

NORTHSTEAD NEWS

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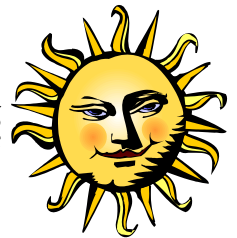
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Summer Events



On Sunday, 9th June, we will be serving Sunday lunch after the morning service. The menu will be roast beef with all the trimmings and a selection of desserts. There's no fixed charge, but all the profit is going to Christian Aid, so please give as generously as you can. It is difficult to cater for more than 60 with our facilities, so if you haven't already got your name down, please sign up as soon as possible.

On Saturday, 15th June, there will be a walking treasure hunt, leaving from church between 5.30 and 6 p.m. and returning for a barbecue supper between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. If you only want to come to the barbecue, that's fine! Adults £2, children £1.

The next day, Sunday, 16th June, there will be a Baptism service at 12.15 p.m. after the all-age Parade service, as we can't fit all the uniformed groups and a Baptism party into church at the same time! It would be lovely if as many people as possible could stay a little longer that Sunday and support the Baptism family.

On Saturday, 29th June, the Ladies Fellowship will be holding a Coffee morning from 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. with a Cake and Bring & Buy stall. Further Coffee Mornings are planned for 27th July, 31st August and 28th September.

On Sunday, 7th July, we are holding a Family Picnic at Manor Road Park straight after church. We will walk up the track to the park, where we will have our lunch. Please bring your own picnic. Everyone welcome.

There will be a Beetle Drive at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, 13th July, following a special request at the joint Churches AGM!

The following Saturday, 20th July, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. you are invited to a Strawberry Coffee morning. Come along for a drink and a strawberry cream scone! Cake stall and Fairtrade stall.

Evening rambles have already started, and future ones are arranged (weather permitting!) for 12th and 26th June, 10th and 24th July. We meet at church at 6.30 p.m. for a shortish walk – 3 to 4 miles usually, and there's normally plenty of transport so don't worry if you don't have a car.

We've finally made a start on the church gardens and hope to meet on alternate Wednesday mornings – 5th and 19th June, 3rd and 17th July, from 10 a.m. so please join us for an hour (and a cup of coffee!) if you can.

Our Mission

We are called to be a worshipping, welcoming, praying and caring Christian presence within our community.

Our mission is to serve God and our neighbour by :-

- enabling people of all ages and abilities to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus through worship, teaching and example
- raising awareness of poverty, cruelty and injustice, and taking appropriate action to relieve them
- and promoting peace between all God's people.

Message from our Minister

All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2: 44 - 47

We're almost two months into Wreyfield's building project, and we have watched the new external walls go up. Soon the new roof will appear, and then the internal work can move on apace. The project is rolling on. And so is the relationship that we are sharing as churches together. Things are very different for everyone. I know for some of us the time can't come quick enough for returning to the way things were before - getting on with doing things our own way. Others are enjoying the mix of people and the buzz of a full church every Sunday. People are getting to know each other. Strangers are becoming familiar faces, and I hope much more than that.

What does the future hold for our two churches? What is the way ahead that God has planned for us? For months we've planned for this time of togetherness, but what happens after Wreyfield's work is complete, and we no longer worship together each Sunday? We exist as churches for one purpose - to worship and serve God in this world. We have a shared calling and a shared responsibility. And in the case of Wreyfield and Northstead we are placed in very much the same area of Scarborough - by road 0.7 miles apart - only 3 minutes drive. As the crow flies - 650 metres - less than half a mile. We share a mission responsibility to the same part of town. We are surrounded by a substantial area with considerable needs. And we have a Saviour worth sharing!

I don't see our future in one building. We've moved beyond that. Wreyfield laid their fleece before God several years ago, and he has encouraged the development at every stage. We will return to the building in due course and pick up the reins of our mission and outreach, as well as our fellowship and worship. And we at Northstead will resume our normal patterns too. But are there things we could share which would make us stronger in our mission and purpose? We already share in the covenant with St. Mark's, St. Luke's and St. Joseph's for Barrowcliff. And there is a great deal more we can do in that area. But what about our day-to-day running as churches? What about our management and resources? What about fellowship and activities? Could we somehow become one church on two sites? Could we share a name? Could we share membership? Could we share finances and other resources? Could we share pastoral work? These are questions that are flying round my mind, and there are no quick and easy answers. But unless I share them, they will remain just in my mind. Maybe God has put them there to be answered.

