

NORTHSTEAD NEWS

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Minister: Rev. C. Stainsby,

What's on in July!

Clare's final service at Northstead before she moves to Salford will be an **all-age worship and parade service** on Sunday, July 5th at 10.30 a.m. However, this won't be your last chance to say goodbye, as there will be a **farewell "party"** for all Clare's churches at Wreyfield Drive, at about 12 noon on Sunday, July 19th. Hot pork and sausage sandwiches and puddings will be served, and Clare would love folk from Northstead and Scalby to share with the Wreyfield Drive family.

On 19th July at 6.30 p.m. the **Circuit Service** at Queen Street Central Hall will give us all the opportunity to say farewell, God-speed and thank you to our Superintendent Minister Mark Haynes and to Clare. Queen Street will be open from 4.30 p.m. for refreshments. Mark's ministry in Scarborough began in September 1997, and Clare came to us as a probationer in 2002, so we have a total of 31 years of dedicated ministry to celebrate!

On Saturday, August 1st, we have our annual Missions Bacon Buttie **coffee morning** at 15 Newlands Park Avenue, from 10.30 a.m. to 12, when we hope it will be warm enough to sit outside! There will be a cake/bring and buy stall and proceeds will be for JMA, Mission in Britain and the World Church. If your Home or Overseas collecting box hasn't been emptied recently, please hand it to Ros or Ann by the end of July.

From our Minister

The one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega - the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life.

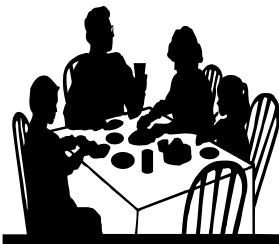
Revelation 21: 5 - 6

So here it is - my last offering for Northstead News. In fact my whole life is dominated by "lasts" at present: last church council, last Women's Fellowship, last service in this church or that church, last Messy Church. Strangely, this time of "lasts" brings to mind my first few months in Scarborough, almost 13 years ago, when everything was a "first": my first ever communion service, funeral, baptism, church council, and dozens of others. And every one of them was terrifying - a cause for anxiety. I wondered at the time if I would ever feel confident in this role to which I had been summoned by God. I felt a long way from home and a long way from everything that was familiar. But I was surrounded by people with great expectations of me, relying on me to know what I was doing. In these last few weeks that time has become a vivid memory again. I remember those anxieties surrounding the first times, and I wonder if I will experience them again as I move to Salford. It won't be my first ever anything, but I will be doing each thing surrounded by strangers, who have high expectations of me, as well as having high expectations for their churches, that I, as yet, know very little about. But I think it will be very different starting in a new place with 13 years of experience here behind me.

There are so many things I take with me to Salford - not just a seriously large van full of possessions! I take with me lessons I have learned, and memories that I will treasure. But especially I take with me that sense of belonging to God's family: a family of

people who have loved and supported and encouraged and walked alongside me - people from this circuit, and from all of the six churches where I have been minister here - including yourselves. And I will take with me the knowledge that the God of beginnings and endings, of firsts and lasts, is already there in Salford ready to welcome me. And God will be here too with those it will be so hard to leave behind. And wherever I go in the future - God will always be there with me both as I travel and ahead of me to welcome me. And that will go on for all eternity. It's a very reassuring thought!

I don't like goodbyes - I keep telling people I'm not ready to say them yet. but I know the day will come, and that it's not too far off, when I will have to say goodbye, and it will be the end of my time here. But because of the relationship we share in Christ, it will never really be goodbye, but it will be - until we meet again. We worship the One who is God of beginnings and endings, Alpha and Omega, and the One who is the source of life, who gives freely to us from the heart of his unfailing love. And we can know with absolute certainty that in times of partings and in times of learning new ways, God will be there with us, supplying endless love and peace. May God bless you all, now and always. And may He bless Emma with the same love and peace as she moves here to walk alongside you all. My last words - it's been a pleasure! Thank you! *Clare.*



Safari Supper

Thanks to all who generously supported the Safari supper, especially our wonderful pudding makers! 49 people started at Scalby for starters, and 56 arrived at Northstead for pudding! A good time was had by all, and we raised £ 278 for the circuit charities, Christian Aid and St.

