

From our Minister

During this summer I will begin the process that will see me moving from Scarborough in the summer of 2015. Everywhere I go at present, people ask me if I know where I will be going, or if I know where I want to go. The answer is always, not yet.

Not long before I came to Scarborough, I looked through the window of a hotel where I was staying in the Yorkshire Dales, and saw a road winding up over the hill, soon out of sight around a corner. And I thought at the time it was an image for my life, because although I knew I was coming to Scarborough, I didn't really know what was around the next corner. So much has happened since I came here, that I could not have begun to imagine at that time!

And now once again, the road ahead stretches out before me, with unknown twists and turns, all just around the corner and over the hill. But then, isn't life like that for all of us? We have a pretty good idea of what comes next, but it's all ahead of us and may well not happen as we anticipate. The important thing is not to fear the road ahead, but to trust the one who will walk it with you. And I do - wherever it takes me!

*God is calling, pack your things, there's no time to be slow,
Don't hesitate or look behind, get ready now to go.
The road ahead is rough and steep, the path is hard to find,
But you will have protection as you watch the way unwind.
Uncertain where you're going, you move with feet of clay,
But Jesus Christ has shown you the truth, the life, the way.
Pass up the path that's easy, ignore the way that's straight,
Destruction's road is clear to see, but few go through life's gate.
Uncertain where you're going, you move with feet of clay,
But Jesus Christ has shown you the truth, the life, the way.
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Summer Events!

On Saturday, June 28th, there will be a **Strawberry Coffee Morning** from 10 to 11.30 a.m. Come along to enjoy home-made scones with strawberries and cream, and support the Cake and Fairtrade stalls.

Come and hear a **Summer Serenade** with Anna Shaw and accompanist Malcolm Hughes, at Filey Methodist Hall on Tuesday 1st July at 2.30 p.m. Admission £3.50, including refreshments. All welcome.

Our friends at Scalby Chapel will be holding their monthly **Coffee Morning** from 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 5th. Proceeds this month are for Marie Curie Cancer Care. As usual, there will be a Cake Stall, a Book Stall and a Fairtrade Stall.

Barrowcliff Summer Party is at Wreyfield Drive on Sunday, July 13th from 1 to 3 p.m. with a barbecue, games and singing.

Bacon Butties will be the main attraction at our **Missions Coffee Morning** at 10.30 a.m. on August 30th, proceeds to be shared between Home and Overseas Mission and JMA.

SHOUTING OUT THE GOOD NEWS!

Sunflower Celebrations

An afternoon to celebrate generous living!

Something exciting happened on 14th June at Wreyfield Drive. People from the 24 church communities that make up the North Yorkshire Coast Methodist Circuit came together to celebrate the ways in which we share our generous living as individuals in the community, both within and outside, the church.

The North Yorkshire Coast Circuit came into being two years ago and, though we have met for joint church celebrations, we thought it was a good idea to celebrate each other as individuals and share the ways in which our generous living is demonstrated within our local communities and the wider world.

The event was organised around the theme of The Sunflower, chosen for the symbolism of one large flower (representing the Circuit) producing many seeds to form new flowers. The organising 'Sunflower Group' gathered help from many volunteers to prepare and produce a program of activities.

On arrival, people were handed a leaflet and a sunflower petal, inviting them to find someone they didn't know during the afternoon and talk with them about their gifts and the things they are involved in. They were asked to write a few of these things on the petal and place it in the basket in the café area. Conversations were soon taking place as new friendships were made.

People browsed all afternoon. In the café area, where refreshments were on tap, a rolling presentation on the large screen scrolled through the list of almost 400 activities previously identified by members of the circuit as examples of their generous living, (including delicious home baking).

The market place displayed posters and items to illustrate the skills and talents people use and the organisations they support. Two activities rooms catered for '0s-90s' and various interactive prayer stations were dotted in and around the building.

There was also an outdoor playing area and the District Youth prayer tents with the themes of Healing, Hope, Journey, Justice and Peace were available to explore. At the front of the church building, bubbles were blown into the surrounding areas to bless the community. Passers-by were unaware that they had been prayed for as the bubbles passed over them.

During a time of worship the 'petals' that had been completed earlier were brought forward and placed on the outside circle of a sunflower head to build up a large sunflower, representing all the people's skills, involvement and interests.

After worship, refreshments were served and a cake shared amongst the many. Not quite the feeding of the 5,000, though nobody went without!