I am writing this now so that others can share in this thinking. And I would like to give everyone an opportunity to make their own contribution to this thinking. I have produced a question sheet, with space for your own thoughts. Please fill one in and put it in the box provided in the entrance. I will leave the box there for several weeks so that thoughts have time to form and develop. Please pray that God will open our eyes to his purposes and that he will inspire us by his Holy Spirit for the way ahead.

"To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever, Amen." Ephesians 3: 21.

Clare

News from 1st Scarborough Brownies

from Brown Owl Liz

On Friday, 10th May, 8 Brownies and 2 leaders joined with 70 Brownies, Guides and leaders from Scarborough West Division for a trip to PGL Adventure Centre at Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire. After a 3-hour journey we were met by some very jolly staff and fed. We then settled into our accommodation and tried to sleep. Excited Brownies don't sleep!!

After waking early and having a hearty breakfast, the girls spent the morning in kayaks on a beautiful purpose built lake. During the afternoon they had a go at quad biking, followed by a high ropes course and a disco in the evening. By Sunday morning the Brownies were very tired but spent the morning fencing and climbing. After lunch they did a Challenge course and got very wet and muddy. The adventure ended with climbing a large pole and leaping for a trapeze.

Two coach loads of girls and leaders arrived back at William Street Coach Park at 10.30 p.m. on Sunday night very dirty and very tired, but very happy after a wonderful weekend.

Family News

On Sunday, May 5th, we were delighted to welcome four new Church members, Eileen Prentice, May Raine, Tam and Janet Alexander.

A warm welcome too for Tommy Lucas Finch, who is to be baptised on Sunday, June 16th. Our love and best wishes to Tommy and all his family.

Andrea Crookes writes to say that she is recovering well from her operation, doing her exercises conscientiously and walking further each day. She wishes to thank all her Northstead friends for their prayers, messages, cards and good wishes, which have made such a difference.

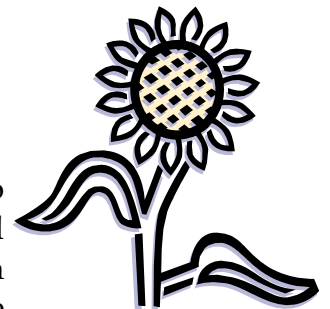
Encounter

Do you sometimes wonder how you can best use your gifts and talents for God in the church and the world? Do you feel God is calling you to some new service but you're not sure what? Now you're getting older, are you questioning how you can best serve God?

Then you may be interested in Encounter, a programme which is run by the Methodist church in Yorkshire and is designed to help anyone seeking to deepen their discipleship and explore their vocation. There are group sessions, one-to-one work with an accompanist and opportunities to engage in new experiences of ministry and service. If you would like to find out more, there is a short "taster" session at Scalby Methodist church on Tuesday, 16th July, from 7 to 9 p.m.

To book your place, contact Julie Fairweather at the Circuit office (tel. 355429).

Church Flowers



Our thanks, as ever, to those who provide and arrange flowers in Church each Sunday, and to those who distribute them to friends who are ill, housebound or in special need.

There are still quite a few gaps on the Flower list, so please consider if you could help with this caring ministry. We know that flowers can be quite expensive, so we will be providing a box at the back of the Church for small donations toward this cost.

Chris Macer has taken over from Olga the job of organising the distribution of flowers. Please see Chris if you can help with this.

Smiles to Tanzania

from Anthea Purdy

Thank you to all who continue to make knitted or crocheted garments and blankets. We are now donating them to a new charity - 'Smiles to Tanzania', as 'Smile International' no longer had need of them.

The following information comes from the newly produced brochure.

The "Smiles to Tanzania" charity was formed in early 2013 following a visit to the island of Ukerewe by a small group of volunteers. Ukerewe island is home to an isolated community in Lake Victoria, Tanzania. Lake Victoria Children's Society (LVC) was seen to be struggling to educate and feed children, most of them orphans being cared for by their wider family members. The chairman of LVC is Alex Magaga, a young man who himself was orphaned and, having left the island to be educated, returned determined to better the lives of the children there through nourishment and education.