Cherry Stones

Tinker, tailor, thinker, pray-er,
Pastor, teacher, comforter, priest,
Counsellor, baptiser, chaplain, chair,
Night of quiche and sandwiches - presider at the feast.

And what about the notices, the magazine, the plan,
The ladies group, assembly, meet the quinquennial man.
Sometimes I am the postman, or a keeper at the zoo,
And every week the craftsman of a new sermon or two.

I'm a visitor, a missionary, planner, colleague, friend,
Theologian, visionary, it's a list without an end,
I'm the person who's official at the exchanging of rings,
Or the one who plays the organ, or who strums guitar and sings,
Sometimes I need to be a conjurer with rabbits in my hat,
Sometimes the phone keeps ringing and I want to kick the cat,
(My cat is artificial so I can get away with that)

I've a function and a purpose, I'm a representative,
I'm called to do and called to say, and called simply to live.
I'm thanking God for calling and equipping me to be,
This ministry life's a bowl of cherries,
And there's lots more on the tree!

@ C. Stainsby 2004 with acknowledgments to AA Milne

Next News

The next Northstead News will be issued on or around August 30th. Please pass any items to be included to Ros by August 23rd. Also please note there will be no newsletter for August.

Our newsletter costs about 37p per copy to produce. Your gifts to cover this cost are always welcome.

Also in this issue!

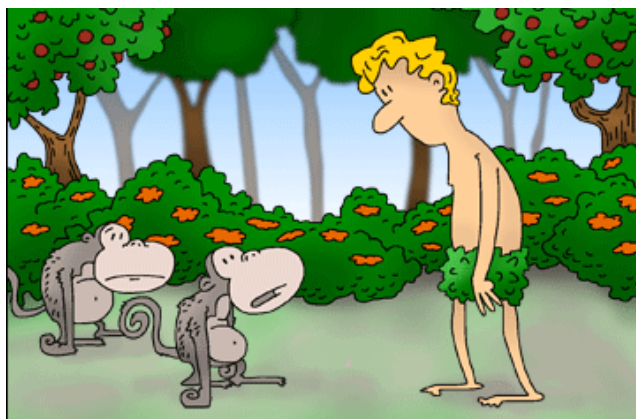
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Our Mission

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

Our mission is to serve God and our community 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.



(See Genesis 2:7-25)

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SINCE EVE CAME LONG YOU BARELY HANG
OUT WITH US ANYMORE

Letter from Rev. Emma Morgan

our “minister-to-be”.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are finally in the season of Summer and no doubt Scarborough is becoming busier and busier with visitors and holiday makers. Here in Shildon, Co. Durham we have many visitors to the Locomotion Museum. Those of you who love steam trains may have visited.

I am very much looking forward to coming to live and work amongst you as part of the Circuit Staff in the North Yorkshire Coast Circuit and feel privileged to have pastoral charge of Northstead, Wreyfield Drive and Scalby Methodist Churches. I do not know Scarborough very well, so I am looking forward to exploring the landscape, meeting the people and acclimatising to life by the sea.

I am moving into Scarborough with my best friend and husband of nearly 30 years, our Superintendent to be, Graham. This will be a time of change for us all, as together we continue to let God lead us in our ministry and mission. Please be patient with me, as I have many new names to learn and new faces to remember. This is a good opportunity for repeats, as I hope you will not mind telling me your names each time we meet, for a while at least, and I will remind you of mine! As we enjoy all that the summer brings our way, let us do all things in the strength that God gives us through his Holy Spirit and with the joy of the Lord in our hearts, remembering to be thankful always.

‘The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.’ Galatians 2:20.

With love in Christ,

Emma.

The 'Kenyan' way of doing things

Claire Smithson is a mission partner working at Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya.

Claire writes: "On a Friday evening in December I was sat in a heap on the settee watching some nonsense on the TV trying to unwind after a long and difficult week. Around 8 p.m. I got a text message from Gitonga, a colleague, that his son George had been mugged in Nairobi and had been hit on the head. Later I was told George had been taken to a private hospital and was awaiting a CT scan. The scan showed a bleed around the brain. Now I got worried and discussed with Gitonga that George needed urgent admission.

