

Salford **Methodist** Circuit



**Circuit Magazine**

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# Welcome

There has been a lot of change in the Salford Circuit this Summer, with Rev Clare moving on to Airedale, and Rev Kim 'sitting down' (the Methodist euphemism for retiring). We gained two new lay workers in July and Rev John Palmer will join us on the 1st of September as our Superintendent Minister.

As such, this edition of the Salford Circuit Magazine will be themed on welcomes. I'm sure you will join me in praying for all those at a new stage of life or in new roles.

**Matt Collins**  
Circuit Communications Coordinator

## Rev John Palmer

Dear Friends,

I thought it would be helpful to share with you a bit about myself.

I spent quite a number of years in industry before responding to the call of the Methodist ministry.

I trained at the then Wesley College, Bristol and was ordained at the Llandudno Conference in 2003.

From 2001 I have served in the Stoke South Circuit, later as superintendent of the Wolstanton and Audley Circuit which later amalgamated to form the new North Staffordshire Circuit.

I really enjoy my work as well as meeting so many people inside and outside of church life.

I was born in Lancashire and I am married to Sharon and we have two grown up children Ashley and Bethany.

When time allows, I enjoy digital photography, relaxing and reading. Sharon and I both enjoy walking in the countryside and visits to historical places of interest.

I view ministry as a real privilege, and I am very much looking forward to working with you as well as sharing your story and spiritual journey too.

So, a new chapter now begins in the life of the Salford Methodist Circuit.



As a new chapter begins for us all, I am aware that often each chapter is important as one affects the other.

We all bring to the life of the church, gifts and life experiences that can be used for the building up of the Kingdom.

No doubt there will be concerns and issues that we will have to attend to, but let us all work together, for it is together that we become stronger.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know you.

Along the way my hope also is that we can share not just a sense of fellowship and friendship but a sense of FUN.

I've always enjoyed banter and a sense of humour, and more so over the years.

I believe an important aspect of ministry is to maintain a good sense of humour and even have a laugh; church life need not all be serious!

May God bless and direct us as we journey and explore and grow together in the faith to which we are called.

Every blessing,

## **Worship in the Salford Circuit**

Our churches are now reopened for onsite worship, following all the guidelines from the government and the Methodist Church.

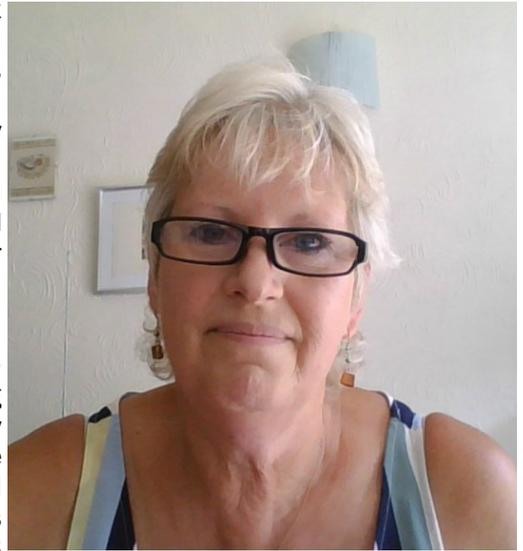
The plan can be found in the centre pages of this magazine.

We are aware that some people may still not feel comfortable returning to a church just yet, and so we will be continuing some form of online worship each Sunday for the foreseeable future.

To find the details of the Sunday Worship, visit [www.salfordcircuit.org.uk/worship](http://www.salfordcircuit.org.uk/worship)

## **Anne Huddleston — Lay Pastoral Assistant**

I have been a member of Monton Methodist church since I was 15 months old and enjoyed many social and fellowship events over the years. As my faith deepened I offered myself in service in the Sunday School, as a pastoral group leader, Youth Club helper, social committee member and Eccles Street Pastor. In the last five years I have also begun to play the keyboard for evening worship.



When we had a mission team at Monton 40 years ago, I started local preaching training alongside Ian, but quickly realised that my calling lay in walking alongside people rather than leading from the front. After I retired from teaching, I spent 3 years working in Bents Food Hall and another 3 years training as a dispenser in Asda Pharmacy – a very varied career path!

Throughout my life, my great role models have been those gentle, caring and patient Sunday School teachers, Guide leaders and Youth Fellowship mentors who have shown me how to “act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.”

Now I have the chance to serve the Methodist Church as a Lay Pastoral Assistant, a role I am relishing as I get to know the good people at Glazebrook, Wesley, St Pauls and Boundary Road. I am visiting as many people as I can and starting to build meaningful relationships. Please do let me know of any pastoral needs.

