

NORTHSTEAD NEWS

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Summer Events

Our service on Sunday, July 7th will take the form of a **café style Communion service**. Drinks will be served from 10.15 a.m. prior to worship. After the service comes our **Family Picnic** at Manor Road Park. We will walk up the old railway track to the park, where we will have our lunch. Everyone is welcome, so don't forget to bring your picnic!



On Saturday, 13th July, we are holding a **Beetle Drive** at 6.30 p.m. after a special request at the joint Churches AGM! I have heard some people say they don't know what a Beetle Drive is – well, now's your chance to find out!

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



The Women's Fellowship will be holding another of their **Summer Coffee Mornings** on Saturday, July 27th from 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. with a Cake and Bring & Buy stall. Further Coffee Mornings are planned for 31st August and 28th September. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more Women's Fellowship news.

We will be serving bacon butties at our **Missions Coffee Morning** at 15 Newlands Park Avenue, on Saturday, August 10th, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. so you can have a late breakfast or an early lunch! There will be a cake/bring and buy stall and all proceeds will be shared between JMA, Mission in Britain and World Church funds.

Evening rambles continue on 10th and 24th July. We meet at church at 6.30 p.m. and so far we've enjoyed slightly damp walks around Peasholm and from Seamer Road Mere up to Olivers Mount. The July walks will be slightly further away but still only 3 or 4 miles long.

The **Church gardening team** will be in action on alternate Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. - July 3rd, 17th, 31st and so on. We're happy to welcome any volunteers, so why not come along and lend a hand for an hour or so? There's usually a cup of coffee available after all the hard work!

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.

From our Minister

I talked a bit about the current situation with the Barrowcliff Project at Church Council recently, and it was suggested that I wrote something for the Newsletter.

The Barrowcliff Project began almost four years ago, following a number of incidents and experiences, which led some people from Wreyfield Drive to begin to pray every Monday morning. It also led me out on the streets of Barrowcliff estate, to be seen within the community and to begin to build relationships with some of its many residents. Never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined it would grow into what it is now. And it continues to grow! Four years down the line, the small group of Monday morning pray-ers has become a slightly bigger group, representing four churches. And the activities that have been initiated by the churches, and in which the churches have become involved continue to expand.

Almost a year ago the five local churches signed a covenant to share together in mission and care for this community: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, St. Luke's and St. Mark's Anglican churches, and Northstead and Wreyfield Drive Methodist Churches. In our first year, we have met four times in worship and prayer, and some people have got on board with the various activities.

I was asked following Church Council if I could write about the opportunities for involvement in the Project that are available at the present time.

- The Pop-In and Luncheon club meets every Monday from 10 a.m. at St. Mark's currently - it should be back at Wreyfield Drive on September 2nd. This group is always ready to receive helpers on a weekly or a rota basis, to be involved in the setting up and putting away for the session, in helping to organise the group's activities, or in helping in the kitchen - anything from cooking to chopping or tidying up. If you think that might be something you could do, drop in some Monday morning, or talk to Eileen Lane on 374209.

- A Girls' Youth Club has been running for many years, on a Monday evening, at Wreyfield Drive, providing a greatly valued activity. If it is to begin again in September it will need some new helpers to join the team, again, on a weekly or rota basis. Talk to Bev Moorhouse on 351539.

- Mike Leigh and myself are both part of a meeting called the Barrowcliff Financial Inclusion group, which talks about ways of helping people with a range of financial struggles. We meet several times a year, during the day, and have organised a few initiative. It would be good for the churches to be represented by a lay-person on this meeting.

- Similarly Mike and I attend regular meetings of the Barrowcliff Residents Association, on the 3rd Monday evening of every month at Barrowcliff School, where we regularly engage in discussion on the life of the area. The churches are seen by the residents as valued partners in all that happens.

- We are also part of the Barrowcliff Environmental Group which looks at ways to improve the estate from every possible angle, working to a 5-year plan entitled "My Barrowcliff". (Check out www.yorkshire.groundwork.org.uk/.../my-barrowcliff-action-plan.aspx) We would like to encourage others to become the church's representatives on these groups.

- The Food Bank, working in conjunction with the Rainbow Centre, is based on Barrowcliff, and I expect there to be opportunities for more involvement in this shortly.