Everyone came away refreshed and revitalised, ready to share their energies, resources and newly gathered ideas throughout the communities of our large circuit and beyond, with ripples radiating out across our world. And so, our journey as a Circuit continues.....

Worship Events

There are a couple of changes to the current plan. The Priceholme service planned for 6th July has been brought forward to 29th June, at 3.30 p.m. and will be a Wesley Songs of Praise. Come along if you would like to sing a couple of verses of several Charles Wesley hymns, and learn a bit about his life.

Bruce Clark will lead worship on 20th July instead of 27th. Our local arrangement service will now be on 27th July, when we will be celebrating the work of Methodist Homes, using material prepared by MHA. We hope also to hear from Elaine Evans, the Priceholme chaplain. Envelopes for donations to the work of MHA will be available.

On July 13th, we host our next joint service with Wreyfield Drive, and on August 31st we will join with Wreyfield and Scalby for a joint Covenant service at Wreyfield. On August 3rd, we have an evening service at 6.30 p.m. led by Filey Fishermen's Choir. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

What can YOU do? from Rev. Clare Stainsby

We welcomed some new members at Northstead a few weeks ago, and hope to welcome some more soon - exciting times for all of us.

At the time I mentioned the need for us as a church to share in the responsibilities for maintaining the life of the church. The more people who share in this, the less pressure there is on everyone! There are always opportunities for helping with such things as gardening, catering for events, making coffee on Sundays, welcoming at the door or reading in church. Or what about giving a hand with the children's work or Messy Church? Joining the stewards team? Or maybe God is calling you to train as a worship leader? The possibilities are endless.

This message is not just for our newer members - it's for everyone. There is no retirement age in the Kingdom of God. Perhaps God is calling you to discover and use gifts you never realised you had? The church works as a team, and it will continue to function as we share in the responsibilities, never forgetting that God regards himself as part of this team. He is our leader, and our reason for everything we are and do!

Circuit News

We are sorry to announce that Rev. Elizabeth Clark is leaving the circuit in August to take up the post of national Rural Officer for the Methodist church. There will be a farewell service for her at Ayton chapel on July 27th. Rev. Mark Haynes will take over as lead presbyter at Filey church and Rev. Denise Free will be looking after Elizabeth's churches for the next 12 months.

There will be a welcome service for Rosie Coles, our not-exactly-new probationer minister, at Queen Street, on Sunday, August 1st.



DIY Day

from the Property Committee.

There will be a DIY morning on Saturday, 9th August, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. We would love everyone to come along and do their bit for our church.

There are lots of jobs, large and small, from hoovering to hedge trimming, painting to polishing, to be done. Please come even if it's just to make the tea.

As we don't have a caretaker or cleaner, we rely on days like this to keep our building clean and tidy.

Equipping, Calling, Going – A Heart for the Nation

‘Heroes...Bold and Courageous’ - from Diane Robinson

For a third year our area has been blessed to host this fantastic Christian Conference and the good news is that ECG will be back again next year in the week after Easter, April 7th to 12th 2015, when the theme for the week will be ‘**Together**’. I encourage you to mark the date in your diary now!

Neil and I spent 5 great days at this year’s event, along with our children and their families, so between us we managed to sample a large chunk of what was on offer, as well as to catch up with friends from around the connexion who come together to learn, share and celebrate.

Our day began as we parked near the Spa and enjoyed the view over the sunlit sea as we made our way to 8.30 a.m. Communion, led by our own Rev. Peter Cross, in the Spa Music Room. Peter used a different liturgy each day and we appreciated the variety and richness, and enjoyed building relationships with the other participants. The fellowship continued over coffee, before we headed for the lively ‘All Age Worship’ in the Ocean Room skilfully and enthusiastically led by the ‘Arise Ministries Team’ – a great start to the day! There was also the option to explore ‘the Hero within’ and look at some ‘everyday heroes’ in the Grand Hall.

My seven grandchildren were equally enthusiastic about the great work of Arise Ministries in the morning and evening children’s groups and are looking forward to next year’s event!

Each morning Neil attended the Bible study in the Grand Hall led by Dr Steve Brady, Principal of Moorlands Bible College, looking in depth at 4 individual Old Testament heroes described in order as ‘flawed’, ‘forgiven’, ‘frail’ and ‘fantastic’.