The children, aged between 3 and 6 years, are being taught in English and Swahili. They receive a mug of ugali (a sweet maize porridge) each day and, very occasionally, they enjoy a dish of rice and beans, but only if and when funds allow. Education is the key to helping the children out of poverty. LVC is currently housed in rented premises not suited to their use, which restricts the number of children who can be taught. Alex has a dream to buy a plot of land one day, on which to site a purpose built centre with facilities for more children. We would like to make this dream come true.

Many parents have died of HIV/AIDs and there is no orphanage on the island. Many families live a hand-to-mouth existence, their children never having been to school or owned a pair of shoes. The sheer hard work and dedication of Alex to the children of Lake Victoria, which we witnessed first hand on our visit, inspired us to form the charity - Smiles to Tanzania. With your help we can help Alex and his team of volunteers at LVC in their efforts to support and improve the lives of this impoverished and isolated community."

I hope that we may be able to help by providing some simple school packs to be sent for the Lake Victoria Centre. I will provide a sample and some of you may like to put one together or possibly donate towards the cost of others. We have done this in the past. Everything will be put to good use. It is hoped that enough money can be raised to ship a container out in late summer, and then Derek and Diane Edwards hope to go out in the autumn to supervise the unpacking and distribution. Any donation towards the cost of the container shipment will be gratefully received. I can give Derek's to anyone who would like to contribute in this way. More information and photos etc. can be found on the website:- Smilestotanzania.org.uk

Thank you, Anthea.

Coffee at Scalby

Our friends at Scalby Methodist Church invite us to their monthly Coffee Morning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 1st, this time in aid of Action for Children.



There will be a Cake stall, a Fairtrade stall and, as always, a warm welcome!

Pet Blessing Service

On Sunday, June 30th, there will be a Pet Blessing service at 2 p.m. Pets of all kinds are invited to bring their owners!



Start Course

Do you have questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, being a Christian?

The Start Course lasts six sessions, and is a chance to meet in a small group and talk about these things with others.

A Start Course will be happening on Monday afternoons, beginning on June 3rd, at 1.30 p.m. at the home of Sharon Godfrey.

You would be very welcome. Contact Clare if you want to know more.

8PM – Praise Midweek

The 8PM service happens every 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 8 p.m. at Northstead. It is an informal service, with a relaxed atmosphere. We hear testimonies about what God is doing in people's lives, explore issues that are relevant to today, and worship God through music and prayer.

Everyone is welcome. The regular congregation is a mix of people from various churches.

The next few 8PM services are :-

June 19th: Diane Robinson: "The Devil And Me"

July 17th: Chris Herbert: "Landmarks and Life stories"

No service in August

September 18th: "Where Is The Love?"

World Challenge

A fundraising Car Wash and Coffee Morning event will take place at Emmanuel St John's Church, St. John's Road, on Saturday, 22nd June from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in aid of Alex Duncan's World Challenge.

Alex is in Year 9 at Scalby School, and at the end of Year 11 he is going on a trip to Swaziland. The students need to raise all the funds for this trip, which totals about £ 2,400. Whilst in Swaziland the students do a community project, such as helping to build or decorate a school or a hospital, or teach. They also go trekking, and they may have the opportunity to go on safari.

MWiB Coffee Morning



Methodist Women in Britain invite you to a Coffee Morning at 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday, 5th June at South Cliff Methodist Church

Please come along and help us to raise funds for local charities.

Taking part in leading worship

By requesta day-time chance to think about what is involved in planning and leading worship, set in the southern part of the circuit but open to all.

When and where? The first meeting is at Cross Hill Methodist Church, Hunmanby, on Tuesday, 11th June, starting at 2.30 p.m. Six more meetings will be arranged on days to suit those who wish to attend.

Who is it for? People may come for a variety of reasons:

- Just out of interest. It is a chance to think about what we do in public worship.
- Involvement in Local Arrangement services on the Plan.
 - Church officers may find it helps them with their duties
 - Some people may be wondering if they are being called to offer to become an accredited worship leader, to lead prayers of intercession or to do readings in services.
 - Others may be thinking about offering to train as a local preacher and see it as a way of dipping their toe in the water!

