



# 'BEING CHURCH'

TADCASTER  
METHODIST CIRCUIT  
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## So, what did you think of the ending?

**AC-12 have alpha intel from the CHIS that the OCG definately know about the UCO.**

That phrase will either be totally meaningless to you, or proof that you've been watching 'Line of Duty'. Or possibly that you've been watching - but it is still meaningless twaddle! Apparently just under 13 million of us watched the series finale on Sunday. Many of us will have had the 'pause' and 'rewind' buttons ready, so we could ask "what just happened there?". Reviews were mixed, from those who saw a satisfying tying up of all the loose ends from the six series, to those like me, who were frustrated that it had been left open for another series.



The Bible tells us that for three years the disciples were on an emotional and spiritual roller coaster ride, with more plot twists than even Line of Duty. Leaving home and family, hearing new teaching, watching healing and miracles against the laws of nature, attracting crowds of thousands, and all against the background of oppression by the occupying and religious authorities. And then the ending. Like the LoD aficionados, there had been plenty of clues dropped all the way through, but still it took them by surprise. Jesus dying on a cross was not what they expected and not what they wanted - what a let down!



But then came series seven - nothing was as it seemed. We are in that period now, the weeks from Easter to Pentecost, when the poor befuddled disciples and other followers tried to get their heads around what had really happened, rather than what they thought had happened. Checking back for the clues they'd missed at the time - so that's what Isaiah was getting at!

To be fair to them, it made no sense, it still doesn't make any sense - but .....



*"The message that points to Christ on the cross seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation, it makes perfect sense"*

(1Corinthians 1 v 18 - The Message)

It makes sense to us (hopefully!), because we've followed the story through all its twists and turns, seen the recaps, heard from the eye-witnesses, sifted through all the written evidence and seen how it ends.

Except of course, we haven't. The story continues - and we are now part of it. May God bless us as we each search to find our role in this amazing, everlasting story.

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## YEAR OF PRAYER.

Wetherby, and Tadcaster Churches are hosting weekly Prayer Meetings

**Wetherby:** Every Wednesday, 7pm – 7.20pm

All are invited to join us. Please contact Revd Ann for the Zoom log on details.

**Tadcaster:** Every Tuesday, 9.30am – 10am (join from 9.15am)

All are invited to join us. Please contact Eileen Clarkson for the Zoom log on details.



On **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, at 8am.**

A great way to kick-start your day by joining with friends, in the presence of God, for 15-20 minutes of **Morning Prayer** on your telephone.

Details, and a Service Sheet, have been sent out with an earlier newsletter, but please contact Rev Steve if you don't have one.

## Worshipping Together - Online:



This Sunday we will be holding a live 'Zoom' service, at 10.00am, led by Dr Alan Bell.

Available via: <https://zoom.us/j/93044975771?pwd=QXV3d28M1YrVCTqcHFEL1AyYTIXZz09>

- Meeting ID: 930 4497 5771 - Passcode: 662641 Also available via telephone: 0203 481 5237

Alan's sermon will be available via **Dial-a-Sermon** 01937 228811, following the service.



**Radio 4** Sunday at 8:10 am, Sunday Worship

**'How to Pray'**

The Archbishop of York, **Stephen Cottrell**, reflects on prayer in a service from Bishopthorpe.

**BBC Local Radio** Sunday Service at 8am.

Local Pastor Eileen says '*I tend to listen to this service, and then turn over for the ending of the Radio 4 service.*



**Radio 4 DAB &** There is a **Daily Service** broadcast every Mon. - Fri. from 9.45am – 10am.

**198 Long Wave** An opportunity to listen to missed episodes can be found on the website from Sat am.

- episodes of the Daily Service can be accessed for 26 days after they were first broadcast.  
24 hours 7 days a week.

If you have a DAB radio the Christian Premier radio station is superb  
and always good to tune in to 24 hours a day.



It can also be found on your TV, **Channel 725** (no picture of course, only sound).

It is not only music but also testimonies, teaching, and news. Why not give it a try this week?



**BBC1 Songs of Praise 'Swansea'.**

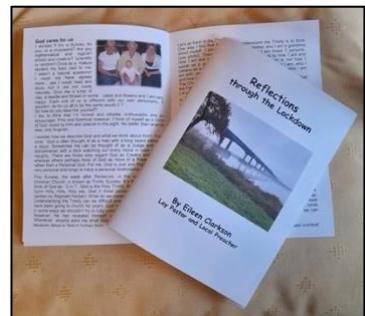
**Brenda Edwards** visits Swansea to explore the Welsh Revival,  
when Christianity spread rapidly through Wales,  
and she discovers a new church that is reviving an old chapel.

## 'Reflections through the Lockdown'

Local Pastor **Eileen Clarkson** has been writing weekly reflections for her local newspaper, the *Goole Times*, since the beginning of Lockdown March 2020.  
She has now had the first 11 of these published in a booklet.

The booklets are ideal for personal devotions, gifts, or for use in a Church service.  
They cost £2 each, or 6 for £10.

Please contact Eileen if you are interested in purchasing a copy (or copies?).  
Mobile 07494 050940 or [eileencoombes@hotmail.com](mailto:eileencoombes@hotmail.com)



If you would like to explore this week's themes: **John 15: 9 - 17 - 'Friends'.**

You can find both **Adult, and Children's, Worksheets** on the **BSMC Home Page**:

[www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk)

If you would like to explore deeper, there is also a **Bible Study** available from the same place.