

Newsletter October 2025

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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 Prisons Sunday	Ordinary 29	Ordinary 30
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)					Psalms 37:1-9	Psalms 111	Psalms 121	or Sirach 35:12-17
					2 Timothy 1:1-14	2 Timothy 2:8-15	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Psalms 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	X	Ventom HC	X	Chambers US
(29)		3.00	MWB	GNB	White	X	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	H&P	SoF 1&2	LA	Strachan HC	X	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	H&P	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	Heap	Singleton
Baldwins Gate					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 [here](#).

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 info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk 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

New Bible Study Group

First Wednesday of every
month
2.30pm-4pm

Wolstanton Methodist Church All welcome

WOLSTANTON METHODIST CHURCH

Invites you to
'ELDERBERRIES'
embracing all ages and various interests

MONDAY 13th, OCTOBER at 2.30p.m.
'HARVEST CELEBRATION'
[Fully booked]

MONDAY 27th, OCTOBER at 2.30p.m.
'GLADSTONE POTTERY'
With Curator – Ben Miller

Chat & Refreshments

An opportunity to renew friendships
and make new ones – come and join us

SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

BARN DANCE



18TH | 6:00PM
OCTOBER | £2 PER PERSON

Earl Street (behind the Chippy), ST5 6NF

WWW.SILVERDALEMETHODISTCHURCH.ORG.UK

**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 Audley Methodist Church

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 Sunday Service, 26th October, 10:30am,
including an article about Sammy Brindley
and family.



*Friendly Chatter & discussion,
Welcoming Smiles & a good laugh,
Songs, poems, thoughts & Prayers
Drinks & biscuits.*

**Come along @ 6pm
Sunday 26th Oct**

**Higherland Church Coffee Bar
2pm-4pm Monday 27th Oct**



Everyone welcome to come and
Join in the chatter
Free snacks, cakes & drinks.



**Methodist Women
in Britain**

Chester and Stoke on Trent District

“The Status of Women – A Way Forward”.

**A District Day to be led by
Rev Leonora Wassell**
(MWIB Connexional Chair)

**Thursday 30th October 2025
10am to 3pm.**

**At Broadway Methodist Church
Pickford Place, Meir, ST3 7DX**

*Please bring a packed lunch – drinks will be provided.
The day will include talks, craft, and of course tea & cake.*

Fair Trade Stall

MWIB Resources

Book Stall

**Audley & District Male Voice
Choir @**

Wolstanton Methodist Church

Saturday 1st November

7.30pm

Tickets £10 from the church office ST5 0HE
or churchadmin@wolstantonmethodist.com

Proceeds to church renovations



St Lukes Methodist Church Clayton

A concert by the City of Stoke-on-Trent
Male Voice Choir

A musical programme for all ages

Date: Saturday 15th November 2025

Where: St Lukes Methodist Church

Severn Drive, Clayton, ST3 4BH

Time: 7.30pm

Doors open: 7.00pm

Admission: £5.00 per person

Tickets available or pay at the door

Refreshments to be served at the interval

Raffle to be held

CITY OF STOKE-ON-TRENT MALE VOICE CHOIR



Wolstanton Methodist Church's

Christmas Fair

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

10am



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Coffee Morning's at
Audley Methodist
Church

**Refreshments, in a
welcoming
“WARM SPACE”
await you**

Join us
every
Tuesday
10am to
midday



Coffee Morning

10.30am – 12.30pm

Every Wednesday at
Wolstanton
Methodist Church



Madeley Methodist Church
invites you to join us at our



Warm Space
Elevenes



On Wednesdays at 11am



Everyone Welcome

There's nothing like a good cuppa coffee
and a friend like you to share it with!



Let's catch up!

WHY NOT CATCH UP
WITH FRIENDS OLD
AND NEW

BRADWELL METHODIST
CHURCH
THURSDAY'S 10 - 12



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St. Luke's Methodist Church
Severn Drive
Clayton
ST5 4BH

**FREE
ENTRY**

**MAGIC
MOMENTS**

Crafts

Activities

Quiz

Bingo

Games

Stories

**Tea, Coffee
& Biscuits**

10.00am - 12.00 noon, last Thursday of every month.

Fun, explore together in lots of creative, interactive and fun ways.
A great opportunity to enjoy some time together.

For more information please contact Phil or Jeanette Hodges
on 01782 634766 or look on our Facebook page.

I wait for the LORD,
my soul waits,

and in his word
I put my **HOPE**

Psalms 130:5

Cross
with care

