

Being Church

September 2024

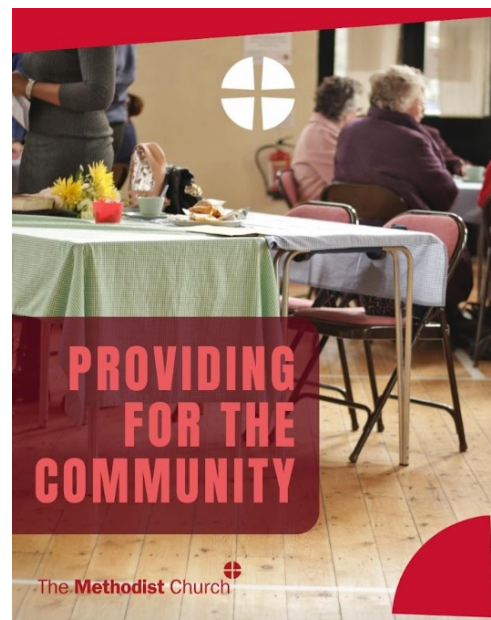


Dear Friends,

As we enter a new Methodist year, I would like us to think about one word, "Hospitality". What does that word say to you? Have you been on the receiving end of hospitality and how did that make you feel? Have you given hospitality and perhaps been encouraged to do more? How do we give and receive hospitality in church, among our church families, visitors, and friends in the community? Is the outside of our church welcoming and encourage people to come in?

Over the past couple of months, we have had occasion to show hospitality as we said goodbye to Rev Steve and Sue, and to celebrate the ministry of Local Pastor Eileen as she left one section of our Circuit and continues in another. On Friday, 6 September we will be welcoming Revd Abi Alex to our Circuit, with a warm welcome of a tea and a service of praise, to which friends across the Circuit and ecumenical friends are invited. We also welcome Revd Leslie Newton, our Chair of District, as our preacher at that service.

I recently visited a minister in another town in North Yorkshire (on an errand with some files from Rev Steve) and arranged to meet him at a coffee morning. I joined a table, and everyone said hello, and a gentleman took my order for a coffee and biscuits. I suddenly spotted a friend I knew who was serving in the kitchen and she quickly arranged cover and came to join me for a few minutes, and we shared memories of being on Iona last year, which was nice. I noticed the minister was in the hall and was talking to people, moving from one table to another.



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

My friend noted one person he was talking to had just lost her husband, another had been ill, and so on. When the minister joined me later, we shared our experiences of 'pastoral chats' around the tables. I do like a coffee morning! Because it's a more relaxed atmosphere, people find it easier to say the things they want to say. Don't underestimate our chats, as some people find them very helpful, and I am able to get to know people more than I would say after a Sunday morning service. Coffee mornings are pastoral work, very much so.

Jesus also enjoyed 'table ministry', the pastoral chats. There are a few occasions that are mentioned in the Bible; meeting with Levi (Luke 5), at the house of the Pharisee (Luke 7), the feeding of the 5000 in the countryside (Luke 9), visiting his friends (Luke 10) and so on. There are lots more, read through the Gospels and note them. These were occasions where food was served and Jesus took them as opportunities to talk to them around the table about God. Through our hospitality, we too can share the love of God and talk about our life with God – but don't forget to listen, and to notice those who haven't got anyone to talk to. We can learn about each other and learn of God together.

Over the next year, I would like us to consider the theme of 'Hospitality' and be more aware of what we do, how we do it, what we say, who we include (and who we are excluding), how we listen, and review what we are learning from it.

To start us off, please note the advertisement for a Circuit Quiet Day. It will be on the theme of 'The Hospitality of Jesus' and all are welcome to come along. All you need to bring is a packed lunch, and perhaps a notebook and pen. All other materials will be provided. I look forward to welcoming you!

*"Whoever receives you receives me,
and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."*

Matthew 10:40, ESV

God bless, *Rev Ann*

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.*

WORSHIP

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

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you who came and supported my 'Celebration and Farewell service' earlier in August. We had a good number join together for a fabulous feast of a faith tea early evening, and then others came just to the service itself making over 50 in attendance. It was superb, a wonderful time of worship, praise and thanksgiving. Even with mixed emotions it was an evening I shall never forget. Thank you.

I would also like to thank you for all the recent gifts I have received. A beautiful bouquet of flowers from Church Fenton's Tuesday meeting, a delightful Orchid in a glass, from Tadcaster's Community lunch, and a stunning and delicious Celebrative Cake, again from Tadcaster. Also gifts of cheques and vouchers from the Circuit and my Churches, has been greatly appreciated. I intend to buy myself some jewellery and a garden ornament to remember you all.

I thank God for calling me into the Tadcaster Circuit. Thank you all for your support, prayers and friendship. God bless

Eileen x

Photos: My cake (from Tadcaster), the bouquet of flowers (from CF) and the group photo from Tad Community lunch.