I attended the Bible Study in the Spa Theatre with great teaching on discipleship from John’s Gospel, given by Dr Calvin Samuel, Director of Wesley Study Centre in Durham. Dr Samuel is a Methodist minister, who was born in Barbados and grew up in Antigua before coming to Britain to study. He is highly regarded as an outstanding minister and an excellent communicator, and the good news is that he will be back to lead Bible Studies again next year. If that’s the only bit you manage to get to, it will be well worth the effort.

The afternoon seminars offered a wide-ranging choice: children’s work; talking with atheists; making sense of armed conflict; engaging in the community; workshops on Prayer ministry; the work of Street Pastors; Christian Aid; Inspire and even a Mission Magic workshop on how to use magic tricks for ‘High Impact Evangelism & Memorable Sermon Illustrations’...that certainly proved to be an entertaining and intriguing hour!

There were good conversations in the Spa dining areas over coffee. We heartily recommend the food and the comfortable chairs in the new Farrar’s Bar & Brasserie, and we were impressed by the helpfulness of the staff in both eating areas. The Marketplace in the Sun Court Suite provided an interesting area to browse!

Evenings offered a choice of celebrations in the hall or the theatre with excellent and challenging speakers. Later there was a variety of Fringe events for the hardy, but Neil and I gave the Fringe a miss this year – no staying power! Maybe next year. We are already looking forward to it! For more information see <http://www.ecgevent.org.uk>

From Rev. Mark Haynes

During my final year in this Circuit, I intend to raise money for two charities that have played a significant part in my Ministry.

St Catherine's Hospice is well known to people all over the circuit. Every time I have anything to do with the hospice I am amazed and humbled. The level of compassion, concern and care from every member of staff, every volunteer, every room is a cause of amazement. I am humbled to know that this has benefitted many members, friends and families over my 18 years in this part of the world.

Christian Aid continues to do amazing things with some of the world's poorest people. I want to help a project in Kenya, where one child in 11 dies before their fifth birthday. This project will revolutionise maternal healthcare in Narok County, as three partners work to build two new maternity wards and renovate three more, and provide medicines, ambulances and medical equipment. The European Union will match fund £3 for every £1 raised, so our £5,000 becomes £20,000 – how brilliant is that?

I am sure that the people in the Circuit will respond warmly. I would love to involve the whole circuit and encourage everyone to participate. Christian Aid ask that this Project is in addition to existing fundraising for Christian Aid e.g. Christian Aid Week. Please feel free to start NOW!

At the end of August I intend to cycle the circuit, a chance to visit every church, a chance to meet people from all round the circuit. Perhaps you have some ideas of events and opportunities that could help raise funds for these two most worthwhile projects?

Could your church or group hold an event? Could you involve your friends and neighbours? Please don't hesitate to contact me for further information.

To get the fundraising going, Ros Haynes is going "over the edge" and will abseil off Ripon Cathedral on Saturday, July 12th for Christian Aid. She would appreciate any sponsorship you are able to offer. Remember for every £1 raised, the European Union will match it with £3 (£100 sponsorship makes £400). To offer your support, which will be much appreciated, tel. 01723 361214 or email roskhaynes@aol.com



South Cliff Concerts

Our friends at South Cliff Church will be hosting a series of concerts during the summer months on Monday evenings at

7.45 p.m. The next few concerts are :-

- June 30th – Tenor X1
- July 7th – Manhattan Voices
- July 14th – the Dalesmen
- July 21st – Hackness Ladies Choir
- July 28th – Ayton Ladies Choir
- August 4th – Frank James
- August 11th – Summer special
- August 18th – Pat Richardson
- August 25th – Bridlington Beat.

Tickets are £5 on the door, but if you get them in advance they are only £4 and the money goes to our own Church funds!

Christian Aid Week 2014

from Elizabeth Somerville

Many thanks to all those who supported Christian Aid Week. Gordon and I did the **Sponsored Walk**. We set off down Holbeck Hill, along the seafront and up to St Mary's for refreshments at the halfway point, when the skies darkened and it started to pour. My waterproof failed me, but at least it wasn't cold. The ladies serving refreshments at St Mary's and St Michael's are always encouraging, and overall we enjoyed the walk, which raised £160.

Northstead's biggest fundraiser is the **Sunday Lunch** in June. We had friends from other churches with us, and all went well in the kitchen. We have burned tea towels and set the fire alarm off in the past! Our thanks to all who contributed to the total of £264.