Scarborough Homeless Support

Judith from Scarborough Homeless Support Services writes :-

“Very many thanks to the members of your Church for the donations of food and clothes, which help us to meet the needs of our most vulnerable clients.”

Between April 2012 and April 2013, the day service saw 434 new clients. 117 people were helped into accommodation, 633 days supply of emergency food packs were provided, and 194 clients were provided with toiletries, bedding, towels etc.

There were 220 referrals to Winterwatch, the emergency night accommodation service, of which 141 people were accommodated over a total of 245 bed-nights. In addition, some clients were offered blankets or sleeping bags, and all clients were offered food and toiletries.

The Reconnection Travel Scheme had 65 referrals, helping people to travel to destinations where accommodation was available, in hostels etc, or with family or friends. Of these several received emergency food packs, and some were provided with clothes, rucksacks etc.

Thanks again for your help and support. In fact, you have been so generous, it is becoming almost impossible for Paul and I to carry all your gifts down to Cross Street by bus. If there is anyone with a car who would be able to transport the goods once a fortnight, I would love to hear from you. Thank you - Ros.



Priceholme!

Friday, June 21st, will be Priceholme's 50th Anniversary. To celebrate this, there will be a Thanksgiving service at 1.30 p.m. at Northstead, led by Rev. Dr. Keith Adams, MHA Group Director (Chaplaincy and Spirituality). If you wish to attend the service, please contact Priceholme (tel. 361022) or Elaine Evans (373016).

On Saturday, June 22nd, there will be a Garden Party at Priceholme from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. with music and refreshments, attended in the afternoon by the Deputy Mayoress. There will be a barbecue from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and Strawberry Teas from 4 to 4.30 p.m.

Sunday @ 8

Sunday @ 8 is a time of contemporary multimedia worship at Burniston Church on alternate Sunday evenings (2nd and 16th June). Worship begins at 7.45 p.m. and a range of speakers are featured.

Refreshments are available in the café afterwards and all are welcome.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday, June 1st, 10 a.m.	Coffee Morning, Scalby Methodist Church.
Sunday, June 2nd, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Rev. C. Stainsby.
Monday, June 3rd, 1.30 p.m.	Start course, 93 St Leonard's Crescent.
Wednesday, June 5th, 10.15 a.m.	MWiB Coffee Morning, South Cliff Methodist Church.
Sunday, June 9th, 10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion, Rev. E. Clark
12 noon approx.	Sunday Lunch for Christian Aid.
Tuesday, June 11th, 2.30 p.m.	Leading Worship course, Cross Hill Methodist Church, Hun man by.
Wednesday, June 12th, 6.30 p.m.	Ramble.
Saturday, June 15th, 5.30 p.m.	Walking Treasure Hunt.
Sunday, June 16th, 10.30 a.m.	All-age worship, Rev. C. Stainsby.
12.15 p.m.	Baptism service.
Wednesday, June 19th, 8 p.m.	Praise Midweek.
Friday, June 21st, 1.30 p.m.	Priceholme Thanksgiving service.
Saturday, June 22nd, 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.	Garden party, at Priceholme.
10 to 11.30 a.m.	Car wash and Coffee Morning, Emmanuel St. John's Church
Sunday, June 23rd, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Mrs. M. Dobson.
Wednesday, June 26th, 6.30 p.m.	Ramble.
Saturday, June 29th, 10.15 a.m.	Ladies Fellowship Coffee Morning.
Sunday, June 30th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Mr. P. Midgley.
2 p.m.	Pet Blessing service, Rev. C. Stainsby.
Saturday, July 6th, 10 a.m.	Coffee Morning, Scalby Methodist Church.
Sunday, July 7th, 10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion, Rev. C. Stainsby.
followed by	Family Picnic, Manor Road Park.
Saturday, July 13th	Beetle Drive.

Weekly Events

Alternate Mondays, 7.30 p.m.	Singing for Fun.
Tuesday, 8.45 to 11.30 a.m.	Pop-in for Coffee.
Wednesday, 6 p.m.	Brownies
7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thursday, 9.30 a.m.	Parents and Tots
1.45 p.m.	Keep-fit group
7.30 p.m.	Badminton club
Friday, 6 p.m.	Rainbows
6.30 p.m.	Brownies

All the above activities take place at Northstead, unless otherwise stated. Children's activities take place during term time only.