

Being Church

February 2025



Dear Friends,

“What are your joys?”

It's mid-day. I'm sat on the front door-step, in the full sun so it's very warm, throwing pebbles for the cat to chase over a pathway where the ice has just melted. Two days ago, there was still thick ice covering the drive and the Close, and snow on the lawn. Now look at it! The TV weather-person announced that we are half-way through Winter, and at the time of writing we're not quite half-way through January.

You will have noticed that because of the weather and church closures, we have had to make some changes to the Plan to accommodate the Covenant services. So, if it affects you, please check the dates further in this newsletter.

The snow and ice on the roads and pavements caused us to think carefully about the journeys we wanted to make – although we did have two visitors at worship in Wetherby that snowy morning, which was wonderful – and brave of them!

This time of year may be a time for you to review what has happened in the past year, take stock of your current circumstances, and make plans for the coming months. I hope that you will think carefully about your spiritual journey, in whatever circumstances you find yourself, and gain strength and joy in the ways that you connect with God. I also hope that you will join me in exploring this a bit further at our Circuit Quiet Day - “What are your joys?” (see the poster).

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In the Church, I give thanks to you, all our volunteers who take part in worship and mission in many different ways. Let's take some positive steps together in taking our Church forward. We will soon be holding our Spring Church Council meetings, and on each agenda there will be the item 'Mission Statement / Action Plan'. Here is a chance for conversations around your hopes and dreams for the church, to reflect on God's plans, and how to make them happen. It may be that your church has a mission statement to adapt, or amend, or perhaps you need a mission day to think further about this.

We're still thinking about the theme of 'hospitality' too. So, as you review the services or events you held at Christmas, how was your 'hospitality' in this area? What can we do differently, say at Easter, or other seasons and special services throughout the year? I would like us to think about the services that we hold – can we invite people to join us? Would they like what we do? Do we need to make some changes? I'm interested in 'dementia friendly church' and will be doing some research about that.

I hope the above gives you some 'food for thought' as we tread through the first few months of 2025, but let's remember that we are journeying together with Jesus. Let's pick up the Bible and reflect on the message of Jesus, let's pray our way through mission by taking our agendas and ideas to prayer. Let's continue to help and support one another in our churches and from church to church, sharing our resources across the Circuit.

Back to the sunshine....I've noticed that the bulbs are pushing their way up through the soil, they're undeterred to make their appearance known. The sun has brought out the flowers in pots on the front window-sill, which is lovely.

Maybe we can be undeterred as we follow Jesus, to make his message known. God wants to be known in our hearts and our minds. Let his love grow within you, and may we move forward together, in strength and in joy.

Jesus came into this world that we might have life in all its fullness (John 10:10). Jesus said to his disciples, "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." (John 15: 11 NRSV)

May His peace be with you. God bless

Revd Ann Fox



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PRAYER

Local Pastor Eileen hosts a weekly **Circuit Prayer Meeting** on **Zoom** **Every Tuesday, 9.30am – 10am (join from 9.15am)** all are invited to join us.
Please contact Eileen for the Zoom log on details.

*Plus, prayer meetings at **Wetherby** in the Quiet Room every Wednesday 10.00am
Tadcaster 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 9.15am and at **Clifford** every Tuesday 9.40am*

WORSHIP

For Sunday service see the Circuit Plan, copies are available in our buildings or [via this link](#).



Tadcaster Circuit Diary

11, 18 & 25 Feb (Tue) Revive us again - 7pm by Zoom, contact Revd Ann Fox

11 Feb (Tue) Dr Arthur Faulkner's funeral - The thanksgiving service will take place in Boston Spa Methodist Church at 12:45pm

1 Mar (Sat) Crank Up - 10am to 3pm at Tadcaster Methodist Circuit, with vintage machinery & bygone memorabilia. To book a stall contact Anne

22 Mar (Sat) Circuit Quiet day - details to follow

26 Mar (Wed) Songs of Praise - 7:30pm at Wetherby MC (Andrew Marshall)

District Diary

Save the date: 13-15 Feb, 2026

Flourish at University of York "Woven Threads"

Please note the following changes to the plan:

Church Fenton: 2 February - LA

Clifford: 2 February - Covenant Service

Tadcaster Methodist Church

Saturday, 1st March

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Winter Crank Up

With Vintage
machinery
& bygone
memorabilia



Open Door Café
& table top stalls

Vehicles displayed in the rear car
park (LS24 9AT)

For more details & to book a
table/stall (£5) contact

Anne 01904 700520

I know there are a number of churches around the Circuit who have some old hymn books that are no longer in use. Would you please have a look among them and let me know if you have any MUSIC copies. There is a request out for music copies for The Music Association of The Methodist Church in Southern Africa.