Members from Collingham MC joined together recently, for a Working Garden Party, in anticipation of the up coming quinquennial inspection. Trees were lopped, hedges trimmed, weeds and ivy removed, gutters cleared, hardcore and gravel laid, and doors were painted. Although a hard day, it was also an enjoyable and fun day with everyone having a laugh, several cups of tea and cakes, and really good conversations. The weather was kind, sunny and dry but not too hot.

It was very rewarding to 'see where we had been', and shows what can be done working as a team. Photo (L to R) Denny, Marj, Eileen, Caren, Les, Charlie and Chris. Other helpers included Morag, Mike, and Alison whilst others would have loved to have been there if they had been able. Thank you everyone who helped.



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Tadcaster Circuit Diary

- 29 Aug** (Thu) Circuit Celebration Praise & Prayer service at Tadcaster
Faith tea at 6pm & service at 7pm. Speaker Miss Sarah Hand (Skegness)
- 30 Aug** (Fri) Eileen Welcome Service into Goole & Selby Circuit at 7pm at Portholme Methodist Church, Selby. Rev Leslie Newton will be preaching
- 6 Sep** (Fri) Circuit welcome service for Revd Abi Alex, with Revd Leslie Newton at 7.00pm. Preceded by tea at 5.30pm - Boston Spa
- 7 Sep** (Sat) Harvest Festival at Tadcaster from 10am to 12.30pm (bacon butties and drinks) Produce donations welcome
- 10 Sep** (Tue) Meet & Greet bacon brunch with Revd Ann & Pastor Eileen from 11am to 12.30pm for members & friends from Collingham & East Keswick
Meet at East Keswick Methodist Church
- 13 Sep** (Fri) Lunchtime concert by Yorkshire Evening Post Brass Quintet at 1.00pm.
Lunches served from 12 noon - Boston Spa

District Diary

- 7 Sep** (Sat) District Synod at Acomb Methodist Church (hybrid—in person & online)

MWiB Events

- 13 Sep** (Fri) Tim Baker will be speaking about All We Can at Haxby
Tim now works for Shelter but volunteers with AWC for now.
- 28 Sep** (Sat) Induction of Leonora (Lee) Wassel as co chair for MWiB at 3pm
At Wesley Methodist Church, Harrogate
- 5 Dec** (Thu) Advent event at Lidgett, York

Saturday 28th September, 3pm at Wesley Methodist Church, Harrogate



**Commissioning service for Rev Leonora Wassell
as CoChair of Methodist Women in Britain**

God sees, God hears, God cares



Preacher: Rev Gill Newton, Past President of Conference



Join us for fellowship & refreshments after the service



Wesley Methodist Church, 28 Oxford Street,
Harrogate HG1 1PP
Nearest car park: 1 minute's walk away, £3.40/2hrs
Jubilee, Union Street, HG1 1DJ

Live streamed via Zoom – contact cochairs.mwib@gmail.com for the link

Tadcaster Methodist Church

Harvest Festival

Join us on

Saturday, 7th September 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Open Door Cafe

-serving bacon butties and drinks as we prepare the Harvest table.

Any produce welcome.



Sunday, 8th September

10.15 am for Harvest Praise

Led by Rev. Becki Stennett, followed by lunch

The Harvest produce will be sold after the service. Proceeds and any monetary gifts received will go to support 'FCN'

Farm Community Network is a voluntary organisation & charity that supports farmers and families within the farming community.



Café Prayer

A time of prayer in church
for 10 minutes
alongside the usual
coffee morning
11am

**Tuesdays 24 September,
22 October, 19 November,
17 December (Christmas carols)**

The Methodist Church



Bible Study

Paul's Missionary Journeys

with Revd Ann Fox
and John Kimmer

at Tadcaster Methodist Church

Wednesday 9 October 2pm

Wednesday 6 November 10am

Wednesday 11 November 10am

more dates to follow

All are welcome



Circuit Quiet Day at East Keswick Methodist Church

Saturday, 14 September 2024

10.30am – 2.30pm

with

Revd Ann Fox

Theme: *The Hospitality of Jesus*

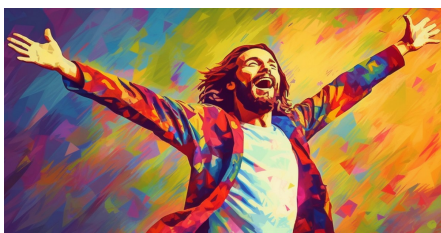
Bring your lunch

Light Refreshments served

*Where do you want me to go today
to carry your presence?*

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 (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 (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
Wednesday (3rd)	2.00-4.00pm	Whist Afternoon	Collingham
Wednesday (last)	1.00-3.00pm	Coffee, Click 'n' Connect	Appleton Roebuck
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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