- The first team of Barrowcliff Angels is currently being trained, and hope to be out on the estate in a supporting role before long. If this works, we will be looking to expand the team in the coming months.

- I am currently leading a Start course - a look at basic Christianity - with a group of Barrowcliff residents. I believe that this is a great way of encouraging people to grow in faith and

understanding. I would love to do more courses, and would love to see others helping in this. I recognise a real hunger for God among people that I meet.

Mike Leigh and I have been talking for some time about needing to have a group of people who support and work alongside us, meeting from time to time to move this work that God is doing forward. We have arranged a meeting for Tuesday 16th July at 7 p.m. at Northstead, and would like to invite anyone who is interested to come along, and find out more.

Is this an exhaustive list, you may ask? Emphatically it is not. There is so much more that we can do. I know that Northstead folk feel that their mission field should centre around the Northstead estate as much as Barrowcliff. There is no reason why the things mentioned above could not include that area. Indeed, people from the area are already members of the Pop In Luncheon Club. We can do more if we have more committed people ready to give some time and energy to this.

There is an idea out there for a churches magazine to be dropped across the estate a few times a year. Perhaps this is an idea that interests you, as part of an editorial team, or as a deliverer?

And if there is nothing that you can offer into these activities, there is always prayer. I appreciate that 7.15 on a Monday morning is not everyone's time for activity. But prayer is needed at all times. Another idea that was suggested was a regular prayer list to be given to the church people. If that were to happen, it would need someone to compile it.

In all of these things, it is God who calls and God who equips. It is God who walks alongside and encourages. Is God calling you? Come and talk to me!

The date for the next Churches Together Around Barrowcliff service is Sunday 8th September at St. Luke's at 6.30 p.m.

Clare



What is MESSY CHURCH?

from Maurice Macer

I've heard this question so often it's about time I responded. Messy Church grew from the frustrations of members at St Wilfred's, an Anglican church in Portsmouth, where they had good premises, good leaders, and good ideas, but few families or children on Sundays. It is now a national organisation seeking to engage with young people and teach them about Jesus using the wonderful tools of creativity and food.

Our Messy Church at Northstead started a couple of years ago. It meets on the last Thursday of the month. Children, with their parents or carers, arrive at about 3.15 p.m. and eagerly tuck into a snack and drink served by Dennis and May. Once satisfied they listen to a Bible story prepared by Ruth, and perhaps sing a song or say a prayer relevant to them. Then they split into groups led by Chris, Elvie, Martin and Maurice, where they create models, posters and paintings to represent some part of the subject they learned about. It really is a happy time, and we are delighted to see the parents and carers joining in.

Some of the 30 or so children are from our church, but most are not. We feel that it's a great outreach opportunity. If you are interested in sharing the 'Good News' with some wonderful children, which is the first part of our Mission Statement, and would like to join the fun we would love to have your help. It's only a couple of hours a month, so please speak to Ruth or any of the team, or come to our open planning meeting on Tuesday, July 9th at 11.30 a.m.

Open Meeting

There will be an open meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th July for discussion about the way forward for our two churches from September.

This is your opportunity to express your opinion, so if you don't attend, you can't complain if you don't like the decisions that are made!

Family News

We were interested, at the baptism of Tommy Lucas Finch on June 9th, to discover that the father of one of the guests was the building supervisor at Plaxtons responsible for the building of Northstead church!

Local Arrangement

Our next "local arrangement" service will be on Sunday, August 11th. There will be a meeting to plan this service on Tuesday, July 2nd at 7.30 p.m. at church. Everyone is welcome, so please bring your thoughts and ideas.



8PM – Praise Midweek

The 8PM service takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at Northstead, at (surprise, surprise!) 8 p.m. It is an informal service, with a relaxed atmosphere, involving testimony, discussion, prayer and music.

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

The next 8PM service will be on July 17th, when Chris Herbert will speak on "Landmarks and Life stories". There will be no service in August. The theme for September 18th is "Where Is The Love?"

A Daily Prayer

God with us,
in all my speaking this week,
fill me with your word.

In all my thoughts this week,
grant me your generosity of
spirit.

In all my deeds this week,
show me how to share my
bread.

Amen.