Thanks, Rev Ann.



Peaced Together

During the last 3 months, a small group of ladies have met together and embarked on the 'Peaced Together' course. You may have heard of it as it is run throughout the Yorkshire N & E District. Based around 10-week sessions, it looks at themes such as 'Beauty from Brokenness', 'Treasure from Trash', 'Choices', as well as 'Love' and 'Hope' etc.

We had a long break with Christmas and the New Year, and so conclude the course on Monday 27th January. As well as a talk and discussion (one can join in as much as one likes) we have been very creative and finished up with some marvellous projects, each of us realising what hidden potential we have!

Our leader, Judith Smith, and all of us on the course, would like to invite you to come and see what we've been up to (!) and enjoy a cuppa, conversation and cake for our final session, not necessarily to embark on the course, although you might like to, but rather to have a time of fellowship with us.

We meet at Collingham Methodist Church and invite you to share our last half hour. So, we look forward to seeing you at 3pm on Mon 27th January at Collingham.

God bless, Eileen

Photos are 2 examples of my projects, both using recycled materials.



Regular Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Monday (weekly)	10.45am	Table Tennis	Wetherby
Monday (weekly)	2.30pm	Ping-Pong	Boston Spa
Monday (weekly)	5.00pm	Senior Table Tennis	Boston Spa
Monday (weekly)	7.30pm	Badminton	Wetherby
Monday (2nd)	10.30am-12noon	Bacon Brunch	Collingham
Monday (2nd)	2.00-4.00pm	Friends & Fellowship	East Keswick
Monday (4th)	10.30am-12noon	Coffee & Chat	Collingham
Tuesday (weekly)	9.30-10.00am	Circuit Prayer Gathering	Zoom (Eileen)
Tuesday (weekly)	9.40-10.00am	Prayer Gathering	Clifford
Tuesday (weekly)	10.00-11.30am	Coffee Shop	Tadcaster
Tuesday (weekly)	10.00-11.30am	Tuesday Coffee	Clifford
Tuesday (weekly)	10.00am	Flower Club	Boston Spa
Tuesday (1st)	2.00-4.00pm	Flowers & Friends	Collingham
Tuesday (1st & 3rd)	9.15-10.00am	Prayer Group	Tadcaster
Tuesday (1st & 3rd)	1.30-3.30pm	Craft Get Together	Church Fenton
Tuesday (2nd)	2.00-4.00pm	Friends & Fellowship	Ulleskelf
Tues (3rd) not Aug/Sep	7.00pm	Tuesday Meeting	Church Fenton
Tuesday (4th)	1.00pm	Community Soup Lunch	Ulleskelf
Wednesday (weekly)	10.00am-12noon	Coffee Shop	Wetherby
Wednesday (weekly)	10.30am-12noon	Chapel Coffee Pot	Appleton Roebuck
Wednesday (weekly)	10.00-10.30am	Prayer Group	Wetherby
Wednesday (weekly)	11.15am-12.15pm	Coffee at t' Crown	Crown Hotel Boston Spa
Wednesday (weekly)	7.00pm	Table Tennis	Wetherby
Wednesday (irregular)	contact Wetherby	House-Group	contact Wetherby
Wednesday (1st)	2.00-4.00pm	Knit & Natter	Tadcaster
Wednesday (1st)	2.00-4.00pm	Women's Group	Wetherby
Wednesday (2nd)	10.00am	Communion in the Box	Box Tree Ct, B Spa
Wednesday (2nd & 4th)	contact Wetherby	Gentlemen Bootbashers	contact Wetherby
Thursday (1st)	12noon	Community Soup Lunch	Church Fenton
Thursday (2nd)	12noon	Community Soup Lunch	Tadcaster
Thursday (last)	12noon	Souper Thursday	East Keswick
Friday (1st)	10.00-11.30am	Teddy Praise	Collingham
Saturday (weekly)	10.00-12noon	Coffee Shop	Wetherby
Saturday (2nd)	2.00-3.30pm	Charity Coffee Afternoon	Church Fenton



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