

Newsletter November 2025

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Dear Friends

'Remember, Remember the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot, I see no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot', goes the rhyme.

November is a time of remembering, but probably few think about the gunpowder plot as they enjoy the fireworks of Bonfire Night.

November's most significant *remembering* is not November 5th or Children In Need but on Remembrance Sunday when we remember those who fought, suffered and died in the two World Wars. Looking at the numbers of those from outside our regular congregations, who gather at Cenotaphs and services on Remembrance Sunday, we have seen the numbers remain strong, as we remember our history but also pass on the story to present generations, so it will pass to their children and their children's children. As we remember it reminds us that these were real people in history. These young men showed honour and courage, duty and sacrifice, and a set of values that are often belittled in this day and age. They died in ways that were often unspeakably horrendous with great courage.

It may not be the most exciting thing to do on a Sunday morning, there may be other things we could be doing but we have that choice in part because they did not. Yes, do buy a poppy (*and give generously because the money goes to a good cause*) but most of all let's remember, together.

Every Blessing

Rev. Joy

North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

Preaching Plan – November 2025

					November				
					2	9	16	23	30
					Ordinary 31	Remembrance Sunday	Ordinary 33	Sunday Before Advent	Advent 1
Lectionary Year (C)					Isaiah 1:10-18	Job 19:23-27a	Malachi 4:1-2a	Jeremiah 23:1-16	Isaiah 2:1-5
(Principal Service)					Psalms 32:1-7	Psalms 17:1-9	Psalms 98	Psalms 46	Psalms 122
					2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, (5-10) 11-12	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Colossians 1:11-20	Romans 13:11-14
					Luke 19:1-10	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:33-43	Matthew 24:36-44
Please Pray For:					Baldwins Gate Community	Bradwell	Cross Heath	Halmer End	Higherland
Cross Heath	LS	11.00	STF	NIV	Harrison T	LA	Parkes	Singleton HC	Matthews
(23)		3.00	MSB						
Silverdale	LS	11.00	STF	MM	Café Church LA	Davies T	Singleton HC	Emmaus LA	Café Church LA
(39)		5.00							Refuel LA
Wolstanton	LS	10.30	STF		Singleton Gift Day	Singleton	LA	Chadwick	Parkes HC
(82)		3.00	MWB						
Audley	JV	10.30	STF	SoF 1&2	X	Ventom Cenotaph	X	Cameo LA	X
(29)		3.00	MWB	GNB	LA	X	Ventom MS	X	White
Bradwell	JV	10.00	STF	SoF 1&2	Chadwick	LA NB 10.15 am start	R Jones	Ventom HC	Pritchard
(32)		3.00	MWB	NIV H&P					
Halmer End	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 1&2	Barnett	US @ Parish Church	Davies T	Wakelin HC	Ventom
(22)		3.00	MWB	GNB					
Madeley	JV	10.30	STF	SoF 1234	E Perry HC	N Jones	Chadwick	Harrison T	LA
(23)		3.00	MWB	NIV					
St Luke's	JV	10.30	H&P	GNB	LA	Parkes	Ventom HC	Pritchard	Davies T
(23)		3.00	MWB						
Higherland	JP	10.00	STF	MM	N Jones	LA	Pritchard	Rowley	Singleton HC
(36)		6.00	MWB						Café Church Pritchard
Printed Service for this week prepared by:					Heap	Singleton	Heap	Ventom	Pritchard
Baldwins Gate	JP								

Eco Tips

Green your home... Combat climate change and reduce heating costs by identifying and sealing drafts around your home. Find the gaps that let the cold air in and warm air out (think keyholes, letterboxes, cracks around the edges or bottoms of windows and doors, loft hatches, floorboards, etc.) and fix these gaps using the correct materials and online tutorials. Additionally, place foil or radiator panels to reflect heat into your room. Pray for those who might be experiencing the cold this winter.

Can you or your church give more to Foodbank?



I am aware demands on our goodwill giving becomes greater and greater as times are hard for all. However I am appealing for help once again.

Newcastle Foodbank has given **three days food supply** to **5820 adults** and **3088 children** in the **past twelve months**, which equates to **68,992 kilogrammes of food** providing **164,267 meals**.

At the moment we have 66 organisations on our system who refer clients to us, having determined them as someone in crisis. **No one is given food without that assessment.**

£40,000 was spent on buying food in the past twelve months to supplement your generous donations. **Sadly this is not sustainable long term, hence this appeal.**

Would you consider giving one item a week to help us to help those less fortunate than ourselves?

Or, if it is more convenient to you, can you help us financially on a regular or one-off basis?

We would love to hear from you if you want to know more.

I leave you with a few ideas as to what you may be able to contribute but it is not a comprehensive list. As we lead into the Christmas period you may want to donate items for Christmas Day lunch.

Items we suggest include:

- Tinned meat
- Pasta sauce
- Rice
- Biscuits
- Milk
- Coffee
- Tinned vegetables
- Toiletries, including nappies
- Christmas treats

I can guarantee your contribution will be used wisely and be much appreciated.