Christian Aid Week 2013

from Elizabeth Somerville

Many thanks to all those who supported Christian Aid Week in any way. This year's response has been most encouraging.

Joan Galvin and I again did the Sponsored Walk, hoping for good weather. Unfortunately it started raining as we had our photo taken with the Mayor outside St Michael's Church, and did not stop until after we had returned home. The short cut we decided to take back from St Mary's, down the steps, was a step too far for Joan's knee, but she gamely struggled on, especially up Holbeck Hill. I am extremely grateful to her, and all those who sponsored us. We raised £ 219.19.

The House to House collection, although always daunting, raised £ 62.69 and was a pleasure to do, with people's reactions being mostly very positive. This may be due to increased media coverage of the charity.

Northstead's biggest fundraiser tends to be the Sunday Lunch, not in Christian Aid week necessarily, but around that date, and normally very well supported. This year was a bumper event, with the lunch enjoyed by Northstead, Wreyfield and Scalby church members. 67 of us tucked into roast beef and all the trimmings, and delicious puds supplied by Wreyfield. It was a very relaxed and joyful occasion, and one to be repeated. In all the lunch raised £319.56.

The Cakestall at Boyes is always a champion fundraiser and did even better than ever this year. Many thanks to Ray and Margaret Finan for their dedication to this on behalf of Wreyfield.

In total we have sent £ 717.89 to Christian Aid as a result of the fundraising. Many thanks to all who contributed. Many thanks also to those who support the ongoing Bookstall, whose proceeds are passed on to Christian Aid throughout the year.

Lammas Day Celebration

On Saturday, August 3rd, at 11 a.m. we are invited to a Lammas service - a celebration of Food and Farming - to be held at Bentrigg Farm, Bentrigg Lane, off Church Road, Ravenscar, YO13 0NG. The service will be followed by a Barbecue. Donations towards the cost are welcome and any profits will be given to farming charities.

The speaker is Howard Petch who was previously Principal of Bishop Burton College and is active in rural church, education and farming circles.

August 1st is **Lammas Day**, so-called from the Anglo-Saxon "hlaf-mas", or "loaf-mass", the festival of the wheat harvest, and is the first harvest festival of the year. In the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, where it is referred to regularly, it is called "the feast of first fruits". On this day it was the custom to bring to church a loaf made from the new crop, which began to be harvested at Lammastide.



Operation Christmas Child

Many of us at Northstead have supported Operation Christmas Child for many years with our shoe-boxes of gifts for children in the poorer countries. So we are very fortunate to have a visit to Scarborough by Greg Johnson, International Director of Operation Christmas Child.

There will be a chance to hear Greg speak about the charity at a meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3rd, at Scarborough Christian Fellowship, Castle Road.

We hope that as many people as possible will be able to attend.

Women's Fellowship

At the recent AGM of the Women's Fellowship, a few changes were proposed. We decided that we will run from the first Wednesday in October to the last Wednesday in April each year, which for the coming year will be 2nd October 2013 to 30th April 2014.

There was some discussion over whether we were "Ladies Fellowship" or "Women's Fellowship" and about falling numbers. We also noted that there was no similar meeting for men. So the decision was taken that for the coming year we keep the initials WF, but call ourselves the **Wednesday Fellowship**, and that we open it up so that men are welcome at all meetings. So if you or anyone you know, male or female, would like to come along and join us for an hour on a Wednesday afternoon, you will be very welcome.

The programme will be in the newsletter from September and on the weekly notices. If you have any ideas for speakers or events, or "do it yourself" ideas, please speak to Ruth who would love to hear from you.



Celebration Service

On Sunday, July 28th, the North Yorkshire Coast Methodist Circuit will be holding a Celebration Service, in the style of MESSY CHURCH . . . but don't make the mistake of thinking it's just for children!

The service is from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m. at Eskdale School, Whitby, and will include crafts and a Bring and Share Tea, and Deacon Helen Webster will give her Ordination Testimony.

