoF 1&2	Ventom HC	Rowley	Davies T	Matthews	
(32)		3.00	MWB	NIV H&P					
Halmer End	JV	10.30	Н&Р	SoF 1&2	LA	Strachan HC	χ	US @ Audley	
(22)		3.00	MWB	GNB			R Jones CA		
Madeley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1234	Hilton	Barnett HC	Ventom CC	Pritchard	
(23)		3.00	MWB	NIV					
St Luke's	JV	10.30	Н&Р	GNB	Harrison T HF	Willis	Wakelin	Ventom HC	
(23)		3.00	MWB						
Higherland	JP	10.00	StF	MM	Pritchard	LA	Parkes HC	Barnett	
(36)		6.00	MWB					Café Church Pritchard	
Printed Service for this week prepared by:					Pritchard	Ventom	Неар	Singleton	
Baldwins Gate	JP		-		Wednesday.	Wednesday, 22nd October, 2.30 pm - Holy Communion Service - Rev'd James Pritchard			

Eco Tips

Turn off lights when leaving a room, unplug devices when not in use, and use natural light whenever possible.

Foodbank – please click on this link <u>here</u>.

Thank you to everyone across the Circuit who gives regularly to Foodbank through their church. Foodbank remains open through these troubled times and demand for food is high. Can I please ask you to all keep on giving by taking your donations to your nearest Foodbank.



Clayton St Luke's host a session on Tuesday morning. 10.00am – 12 noon All Saints, Madeley host a session on a Monday morning.11.00 am - 12.30 pm Cornerstone, High Street, Knutton, ST5 6BX On Wednesday afternoon 2.00 pm – 4.00pm Chesterton Pentecostal church on Thursday Morning. 10.00 -12.00 noon Newcastle Congregational church on Thursday afternoon. 2.00 pm – 4.00pm St Thomas church Kidsgrove on Friday afternoon 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

or you can take your contribution to our warehouse on Unit 18 Brock Way, Silverdale, ST5 6AZ (Opposite the Post Office Sorting Office). on a Monday afternoon or Wednesday morning.

Your gifts large or small are very much appreciated and are a lifeline to those sadly more vulnerable than ourselves.

Please give us a ring if you want to drop your gift off at our house! Carol and Marion Reddish TEL 01782 613265

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Newcastle Staffs Foodbank you can contact the Trustee/Treasurer Paul A Roberts for details: -

tel: 0300 102 9088 or email him on

accounts@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk.

If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please visit the website or contact Paul A Roberts for details.

People can also contact <u>info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk</u> for details to donate food or money donations.

At the present time Foodbank are short of the following items:-

Tinned Fruit Potatoes – Tinned & Mash Hot Meat–Curry/Stew/Meatballs

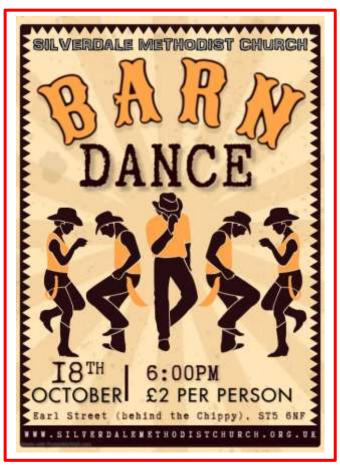
Pasta Sauce Soup Jam

Toiletries Tinned Carrots/Sweetcorn Strong Carrier Bags

Cereals







Baldwins Gate Methodist Community

(Baldwins Gate, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 5DA)

Mid-Week Service

Please note that the next service will take place at 2.30 pm on Wednesday, 22nd October and will be a Service of Holy Communion with Rev'd James Pritchard.

Please come and join us.
All are very welcome.

Coffee Morning at <u>Audley Methodist Church</u>

commemorating 150th anniversary of the death of Samuel Brindley, Local Preacher

Saturday 25th October 10am to 12pm

with
Audley & District
Family
History Society

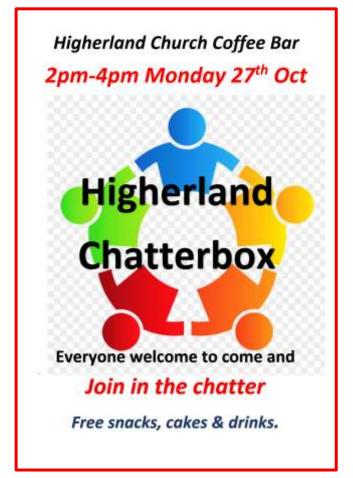


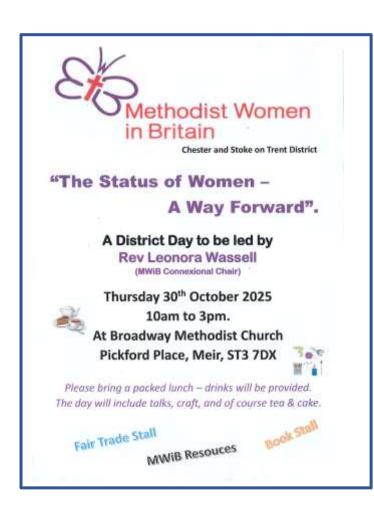
2025 edition of the Audley Historian will be on sale at the coffee morning and after the <u>Sunday Service</u>, 26th <u>October</u>, 10:30am, including an article about Sammy Brindley and family.

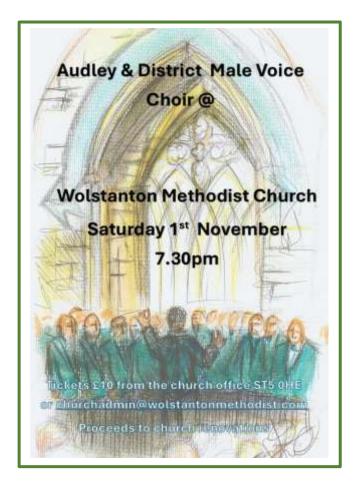


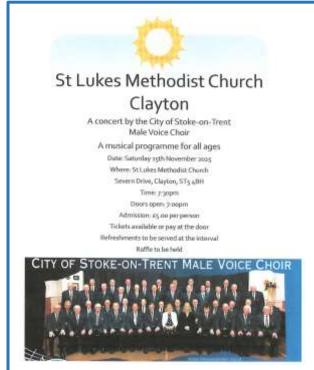
Welcoming Smiles & a good laugh, Songs, poems, thoughts & Prayers Drinks & biscuits.

Come along @ 6pm Sunday 26th Oct











The Methodist Conference Telford 2026



25th June – 1st July 2026

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

An exciting opportunity to support

The METHODIST Conference

Taking place at The Telford International Centre

Please make initial contact through YOUR District

West Midlands info@wmmethodists.org.uk

Chester and Stoke chester.stoke@btconnect.com

Be part of the team that makes The Methodist Conference work!

Book Swap at Bradwell Methodist Church

There is a new free book swap library outside Bradwell Methodist Church. Please take a look and if you have any unwanted books please pop them in.