Take care and look after yourselves too. If you would prefer contact details for our warehouse team I can supply them.

Thank you

Marion Reddish (Foodbank Volunteer) 01782 613265
marionreddish@btinternet.com

New Bible Study Group

First Wednesday of every
month
2:30pm-4pm

Wolstanton Methodist Church All welcome

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



EXPLORERS!

At Halmer End Methodist Church
High St. ST7 8AD

Calling all Master builders!

Come and join us for building fun, 6.00 pm till 7.00 pm,

Meeting again on **MONDAY 3rd November!**

Followed by Christmas LEGO on 1st December.

Suitable for Reception to Year 6 children accompanied by an adult; Year 7 and above unaccompanied, but must have parental permission.

Contact: Helen 01782 722685 or David 01782 722014

See www.halmerendmethodists.org.uk & Facebook



Drinks

Bible Stories



A Time of Prayer

Saturday, 8th November
at 10.00 am
at Wolstanton Methodist Church

In these times of uncertainty and world unrest it seems ever more imperative that we turn to God. On Saturday 8th November we invite you therefore to a time of shared worship and prayer. An opportunity to come together as a Circuit and with one voice bring our concerns and worries for the world and our prayers for restoration of peace, unity and healing.



WOLSTANTON METHODIST CHURCH

Invites you to 'ELDERBERRIES'

embracing all ages and various interests

MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER at 2.30p.m.

'S.A.F.F.A.'

With Kathy Munslow

MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER at 2.30p.m.

'A WARTIME CHRISTMAS'

With Miss Pitsy Patchy

Chat & Refreshments

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



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, ST5 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



**North
Staffordshire
Methodist
Circuit**

You are warmly invited join us for a
Memorial Service at

Audley Methodist Church

16th November 2025 at 3pm

There will be an opportunity to light candles as we
remember our loved ones.

For more information, please contact the office:

01782 722755 or

email audleymethodist@btconnect.com



Godly Play as Bible Study at Cross Heath Methodist Church

Story is one of the most ancient forms of knowing. It is the way our Christian heritage has been passed down to us. And story forms the foundation of Godly Play. It invites you to sit as part of a circle and listen as the stories of the Bible are told through word and action. It allows you to immerse yourself in the stories as an act of meditation and prayer and ultimately to encounter God. As the stories are told you sit and listen and at the end of the storytelling you are invited to consider a number of 'I wonder questions'. Questions posed by the storyteller that ask you to reflect on what you have heard. Questions like:

I wonder what part of the story was most important to you?

Or

I wonder where you are in the story?

Or

I wonder if there is a part of the story we can leave out and still have all the story we need?

There are no right or wrong answers to any of the questions, they are a means by which you are invited to wonder deeply about the story and what it says to you. Then when the story is put away there is time to respond to all that you have heard and wondered about. It may be that you want to re-read the story again for yourself, paint, draw, model or write a response - the choice is entirely yours.

At the end of the response time we gather back together for refreshments before drawing our time together to an end.

If this is something you think you might like to try then our next Godly play session will take place on **Monday, 17th November at 6.30 pm** at **Cross Heath Methodist Church**. Come and see, wonder, and reflect deeply about stories you thought you knew.

Karen Barnett

**Please note change of venue to
Cross Heath Methodist Church.**

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 22nd November
10:30am to 12:30pm

at Audley Methodist Church

refreshments & parking
available

Higherland Church Coffee Bar
2pm-4pm Monday 24th Nov

Higherland Chatterbox

Everyone welcome to come and

Join in the chatter

Free snacks, cakes & drinks.

THE SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH Christmas Fair

A FREE EVENT
FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY TO ENJOY

SAT 29th NOV
11am TIL 1pm

Earl Street, ST5 6NF
(behind the chippy!)

- Beautiful Bottles by Clare
- Valcor Designs
- Jackie Loves Knitting
- Ruby's Cakes & Bakes

- Maisie Makes •
- Truffles & Treasures •
- various REFRESHMENTS •



STALLS CORRECT AT TIME OF ADVERTISING.
WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES
BOTH CASH & CARD PAYMENT AVAILABLE

www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk

Wolstanton Methodist Church's

Christmas Fair

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

10am

Café Church

Higherland Church Coffee Bar

*Friendly Chatter & discussion,
welcoming smiles & a good laugh,
songs, poems, thoughts & prayers
Drinks & biscuits.*

Come along @ 6pm

Sunday 30th Nov

Madeley Methodist Church
Poolside, Madeley, CW3 9DX

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6 December
10.30am - 12pm

Stalls: Cakes, tombola, raffle



Tea/coffee & mince pies

Children's activities



Entrance fee, suggested donation £2



Everyone Welcome

Proceeds to Church Funds



Watching and Waiting in Advent



A Quiet Day led by Revd Helen Kirk

Saturday 6 December 2025
10:00am to 3:30pm
at The Oblate Retreat Centre
Wistaston Hall, Crewe, CW2 8JS

Lunch will be provided
Retreat cost £10 per person

Please book with Rob via chester.stoke@btconnect.com
stating any special dietary requirements or access needs

Christmas
MOVIE NIGHT
AT
SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH
We're in EARL STREET, ST5 6NF - Behind the Chippy!

