

# Being Church

March 2025



Dear Friends,

I'm leading a school assembly during Lent, on the theme of 'temptation' and I thought it might be nice to have a song on that theme, to a well-known tune, to teach the kids.

As I couldn't find one, I composed this one – what do you think?

## **Temptation's Lullaby**

*(To the Tune of "Away in a Manger")*

Temptation is calling, with whispers so sweet,  
It draws me, it pulls me, to where shadows meet.  
The lure of its promise, the thrill of the night,  
Oh, how it entices, with shimmering light.

The path seems so easy, the choice seems so clear,  
Yet deep in my heart there's a flicker of fear.  
For though it may sparkle and dazzle the eye,  
Temptation brings heartache, and tears that we cry.

But strength lies within me, a voice soft and mild,  
It guides me and leads me, like a mother's sweet child.  
I'll turn from the shadows, and walk toward the day,  
For though it is tempting, I'll not lose my way.

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Lower Wharfe (at Appleton Roebuck, Church Fenton & Ulleskelf)**

Maybe a bit grown up for the kids, but pretty good huh! Now, I do have a small confession to make. When I say 'composed', what I really mean is that I used an Artificial Intelligence app on my laptop. I typed in 'compose a song on the theme of 'temptation' to the tune of 'Away in a Manger' and within seconds, this is what it came up with. To be fair, even though I can take no credit, I think the AI thingy (no, I don't understand how it works either!) did a pretty good job!

So, what has all this got to do with anything, apart from warning poets that they might need to find new work soon? It seems to me that we live in an age where we have access to so much information but no way of knowing what we can trust to be 'true' – what lies behind the information we see? Faith in institutions like the mainstream media has plummeted and many younger people get their 'news' from social media – which can be, at best manipulated and, at worst, downright deceitful. The world can be very confusing!

Thankfully, there is a rock on which we can stand. The Bible - written by many authors, over several centuries, with the last bits added nearly 2,000 years ago, yet still, as Paul described it, 'God-breathed' and just as relevant today and tomorrow. An absolutely reliable resource which reveals the God who loves us and who always wants the best for us. It also deals with human nature – our aspirations, our fears and our failings. Over the millennia and with all of the confusing messages of the world today, neither of those has changed. When you throw in the guiding hand of the Holy Spirit, the Bible is not just the best, it is the only way to be sure we are living our lives right. Why not give it a try?

*Donald*

PS: Not sure where to start? Try downloading 'Every day with Jesus' – you get a verse of scripture and a short comment every day – total time commitment, 5 minutes per day!

### **Vacancies**

In preparation for the Circuit Meeting, the following appointments are vacant. If you are interested in filling one of them, please speak to Rev Ann prior to the Circuit Meeting, thank you.

- Circuit Safeguarding Officer
- Circuit Data Compliance Officer
- Circuit Steward(s) - from September

### **Help wanted:**

Clifford Church need some help with the maintenance and day to day running of their building (dealing with lettings etc). If anyone (or a couple of people) is able to give some time to this in any way, would you please speak to Rev Ann or Rev Abi.

Thank you.

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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** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

- 1 Mar** (Sat) 10am to 3pm at Tadcaster M.C.: Crank Up, vintage machinery & bygone memorabilia. To book a stall contact Anne
- 5 Mar** (Wed) 7pm at Boston Spa: Ash Wednesday (Rev Abi) all welcome
- 6 Mar** (Thu) Please pray for Revd Abi as he attends the Probationers Committee
- 7 Mar** (Fri) World Day of Prayer: various services around the Circuit, check with your Church - with prayers from the Cook Islands, New Zealand
- 11 Mar** (Tue) 2-4pm at Collingham M.C. : a talk & demo "Spinning, Weaving & all things woolly".
- 11 Mar** (Tue) 7pm for 7.15pm at Tadcaster M.C.: Circuit Meeting
- 15 Mar** (Sat) 10am to 12noon at Wetherby M. C.: Action for Children Table Top Sale
- 22 Mar** (Sat) 10.30am to 2.30pm at East Keswick M.C. : Circuit Quiet day , bring lunch - Guided quiet time, with suggested activities and prayer.
- 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"

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.



**Methodist Women  
in Britain**

for women, for justice, for Christ

**(MWiB):**

Would members of the Circuit group of MWiB, or those who would be interested in joining, please contact me. I would like to arrange a meeting to talk about the group, the MWiB resources, and any future plans. Thank you, Rev Ann.

## ACTION FOR CHILDREN SPRING TABLE TOP SALE



Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Wetherby Methodist Church Centre

10.00am–12.00pm

Various stalls and Coffee Shop





East Keswick Methodist Church

**'Friends & Fellowship'**

Hobbies,  
Quizzes and Crafts,



Reflective Thoughts & Prayer

Tea/Coffee & Chat

EVERY 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

2 – 4 pm

East Keswick Methodist Hall

Come along and meet friends

and make new ones

Everyone welcome

Further details contact Local Pastor Eileen 07494 050940

Collingham Methodist Church

**Something New for You**

Coffee,  
Conversation  
and Crafts (optional)



Every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

10.30 – 12noon

Collingham Methodist Hall

Come along and meet friends

and make new ones

Everyone welcome

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Collingham Methodist Church



Tuesday 11th  
MARCH

A talk and demonstration by

Anita Metcalfe

**“Spinning, Weaving and  
all things Woolly!”**

2pm – 4pm

For all the Community

Cost including Refreshments £4

More details from Pastor Eileen 07494 050940

*Hope to see you there!*



Circuit Quiet Day  
at East Keswick Methodist Church

Saturday, 22 March 2025

10.30am – 2.30pm

with

Revd Ann Fox

Theme: *“The joy of the Lord is my strength”*  
Nehemiah 8:10

Bring your lunch

Light Refreshments served

## 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 & 4th)	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 (1st)	9.30am	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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