The surgery took around five hours. George has since made a full recovery. The week following George's discharge he came up to Maua to recuperate, and here I believe as Christians we can learn from the 'Kenyan' way of doing things. Every evening one group or another went to visit the family and give thanks to God for sparing George's life. George shared his story with the groups, which also helped him overcome the trauma of what had happened.

Sometimes when I feel overwhelmed, or discouraged, or wonder what I am doing in a place like Maua, I look at people like Gitonga's family and see such steadfastness in their Christian belief. I see the Church in action and the acknowledgement of God in our lives, not only the asking but the great thanksgiving, and then I am humbled and encouraged at the same time."

Claire's full newsletter is available online at www.methodist.org.uk/mission/world-church/africa/kenya/claire-smithson.

Events Around the Circuit

Anne Dargue is holding a Blooming Great Tea Party in Westborough Church Coffee Shop, from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 1st July, in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Our Scalby friends hold their monthly **Coffee Morning** from 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 4th. This month the proceeds will be for the Sidewalk Youth Project, and there will be cake, book and Fairtrade stalls.



The **Minister's Musical**



Marathon is part of South Cliff Methodist Church Anniversary Weekend. It will take place on Saturday, 4th July from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come along and enjoy music, music, music from various guests all day long. From 1 to 2 p.m. there will be congregational Songs of Praise. Refreshments will be served

throughout the day.

Also on July 4th, there will be a **Quiet Day**, at St Andrew's United Reformed Church from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church will be open for quiet reflection, prayer and Bible study. Enjoy the garden, try the new Prayer Walk, or join an optional short time of worship each hour. Refreshments available in the hall all day - bring your own lunch.

Scarborough Concert Band and Lichfield City Concert Band will give a **joint concert** at Queen Street Church on Saturday, 4th July at 7.30 p.m. The Concert is free but there will be a retiring collection for Queen Street Church. On Sunday 5th July 2015 in the afternoon the Lichfield City Concert Band will be playing in



the Peasholm Park Bandstand.

Summer concerts take place each Monday at 7.45 p.m. at South Cliff Church, featuring Staxton Singers on June 29th, Manhattan Voices on July 6th, Hackness Ladies Choir on 13th, Ayton Ladies Choir on 20th, and a Handful of Tenors on 27th. Frank James & Friends will appear on August 3rd, a Summer Special on 10th, the Tenor XI on 17th, an Evening with the Ladies on 24th and Bridlington Beat on 31st. Tickets are £5 on the door or £4 in advance from Joan Rogers.

The **Barrowcliff community party** is on Sunday, July 12th from 1 to 3 p.m. at Wreyfield Drive, with a barbecue, drinks, cakes, games, entertainment, quizzes, and a community sing song. Look out for the list asking for gifts of cakes!



A Prayer for the In-between Times

Lord of all our days, we ask that we may be aware of your presence, not only in life's ups and downs, but during the in-between times.

We pray:

for those looking for work

for young people waiting for exam results and a place at college

for ministers between appointments and for congregations waiting for new ministers

for those waiting for diagnosis and for treatment

for those whose lives are constrained by caring for loved ones

Lord of all hopefulness, may the fallow times be fruitful, and may we always be alert to the needs of others,

Amen.

Nepal – the road to recovery

A month after the second of two devastating earthquakes hit Nepal, All We Can's (Methodist Relief and Development Fund) supporters have helped local partners to provide relief quickly in some of the worst hit areas near the epicentre of the quakes. Over £ 220,000 has been given to the Nepal Earthquake Appeal.

Sapana Shrestha, aged 26, lives in a village in north-central Nepal. On April 25th, she recalls, "I was sitting in home doing some housework and my children were playing around me. Suddenly the land was moving rapidly, I didn't know what was happening. The children were frightened. I stood under the door and I was very nervous. I did not think I would be safe from the earthquake. After a long time the earthquake stopped a bit and I ran to a public place with my two little sons. The walls of my home started to fall down. While we were sitting in the open place my home totally collapsed. I was very shocked; I couldn't bring out any equipment from my home. Only on the second day did we start to search for food, clothes, mobile phones and other materials from our collapsed home. When ERDCN provided a tent and mats we were very happy, as now we can save our family, food, clothes and other materials. We thank ERDCN for visiting our home and community, listening to our painful experiences, and providing some relief materials along with counselling, sympathy and motivation."