The **House to House collection** raised £67.09 and was a pleasure to do in the sunny weather. The **Cake stall** is always a champion fundraiser and we are grateful to all who support this. With our **bookstall** takings, a cheque for £541.75 was sent to Christian Aid, so many thanks to all.

I would like to add thanks to Joan Galvin for all she has done for Christian Aid in the past - in the walk, Town Centre Coffee Morning, house to house collecting and general morale boosting. I shall miss her when she moves.

Please don't forget the **Open Garden** event at Newby, from 12 noon on Saturday, July 12th. Soup and sandwiches will be served from 12.30 p.m. and tea and scones from 3.30 to 5 p.m. There is no entrance fee, but donations will be gratefully received. Please come to support Christian Aid, meet friends and enjoy the garden. I look forward to seeing you there.

A Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, loving Creator:

for not delighting in the variety and differences of people,
for imagining that everyone should be the same and like me,
and so limiting your love, given for all.

Lord of love: **forgive us**

Forgive us, loving Creator:

for not challenging those who mistreat others,
for our lack of will in our search for justice,
so limiting your Spirit who would join all together.

Lord of love: **forgive us**

Forgive us, loving Creator:

for being afraid to take the first step,
for not wanting to reach out to those in need
and so limiting your Son who gave himself for all.

Lord of love: **forgive us**

The God who spoke and breathed and lives says,
'behold I make all things new'.

Know the assurance of sins forgiven
and a new beginning through the grace of God.

Amen

Barrowcliff Angels

from Rev. Clare Stainsby

You will know of the "Street Angels" who offer support to the vulnerable in the town centre during the late evening and night. The Barrowcliff Angels is a related project but with a very different purpose. Barrowcliff Angels are members of local Churches, youth service and residents on the Barrowcliff estate, who work together for the purpose of supporting the community, in association with the Safer Communities partnership and Barrowcliff Residents Association.

Our purpose is to befriend the community, and to act as an advocate and a source of support wherever it is needed. We do this by spending an hour or so, one evening a week, at varying times, walking around the estate, chatting to people about any concerns they have. The work is in its early stages still, and we expect it to evolve as we spend more time in the community.

We provide a friendly, approachable and recognisable face within the community, and over time we hope to gain the trust of the community and be an effective presence in the area, by building relationships and getting to know the needs and aspirations of the local people.

Later in the year we hope to recruit for volunteers to share in this work, from the five local churches. Training will be offered for this work. We also hope that funds may be made available, from money assigned to the estate under the Big Local initiative, for us to employ a co-ordinator for this group for several hours a week, so that myself and Rev. Mike Leigh can be freed from some of the responsibilities we currently hold. More information on that soon.

Parents and Tots from Elizabeth Somerville

Karen Smith has worked with me at Parents and Tots for 15 or 16 years. Anyone who comes into the church on a Thursday morning will have marvelled at how many toys we have. Getting the hall ready is no mean task, and requires physical fitness as well as a calm temperament!

Karen has decided that Thursday mornings should be more leisurely in future. I would like to express my deep gratitude for all she has done for Tots. Her cheerfulness, helpfulness, her interest in the children and their carers, not to mention her delicious lemon drizzle cake, have made Thursday mornings a joy, despite the heavy lifting and carrying. We do hope that Karen will drop in and keep in touch with Tots when she can.

Dates for your Diary

Tues. July 1st, 2.30 p.m.	Summer Serenade, Filey Methodist Church
Sat. July 5th, 10 a.m.	Coffee Morning, Scalby Chapel.
Sun. July 6th, 10.30 a.m.	All-age worship, Rev. C. Stainsby.
Sun. July 13th, 10.30 a.m.	Joint service, Mrs. K. Charter.
1 p.m.	Barrowcliff Summer Party.
Sun. July 20th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Mr B. Clark.
Sun. July 27th, 10.30 a.m.	Local arrangement service.
Sun. Aug. 3rd, 10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion, Rev. M. Jackman.
6.30 p.m.	Evening worship, Filey Fishermen's Choir.
Sun. Aug. 10th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Rev. B. Russell.
Sun. Aug. 17th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Rev. J. Dimmock.
Sun. Aug. 24th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Mrs. P. Mollon.
Sat. Aug. 31st, 10.30 a.m.	Mission Coffee Morning.
Sun. Aug. 31st, 10.30 a.m.	Joint Covenant service, Wreyfield Drive Church.