

Diary Dates

Sunday, October 19th, 10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion, Rev. B. Fitzpatrick.
Saturday, October 25th, 9.30 a.m.	Experiences of Prayer, Westborough Church.
Sunday, October 26th, 10.30 a.m.	Shared service, Wreyfield Drive Church.
Saturday, November 1st, 10 a.m.	Coffee morning, Scalby Church.
Sunday, November 2nd, 10.30 a.m.	All-age worship, Deacon H. Webster.
Saturday, November 8th, 10.30 a.m.	Coffee
11.30 a.m.	Soup & Sandwich lunch.

From our Minister

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

Genesis 8: 22

Harvest time's arrival seems to mark an ending; the ending of the summer; the ending of long days and short nights; the ending of good weather; the ending of a gentler pace of life. For the farmer, harvest time marks an ending too; the ending of the long processes of growing, which began months before with the preparation of the ground, followed by the sowing of the seed, then careful nurturing of the plants through whatever the seasons chose to throw at them. But all is ripened and complete, and the harvesting is ended. Barns are bursting at the seams with all that is needed to survive the long winter months.

That's a rather simplistic interpretation of this season, because of course harvest is a beginning in itself - the beginning of the processes which convert the crops into those things which fill shop shelves, and eventually our cupboards and our stomachs. And for those who have spent months labouring in gardens and allotments, it is the beginning of the season of preserving and pickling, baking and jam-making, to supply family and friends with the delicious taste of home grown products for as long as they last.

Many things need to happen to all that has been harvested in order for it to feed us. Many people are involved in working to convert that which is grown in the field and on the tree into the many things we enjoy to eat. This time of year we give thanks to God for every person involved in the work of growing, preparing and delivering food - all who ensure that we never go hungry.

The food that we eat is not the end of the process of growing

by any means, because the food we eat gives us the energy for living. Everything we accomplish in our lives and in God's world happens because we are nourished by the food we eat, and through it we are energized for many tasks.

Harvest marks the end of summer, perhaps, but there is no finality in the seasons, because as one ends another begins. The summer of relaxation, and pleasure in the long warm days gives way to autumn and then to winter, and the many activities of our lives, in the church, in the community and in the world.

Life is all about beginnings and endings, and about cycles of activity and routines. God who created this world, and all that is in it, created time itself. This world, this life, this existence that we know, is a perpetual motion machine, turning endlessly and tirelessly. We live with its constant ebb and flow, its highs and lows, its turning and returning, through every beginning and every ending.

Harvest is the time for us to pause for a moment and to recognise God's hand in every part of the turning process. And as we recognise, we give thanks that we do not live in a world that is randomly weaving through space and time, but which is conceived and controlled and directed, and, above all, loved by the Maker of all things.

"Come ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home!"

Clare

Children's Page (for children under 100!)

Joseph's dreams

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Find the words below in the grid, read about Joseph in Genesis chapter 37, and then see if you can answer the quiz at the bottom of the page.

Bad Bowed Brothers
Canaan Dream Father
Flocks Grain Hated
Jacob Jealous Joseph
Loved Moon Rebuked
Reign Report Seventeen
Sheaves Sons Stars
Sun Upright

Quiz

1. Who was Joseph's father?
2. How many brothers did Joseph have?
3. Who was Jacob's favourite son?
4. What special gift did Jacob give to Joseph?
5. What was Joseph's first dream?
6. What was his second dream?
7. What did Joseph's brothers plan to do with him?
8. And what did they actually do?

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

The Christian Aid Town Centre Coffee Morning took place at the Palm Court Hotel on Wednesday, 8th October, at 10.30 a.m. Opened by the Mayor of Scarborough. Northstead has been involved from the start of this event, in the Bric-a-Brac and Books, and Produce stalls. The Palm Court very kindly donate the premises and the coffee, and other stalls included a raffle and tombola and a Fair Trade stall.

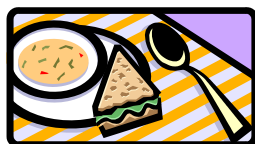
Yorkshire Tea, anyone?