As well as distributing food and emergency shelter materials, All We Can is supporting local organisation Kopila Nepal in using its expertise to help people deal with the emotional impact of the earthquake through trauma counselling. Kopila Nepal's Director, Bina Silwal, explains the need for this work: "It was a severe time after the earthquake. Everybody was scared, people were crying, people were not eating, people were not doing anything. It was like they had lost consciousness. It is very hard

to say exactly what the mental health impact will be, but the challenges will be big.”

In response, All We Can is helping Kopila to give psychosocial support to children through schools, funding materials to inform people of the support available, and training counsellors to reach people who have lost loved ones, homes or both. Experts agree that the best organisations to offer this support are local ones, who understand the local culture and ways of dealing with grief. Kopila Nepal has both professional expertise and a deep knowledge of local people and customs.

The road to recovery - All We Can is working with international partners to find the best way to support recovery and rebuilding. Many people are living in temporary shelters, as some villages have lost every house. The need for rebuilding is urgent. There have been untypical thunderstorms in Nepal in the last month, bringing heavy rains. When the monsoon season arrives soon, access to many places will become difficult, as dirt roads deteriorate and helicopters cannot fly. One tarpaulin will not be enough to provide large families with shelter, so although thousands have been distributed, more will be needed. Rains may also cause landslides in some areas. It is likely that for people in remote villages, camps will be set up, so that they can be fed and provided with services more easily.

Maurice Adams of All We Can, says “Out of the turmoil of these earthquakes have come stories of courage, generosity and compassion, in Nepal and in Britain. The response from our supporters has been humbling and enabled our partners to respond rapidly to immediate needs. There is no quick fix for a situation like this, but All We Can will be alongside our partners as they begin the slow road to recovery. On behalf of those partners, and the vulnerable individuals they support, I want to express heartfelt thanks for every donation given so far to our Nepal Earthquake Appeal. It really has made a difference.”

Worship Events

Praise Midweek takes place at 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. The next two will be on July 15th and August 19th. Refreshments will be served from 7.45 p.m. followed by a time of informal praise and worship.

On Sunday, 2nd August at 6.30 p.m. we have an **evening service of song**, led by the Filey Fishermen's Choir, and followed by light refreshments.

On Sunday, September 6th at 10.30 a.m. at Northstead our joint **Covenant service** with Wreyfield will be led by our new minister, Rev. Emma Morgan.

At 6 p.m. on the same day, a **circuit service** will be led by Rev. Stephen Burgess, chair of the York and Hull District, at the Flower of May holiday camp, to welcome Rev. Graham Morgan as Superintendent minister (with responsibility for Burniston and Filey) along with Emma and Deacon Pippa Kirby-Girdlestone. The camp will be open from 4 p.m. There will be a display provided by the circuit churches, and the museum, snack bar and rides will be open until 5.30 p.m.

Training for group leaders

Methodists are usually very good at socialising, but when it comes to talking about spiritual matters, we tend to be more reticent. Speaking about God has become almost taboo. However, it has become more common for people to seek out somewhere where they can explore their faith, and ask some of life's important questions.

The church needs to train people to develop groups where this can happen. Our District is offering a 2-day course for anyone interested in facilitating such a group, led by Mark Davis, a Roman Catholic, and Ruth Harvey, a Quaker. The course will take place at Lidgett Grove Methodist Church, York, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th July. If you are interested, contact Elaine Turner, tel. 01482 867573 or email jeturnerbeve@hotmail.com

Alongside the training, Mark and Ruth have produced material to be used in groups as a starting point. See www.shorelineconversations.com for more details.