My motto is “Listen deeply. Speak gently. Love greatly.”

Amen.

## Janet Crozier — Church & Community Worker



Hi Everybody

Just wanted to write a few words to introduce myself to you all.

My name is Janet Crozier and I am so pleased to have been appointed by the Circuit as your Church & Community Worker based at Boundary Road. I started my new role in July and have already met lots of lovely people and am busy trying to remember everyone's names! Maybe name badges are the answer?

I come from a Methodist background and have previously carried out various roles in the church (all voluntary of course!) and I am currently a member at Glazebury in the Leigh Circuit having moved into the area

from Manchester nearly 5 years ago.

I'm married to Alan and we celebrated our 25th Wedding Anniversary a couple of years ago. I have 3 grown up (??) sons and now 3 grandchildren. Maybe some of you may know me by my previous family name of Worthington as I have had connections with the Boys Brigade in the area in previous years.

I hope to be able to bring some new ideas to the future life of the Boundary Road family and the community surrounding the Church in Irlam and the wider circuit connections I will make. My welcome so far has been fantastic from the Circuit team and I look forward to working with Rev John Palmer and his family when he joins us in September.

If anyone has any ideas or thoughts to share as to how I can help to share the love of God in this area, I would LOVE to hear from you.

I hope to keep you posted on what's going on very soon. So...I hope you will keep me in your prayers and watch this space!

	Sept 5th	Sept 12th	Sept 19th	Sept 26th	Oct 3rd	Oct 10th
<b>On-line</b>						
<b>Boundary Rd</b>	X	R. Dawson	J. Brock-lehurst	LA	Rev. Palmer	P. Wilson
10.45 am					Harvest HC	
<b>Emmanuel</b>	6.00pm	JS @ Height	Anglican	LA	Anglican	AA Harvest
11.15 am	Welcome				HC	LA (BB)
<b>Glazebrook</b>	X	P. Wilson	JS @ Wesley	A. Shepherd	LA	Rev. Palmer
10.00 am		JS CA				2.30pm Harvest
<b>Monton</b>	X	J. Brock-lehurst	I. Huddleston	C. Barratt	R. Dawson	Rev. Palmer
10.45 am		AA JMA				Harvest HC
6.30pm	X	X	Rev. Palmer	x	S. Klu	x
			HC			
<b>St. Paul's</b>	X	I. Huddleston	JS @ Wesley	Rev. Palmer	G. Allen	A. Shepherd
10.00 am				Harvest HC		
<b>The Height</b>	X	Rev. Palmer	G. Allen	B. Barratt	LA	C. Barratt
10.45 am		JS HC			Harvest	
<b>Wesley</b>	X	JS @ Glazebrook	Rev. Palmer	LA	I. Huddleston	J. Brock-lehurst
10.30 am			JS Harvest HC			

AA - All Age Worship  
BB - Boys' Brigade  
CA - Church Anniversary

HC - Holy Communion  
JS - Joint Service  
LA - Local Arrangement

Oct 17th	Oct 24th	Oct 31st	Nov 7th	Nov 14th	Nov 21st	Nov 28th
				Rememberance		Advent 1
JS @ Monton	A. Shepherd	Rev. Palmer	G. Allen	S. Klu	Rev. Palmer	A. Shepherd
		JS HC			JS	
I. Huddleston	LA	R. Dawson	Rev. Palmer	G. Allen AA	Anglican	LA
		JS	HC			
B. Barratt	C. Barratt	JS @ Boundary Rd	P. Wilson	B. Barratt	JS @ St. Paul's	LA
JS						
G. Allen	LA	JS @ Emmanuel	I. Huddleston	S. Dutson	JS @ Boundary Rd	B. Barratt
JS (Boundary Rd)						
C. Barratt	x	S. Dutson	x	Rev. Palmer	x	I. Huddleston
				HC		
JS @ Glazebrook	Rev. Palmer	JS @ Boundary Rd	LA	J. Brocklehurst	S. Klu	P. Wilson
	HC				JS	
R. Dawson	S. Dutson	JS @ Emmanuel	LA	Rev. Palmer	I. Huddleston	C. Barratt
				HC		
JS @ Glazebrook	B. Barratt	JS @ Boundary Rd	LA	C. Barratt	JS @ St. Paul's	Rev. Palmer
						HC

## President & Vice President of the Methodist Conference

At the Methodist Conference, held in Birmingham in July, the new President and Vice President were inducted. They will serve in the role until the 2022 Conference, next summer.