Wheelchair Foundation UK provide wheelchairs for disabled people in developing countries. Worldwide over 100m. people need wheelchairs, but less than 1% have access to one.

Mobility gives independence: a mobile child can go to school; a mobile adult can work and provide for their family.

Yorkshire Tea will donate cash for every barcode from one of their products sent to Wheelchair Foundation UK,
PO Box 658, Wetherby,
LS22 9AD.

Soup & Sandwich lunch



The next **Soup & Sandwich lunch** will be on November 8th. There will be a Cake stall and a Fairtrade stall. Donations during morning coffee will be for the circuit charities, St Catherine's Hospice and Christian Aid work in Kenya.



October Events

Harvest Festival - our all-age Harvest Parade service on Sunday, 5th October at 10.30 a.m. was led by Rev. Clare Stainsby, when gifts of dried and canned foods were brought to church for the Rainbow Centre, where they are desperate to restock their food bank shelves. There was also a retiring collection for All we Can (the Methodist Relief and Development Fund) as part of our thanksgiving for a plentiful harvest in this country.

On Saturday, October 11th, **bacon butties and coffee** were served in the Church hall, and there was a Fairtrade stall.

Praise Midweek, a time of contemporary praise and worship, took place at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15th. Everyone is welcome at this informal service, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.



Coffee at Scalby



Our friends at Scalby Methodist Church host Coffee Mornings on the 1st Saturday of each month. The next one will be on Saturday November 1st. There will be a Cake Stall, Book Stall and Fairtrade Stall.

Harvest Prayer

As we celebrate and give thanks for our blessings at Harvest, this prayer helps us also to remember those who do not have such good things.

When we hear the gentle sound of the rain watering the earth, help us to remember the thirst of those whose land is dry.

When we feel the warmth of the Sun on our faces, help us to remember the plight of those locked away in darkness.

When we buy the fruit of the world's harvest, help us to remember the hunger of those whose basket is empty.

When we enjoy the ease of communicating around the world, help us to remember those who are isolated from their friends.

When we relax in times of holiday, help us to remember those who have to work without ceasing.

When we celebrate our blessings at harvest time, help us remember those who experience disaster.

May our remembering reactivate our conscience and result in a renewed commitment to Christ in our neighbour.

Amen.

Experiences of Prayer

Saturday, October 25th will be a day of **experiences of prayer** through music, pilgrimage and imagination, organised by the Crofters Spirituality Group, at Westborough Church.

Speakers will be Rev. Mike Leigh, a local vicar, formerly a curate in Hull, who trained as an opera singer and worked for Opera North in Leeds, and is currently exploring spirituality through music, Rosie Coles, probationer Methodist minister and a member of the Iona Community, Pat Bennett, a writer and researcher with an interest in the dialogue between religion and science, and Sr Cecilia Goodman, a member of the Congregation of Jesus. She taught for many years in Dorset, before working in a Crisis Centre for drug addicts in London. Since 2004 she has worked at St Bede's Pastoral Centre in York, involved in spirituality, retreat direction and training in spiritual direction.

Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. There is no charge for the day but a donation toward running costs would be most welcome. For further information contact Diane, tel. 01723 363002 or Chris, 07517134898.

Getting Together!

Our **Wednesday Fellowship** recommences on October 1st at 2.30 p.m. Please see your weekly notice sheet for details or ask Ruth Dale for a programme.

The **Ladies' Circle** meets on Tuesday, October 7th for a musical evening with Rev. Clare Stainsby, and on the 21st, when Valerie Humphries will give a "Ugandan Update".

Both groups welcome new members.

traditional birth attendant, her interaction with the community health worker has influenced the advice she will give her daughters when they are older - 'Love your husbands and go to the clinic.'

The work of Christian Aid's partners has meant that 863 community health workers have been trained, 100 have received mobile phones, enabling them to remind mothers to attend antenatal clinics, 9,222 malaria nets have been given to pregnant women and 14,740 skilled deliveries carried out. Almost 10,000 children have received Vitamin A supplements, meaning they can grow up strong and healthy, free from the preventable blindness caused by Vitamin A deficiency.