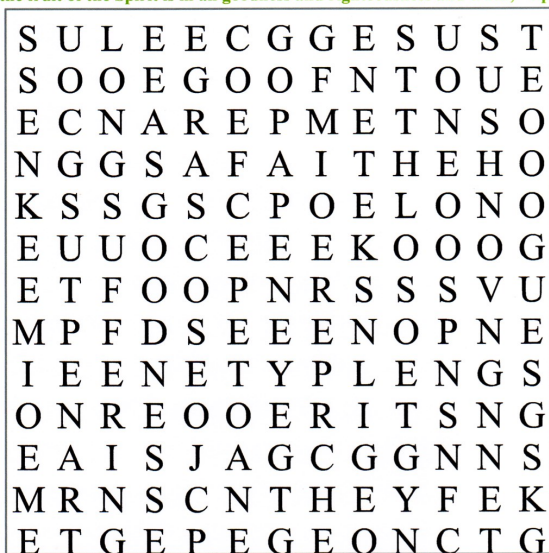
Our Weekly Activities

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| Monday | 7.30 p.m. | Singing for Fun, 6th July. |
| Tuesday | 9.30 a.m. | Pop-in for coffee and chat |
| Wednesday | 6.15 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 |

Children's Page

for children aged up to 110!

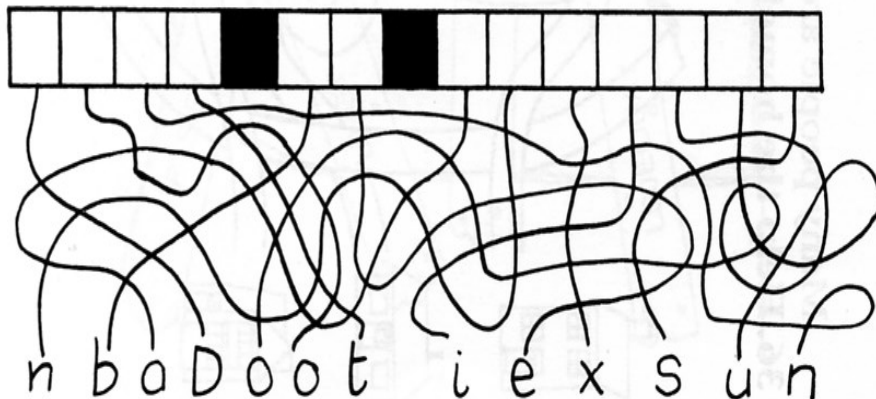
Word Search – the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians, chapter 5, verses 22 and 23).



Find the fruits of the Spirit in the grid!

- FAITH
- LONGSUFFERING
- GENTLENESS
- LOVE
- GOODNESS
- MEEKNESS
- JOY
- PEACE
- TEMPERANCE

Word Tangle – follow the lines to find the letter to write in each box and reveal a message from Jesus!



Diary Dates for this month

- Sat. July 4th, 10 a.m. Coffee Morning, Scalby Chapel.
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Minister's Musical Marathon,
South Cliff Church.
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Quiet Day, St. Andrew's Church.
7.30 p.m. Concert, Queen Street Church.
- Sun. July 5th, 10.30 a.m. All-age worship, Rev. C. Stainsby.
- Sun. July 12th, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion, Rev. P. Ward.
1 p.m. Barrowcliff Community Party,
Wreyfield Drive.
- Wed. July 15th, 8 p.m. Praise Midweek.
- Sun. July 19th, 10.30 a.m. Worship arranged by our members.
12 noon. Farewell party for Clare,
Wreyfield Drive.
6.30 p.m. Farewell service for Mark and Clare,
Queen Street Church.
- Sun. July 26th, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship, Rev. M. Jackman.
- Sat. Aug. 1st, 10.30 a.m. Missions Coffee Morning,
15 Newlands Park Avenue.
- Sun. Aug. 2nd, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship, Mrs. P. Mollon.
6.30 p.m. Evening worship,
Filey Fishermen's Choir.
- Sun. Aug. 9th, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship, Mr. B. Clark.
- Sun. Aug. 16th, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship, Mr P. Midgley.
- Wed. August 19th, 8 p.m. Praise Midweek.
- Sun. Aug. 23rd, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion, Rev. J. Staton.
- Sun. Aug. 30th, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship, Mrs. E. Pugh.
- Sun. Sept. 6th, 10.30 a.m. Covenant service, Rev. E. Morgan.
6 p.m. Welcome service,
Flower of May Holiday Camp.