Wed 17th December
Doors open @ 4:45pm
Film starts @ 5pm

Film Showing TO BE ANNOUNCED...
the Tuck Shop will be OPEN!
ENTRY = 50p EACH

YOUNGERS TO USE
YouTube CHANNEL
www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk

Instagram
facebook

Thursday 18 December
6.30pm



Led by Rev. Joy Ventom with
'Poolside Puppets'

Refreshments
All welcome

A lovely service for everyone



**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.



**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



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

Christian Resources for Life
@ Methodist Book Centre
Support your local, independent
Christian bookshop

In Store

Online

www.crfl.co.uk
Gitana Street, Hanley, ST1 1DY
01782 212146

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

MAGIC MOMENTS

FREE ENTRY

Crafts

Activities

Games

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits

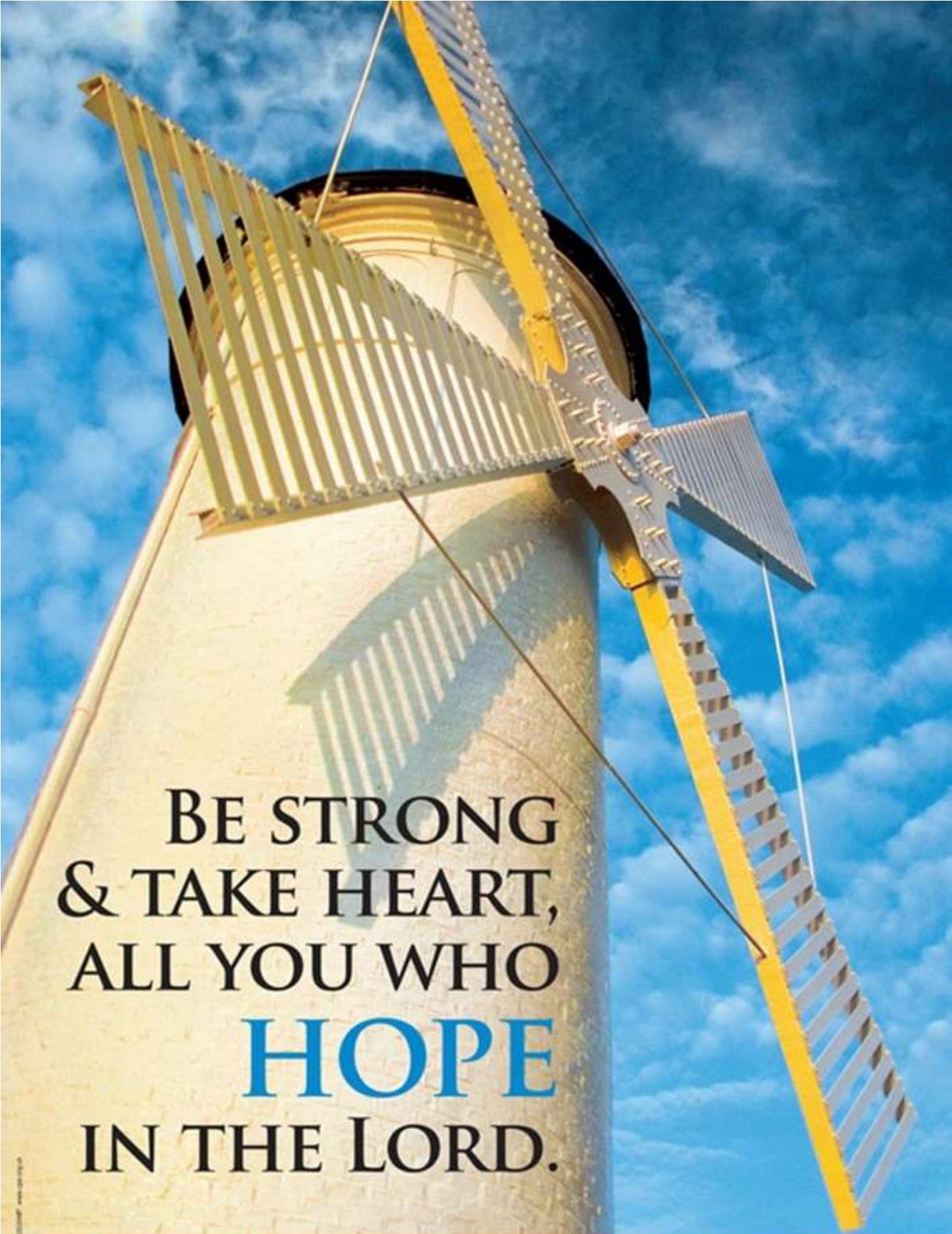
Bingo

Quiz

Stories

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 Joannette Hodges
on 01782 634766 or look on our Facebook page.



BE STRONG
& TAKE HEART,
ALL YOU WHO
HOPE
IN THE LORD.

PSALM 31:24