Because men are so influential in family decision-making in Kenya, it is important that they are included in the project. Through 13 father-to-father groups, over 1000 men have been taught about family planning. Christian Aid partners are using innovative ways to get these vital messages across. For example they are using sport and theatre events to bring young people in Narok County together. In this way more than 4,000 young people have received information about family planning and sexual and reproductive health. Educating a new generation of young people is vital for any long-term change to come about.

Rev. Mark Haynes thanks everyone for their support of our Circuit charities. We now know that over £2,200 has been received from donations, sponsorship and events. Donations given for refreshments after our morning services and at coffee time on Soup & Sandwich lunch days will be shared between the Christian Aid Kenya Partnership Project and St Catherine's Hospice. If you wish to give an individual donation please see Elizabeth Somerville. Our **Church Anniversary** service on 16th November will be led by Rev. Mark Haynes, followed by a Sunday lunch in aid of these charities.



Shoebox Appeal

Since it started 23 years ago, the Samaritans Purse shoebox appeal has delivered 113 million gift filled shoeboxes to needy children in over 130 countries.

Some of the shoeboxes donated last year went to the Philippine Islands, still suffering great hardship after the devastating typhoon, and some to Syrian children forced to flee their homeland and live in refugee camps in northern Iraq - just 2 examples of places where small gifts from us can bring enormous pleasure to children elsewhere.

Suggestions for gifts to put in your box :-

TOYS: dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads, notebooks or paper, solar calculators, colouring or picture books.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

OTHER ITEMS: Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (sell by date must be at least March of the following year), greetings

Christmas Events



Our Christmas Fair this year will be held on Saturday, November 29th, starting at 2 p.m. Tea or coffee and cakes will be served.

There will be stalls offering cakes, crafts, gifts and plants, sweets and bric-a-brac, and a tombola.

Also on 29th November at 7 p.m. the Barrowcliff Community choir and Northstead School choir will give a concert in the church.

And a few dates (to be confirmed at Church Council) for those who like to get things in their diaries in good time!

Sunday, December 7th at 4 p.m. - Churches Together around Barrowcliff Taizé style worship at Northstead.

Sunday, December 14th at 10.30 a.m. - All Age Parade and Gift service, which may include a Nativity play given by the Preschool group.

12 noon - Christmas lunch in the Church Hall.

Sunday, December 21st at 6.30 p.m. - Carols by Candlelight.

Monday, December 22nd at 6.30 p.m. - Christingle service.

Wednesday, December 24th at 11.30 p.m. - Midnight Communion.

Christmas Day - Shared worship at Wreyfield Drive.

Sunday, December 28th - Shared worship at Northstead.



Kenya Maternal and Child Health project

With Kenya's dangerously high maternal mortality rate, the work of Christian Aid partners in Narok County is of utmost importance. The significance of the issue of maternal healthcare has united the Narok Integrated Development Programme (NIDP), Transmara Rural Development Programme (TRDP) and Christian Missionary Fellowship (CHP) to deliver lasting change for men, women and children.

Coming Together is a major theme of this project. Mother-to-mother support groups are the main way that information is given to mothers-to-be. Pregnancy is an overwhelming time for women around the world, and even more daunting when the risks are so high and so little information is available. Pregnant women come to these groups to learn about what to expect in pregnancy and how better to care for their babies as they grow up. In the mother-to-mother groups, pregnant women meet to receive information about labour, breastfeeding and hygiene, and receive support and friendship from other mothers in the group. The groups are run by community health workers, who also monitor the pregnancies and encourage women to attend the local health clinic or hospital where there are trained nurses and doctors. Christian Aid partners have established 72 such groups, reaching over 2,500 women, who are now empowered thanks to the vital health messages they receive.

Kisoolu's Story

Kisoolu is one such woman who has been in contact with community health workers. She is not sure how old she is, but knows that she was married at the age of 18. She had five children with her husband who died 10 years ago. It has been difficult bringing up her children without a father, but she knew that she had to stand firm to support her family. Her faith is her strength. 'When I have a problem, I ask God to help me and my children.' Although all her children were delivered by a