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Circuit Welcome Service

On Sunday, 6th September, at the Flower of May Holiday Park, Leebberston, YO11 3NU, we welcome to our circuit our new Superintendent Rev. Graham Morgan and we particularly look forward to welcoming Rev Emma Morgan, who will be our new minister from September.

There is ample parking at the Holiday Park, and the Scarborough Fair Museum Collection will be open from 4 p.m. with free rides on the magnificent Galloping Horses fairground ride. Cakes will be provided, and drinks and snacks can be purchased from the Snack Bar. Mike Lester will entertain on the Wurlitzer organ from 5 to 5.30 p.m. in the Ballroom, and the Music Group will lead singing from 5.40 p.m.

The welcome service gives us all a chance to commit to work together alongside Graham and Emma. The service starts in the Ballroom at **6 p.m.** and Rev. Stephen Burgess, Chair of the York and Hull District, will be the preacher. We are expecting a number of guests at this very special occasion and look forward to informing them and each other about our circuit via the displays from the various churches.

At 10 a.m. on 6th September, our Wreyfield Drive friends will join us for a joint Covenant service, led by Emma, who will be with us again for our morning service on September 13th.

From our Minister

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Happy New Church Year!

We begin our new connexional year with Worship services involving renewal and commitment to continue to serve God where we are. There is renewal in that I finally begin as your Minister and so we renew together, at our Covenant service, our covenant relationship with God. Together as a Circuit we will gather at The Flower of May sharing again in the acknowledgement of God's generous love for each one of us. It's a great way for us to begin this phase of our discipleship journey with praise, thanksgiving, commitment, confession and promise. In as much as we seek to commit to Jesus and proclaim the Gospel of the Good News of Jesus, we have Jesus' promise to us, that He will never leave us nor forsake us, He is with us always, in all things. Praise the Lord!

John's gospel is my favourite of the gospels and chapter 15 encourages us to abide in Jesus: for those of us who have accepted Jesus as our personal Lord and saviour, we are encouraged to stay with that decision and keep choosing Jesus. Also as a disciple it requires us to live as disciples, believers of and in Jesus, so it should affect our life choices, how we live, how we are to one another, friend or stranger. Abiding in Jesus has brought me to the point at which I know I cannot live without Him as my saviour and friend, nor do I want too. Let us enjoy our new year celebrations, as we embrace God's love and look forward to what is to come.

'Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can I unless you abide in me.' John 15: 4.

With love in Christ,

Emma

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 heart 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.

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Message from our new Superintendent

Dear Friends,

As some of you may have heard, Deacon Pippa is currently unwell and has not been able to move to Scarborough. It is with great sadness that I confirm that Pippa has been diagnosed with an inoperable cancer and her prognosis is that she has 'months' left to live. Consequently she will not be joining us in Scarborough.

I am currently working with the Deputy Warden of the Diaconal Order to ensure that Pippa and Kevin have the full support of the church to help them through this difficult time. Pippa and her husband Kevin are working their way through this and are currently in good spirits. Please hold them in your prayers and entrust them to God's keeping each day.

With love and prayers,
Graham.

Summer Spring Clean!

After a quiet August for most of us, we look forward to welcoming people back from their holidays and all the usual activities starting again in September.

A lot of work has been done on the property during August, so a big thank you to those who helped at the DIY day and those who have done jobs since then.

I'm sure you will have noticed that most of the outside has been painted. The church will be dealt with at a later date. Also the hall floor has been cleaned and oiled, so please try and keep it as pristine as possible!



Sunday Club news

Alliyah and Phoebe both move to Scalby School in September, and some of our Parents and Tots children will be starting school for the first time. We wish them well. This prayer is for them, and for all our pupils and students.

Dear God,

New beginnings are exciting, but they can also be hard. We pray for schools and colleges at the start of a new school year.

We ask for your blessing on school children and students, their teachers and all the staff who help them. We pray especially for those beginning at a new school or college, that fears may give way to confidence, that excitement may lead to creative learning, and that meaningful friendships may be made.

We pray, too, for those who struggle through their school days and find learning difficult, and for those who refuse to go to school.

Be with all of us at times of new beginnings, and help us with the feelings that change evokes, that we may look forward with hope rather than with fear.

Amen

Saturday Lunches

The first of the new season's Saturday lunches is on Saturday, September 26th, when we will be serving quiche and salad with a choice of puddings.

Coffee will be available from 11 a.m. and lunches from 11.30. There will be a Cake Stall and a Fairtrade Stall.

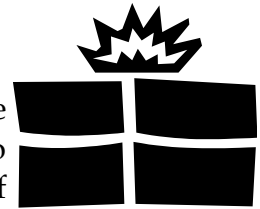


Harvest Celebrations

Our Harvest Festival weekend is 3rd and 4th October.

On Saturday 3rd, there will be a concert by the Celebration Singers at 7 p.m. followed by a light supper. On Sunday 4th there will be a Harvest All-age Parade service, led by Deacon Helen Webster. Your gifts of tinned foods, tea, coffee, biscuits etc, will be very gratefully received for the Rainbow Centre, as will donations for All We Can, (formerly the Methodist Relief and Development Fund).

Shoebox Appeal 2015



By the time you read this, there will be approximately 100 shopping days to Christmas, or about 65 to the middle of November, when our shoeboxes have to be handed in! So, if like me, you're not as organised as you might be, it's now time to hit the shops and fill your box(es).