If you can help with setting up or clearing away, serving drinks or welcoming people, please contact Julie Fairweather in the circuit office - tel. 01723 355429 or email nyc.circuitoffice@gmail.com

Is anyone willing to help with music? If so, contact Clare - 01723 361841 or email cestainsby@yahoo.co.uk

For further information, speak to Julie or (after 13th July) contact Deacon Helen Webster - 01947 602248 or email Helenweb2@gmail.com

Christian Aid Hike

Calling all 11 - 23 year olds! The Youth night hike for Christian Aid starts at Pickering Methodist Church at 10 p.m. on Friday, 5th July, and ends at 5 a.m. the next morning. Walk to fight poverty and injustice.

Refreshments and reflections en route. Parents and youth leaders optional! Registration £ 3. For more information and to register, please contact Rob Cooper 01904 761605, robcooper46@btinternet.com

Afternoon Tea at Sherburn

The Sherburn section of our circuit are holding an Afternoon Tea on Saturday, July 6th, at the Forge, St. Hilda's Street, Sherburn, by the kind invitation of Chris and Sandra Cade, or if wet in the Chapel Hall. Meet at 2.30 for tea at 3 p.m.

Come and relax in the garden and enjoy afternoon tea with your friends! Donations for Methodist Women in Britain, supporting the Methodist Fund for Mission.

Sunday @ 8

Sunday @ 8 is a time of contemporary multimedia worship at Burniston Church on alternate Sunday evenings (14th and 28th July). 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.

Coffee at Scalby

Our friends at Scalby Methodist Church invite us to their monthly Coffee Morning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 6th, in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.



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

Concerts at South Cliff

The summer concert season has started at South Cliff Church, and tickets are available from Joan Rogers at a discount price of £ 4, which goes to our own church funds! Alternatively, a season ticket for all 15 concerts is available for £ 25.

Concerts in July feature :-

1st July	Malton Male Voice Choir
8th	Filey School Choir & the Seven Sisters
15th	The Dalesmen
22nd	Hackness Ladies' Choir
29th	Tenor XI

Free refreshments will be provided and served by St. Catherine's Hospice, but any donations given for this service will go to the Hospice funds.

Church Calendar

Tuesday, July 2nd, 7.30 p.m.	Planning meeting for local arrangement service.	
Wednesday, July 3rd, 7 p.m.	Operation Christmas Child meeting, Scarborough Christian Fellowship, Castle Road.	
Saturday, July 6th, 10 a.m.	Coffee Morning, Scalby Methodist Church.	
	Afternoon Tea, The Forge, Sherburn.	
Sunday, July 7th, 10.30 a.m.	Café- style Holy Communion, Rev. C. Stainsby.	
	Family Picnic, Manor Road Park.	
Tuesday, July 9th, 11.30 a.m.	Messy Church planning meeting.	
	Open discussion meeting.	
	Ramble.	
Wednesday, July 10th, 6.30 p.m.	Beetle Drive.	
Saturday, July 13th, 6.30 p.m.	Morning worship, Mr. J. Coleman.	
Sunday, July 14th, 10.30 a.m.	Meeting re Barrowcliff support group.	
Tuesday, July 16th, 7 p.m.	Strawberry Coffee Morning.	
Saturday, July 20th, 10 to 11.30 a.m.	All-age worship, Rev. C. Stainsby.	
Sunday, July 21st, 10.30 a.m.	Ramble.	
Wednesday, July 24th, 6.30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning.	
Saturday, July 27th, 10.15 to 11.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Mrs. M. Ellinor Pugh.	
Sunday, July 28th, 10.30 a.m.	NYCMC Celebration, Eskdale School, Whitby.	
	4.30 p.m.	Lammas Celebration, Bentrigg Farm Ravenscar.
Saturday, August 3rd, 11 a.m.	Morning worship, Rev. J. Dimmock.	
Sunday, August 4th, 10.30 a.m.	Evening worship, Filey Fishermen's Choir.	
	6.30 p.m.	Mission Coffee Morning, 15 Newlands Park Avenue.
Saturday, August 10th, 10.30 to 12.30 a.m.	Morning worship, arranged by our members.	
Sunday, August 11th, 10.30 a.m.	All-age worship, Mr. B. Clark.	
Sunday, August 18th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Rev. C. Stainsby.	
Sunday, August 25th, 10.30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning.	
Saturday, August 31st, 10.15 to 11.30 a.m.		

Details of these events can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. All the above events take place at Northstead, unless otherwise stated.