### President — Rev Sonia Hicks

Rev Sonia Hicks has served as a Circuit Superintendent in three connexions: Britain, the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas and the Methodist Church in Ireland (MCI).

Sonia's commitment to oppose all forms of injustice began when she was a member of the Youth Exchange to Zimbabwe. She has since been Convenor of the World Relief and Development Committee for MCI, and has served as a Trustee for both All We Can and Christian Aid Ireland.

Rev Hicks has also served on the South East District Synod Planning Group, on the Methodist Diaconal Order Leadership Group and on the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee.



### Vice President — Barbara Easton



Barbara's vocation has been the world of education. Before becoming Connexional Director of Education in 2014 she was an RE teacher, inclusion and interfaith specialist and secondary headteacher in various challenging contexts in the West Midlands. She now leads the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust, committed to shaping our schools as diverse communities of empowerment and transformation in their work at the margins of the church.

She is a longstanding local preacher, contributor to IBRA Bible notes and has a calling to chaplaincy, volunteering at 3Generate and Greenbelt. Through international Methodist education and her upcoming role for global Methodist Women, she seeks for Methodism to have an impact greater than the sum of its parts.

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## **Clare & Kim's Farewell Service**

On Sunday 25th July, we held the Farewell Service for Revs Clare & Kim at The Height. It was great to see so many people there.

The recording of the service is still available to watch online (visit [www.salfordcircuit.org.uk/farewellservice](http://www.salfordcircuit.org.uk/farewellservice)).

If you were unable to make it and also aren't able to watch online, there are a small number of DVDs available. Contact Matt (details on the back page) if you would like a copy.

## **Update Your Contact Details**

We have a duty to ensure that our contact lists are kept up to date, so that you don't miss out on any important information from the Salford Methodist Circuit and its churches.

If your contact details (address, phone number or email address) have changed recently, please let us know using the methods below.

If you are new to the area or new to one of our churches, and would like to be added to our mailing list, you can also let us know using same methods.

If you would like your details to be removed from our contact list and stop getting information from the Salford Circuit, please email or write to Matt (details below)

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## **The Next Edition of the Circuit Magazine**

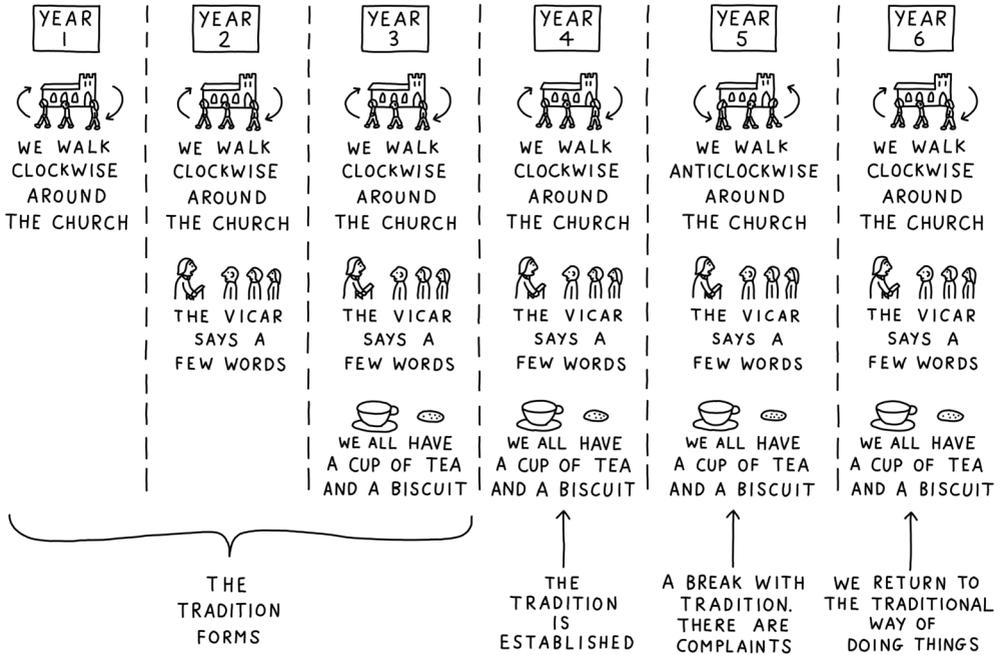
The next edition of the Circuit Magazine will be published at the end of November, and we are always looking for items to include. It could be a prayer, a poem, a photo, a story, or news about an organisation or project you are involved with.

Please send any items for consideration to me; my contact details are on the back page. Please include details of where you got it from. Thank you!

**Matt Collins**

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