Gifts you could include : **toys** such as small dolls or stuffed toys, trucks or cars, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc; **school supplies** - pencils & sharpeners, pens, crayons or felt pens, ink pads with stamps, notebooks, colouring books, solar calculators; **toiletries** - toothbrush and toothpaste, wrapped soaps, comb or hairbrush, flannel; **other items** - hat, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date March or later).

Please check the Samaritan's Purse website for a list of gifts that are inappropriate.

New Season!

With the start of a new Methodist year, our regular meetings swing back into action, with a chance to meet old friends and catch up on their news, welcome new friends into your group, or maybe join in something new for yourself! Watch your weekly notice sheet for the starting dates of all these meetings.

Our **Singing for Fun** group meets on alternate Monday evenings at 7.15 p.m. welcoming anyone who likes to sing, even though you might think you're not very good!

On Tuesday mornings, join us at our **Pop-in** from 9.30 to 12 noon, for tea or coffee, a game of Scrabble for those who wish, time to catch up on your knitting or sewing, or just have a chat.

The **Ladies Circle** meets on alternate Tuesday evenings, beginning on September 8th with a Beetle Drive, followed on the 22nd with a talk on "Smiles to Tanzania" from Derek Edwards.

Our **Wednesday Fellowship** starts again in October, meeting weekly at 2.30 p.m. for a short act of worship, a speaker, slides or some music, and the all-important cuppa!

Wednesday **Brownies** meet at 6.15 p.m. followed by **Guides** at 7.30 p.m.

The **Parents and Tots** group love to meet new children, with their Mums, Dads or grandparents, on Thursday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

On Thursday afternoons, our **Keep-Fit group** meets for a session of not-too-strenuous exercise, a cup of tea and a giggle!

And on Thursday evenings (Thursday is a busy day!) the **Badminton Club** get their exercise at 7.30 p.m.

On Friday evenings, the **Rainbows** meet at 6 p.m. followed by our second **Brownie** Pack at 6.30 p.m.

If any of these groups take your fancy, come along - you can be assured of a warm welcome!



Time for Fairtrade Milk?

from Harri and Rebecca of the Fairtrade Foundation.

You can't have missed UK dairy farmers in the news recently campaigning for fairer prices for their milk. It's raised the question of why Fairtrade can't begin at home and why the mark can't be put on milk too? It's a fair question - one that's been debated many times - so we thought we'd share our response with you.

British dairy farmers aren't alone in their plea for fairer treatment. It's the refrain of farmers around the world who grow many of the everyday products we enjoy, from cocoa to tea to bananas. Fairtrade was born from the needs of these farmers and workers in developing countries who often earn less than US\$2 per day. They live on the absolute poverty line in countries with little or no social safety net, and are far removed from the markets they sell to.

UK dairy farmers are able to take their protests into supermarkets, lobby their MPs directly or have their voice heard through farmers' unions. The farmers and farm workers we represent have not got this access. They rely on Fairtrade and its partners to be their voice, and lobby on their behalf.

In short, we're 100 % behind the concept of fair trade milk, but the Fairtrade Foundation isn't necessarily the right organisation to invest in the work that would be required to set up such a scheme here at home, which we believe would also need to deliver sustainable agricultural practices and high animal welfare standards too.

But we still believe all farmers and workers wherever they are should get paid a fair price that



covers their costs of production.

The situation faced by dairy farmers is the same for banana farmers and is fuelled by the same thing - supermarkets pushing down prices with their price wars. This is why we launched our campaign to "Make Bananas Fair" last year. Without more transparency in supply chains, it is difficult to analyse where the real problems in delivering fair prices to farmers really lie.

We support dairy farmers in their struggle and so do banana farmers. Foncho, a Colombian banana farmer and the face of our Make Bananas Fair campaign, had this message for them:

'I support UK dairy farmers in their fight for fair prices. I too have been at the mercy of UK supermarket price wars, receiving poor prices for my bananas. Whether its bananas or milk, no farmer should have to sell their produce below the cost of sustainable production. That's why the protection Fairtrade provides me with is vital. I wish the dairy farmers success in their campaign.'

You can read our thoughts in more detail on our blog including what we think the Government should be doing to intervene.

In the meantime, we all need to keep doing what we've been doing, showing retailers that we care by choosing the products and the shops that best represent the values we uphold, for all

Next News

The next Northstead News will be issued around September 27th. Please pass any items to be included to Ros by September 20th.

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

Around the Circuit

Our Scalby friends continue to host their **Coffee Mornings** on the first Saturday of each month, the proceeds going to a different charity each time. The next one is on September 5th starting at 10 a.m. and will be for St Catherine's Hospice. As usual, there will be cake, book and Fairtrade stalls.



The final **concert** of the year at South Cliff Church is on Monday 31st August at 7.45 p.m. and Bridlington Beat will be providing the entertainment. Interval refreshments are provided in aid of Marie Curie Nurses. Tickets are £5 on the door or £4 in advance from Joan Rogers.

Silent Auction

The Rainbow Centre request our support for their Silent Auction during August and September, their major fund-raising event for the year.

There is a wide variety of lots on sale. See Anthea Purdy for a brochure, or visit www.rainbowcentre.org where you can also see the rules and find a bidding form.

The Auction is possible through generous donations from local businesses and individuals. All money raised goes directly to the work of the Rainbow Centre, supporting needy and vulnerable people locally.

Praise

Midweek

P r a i s e
Midweek takes place at 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. The next one will be on 16th September. Refreshments will be served from 7.45 p.m. followed by a time of informal praise and worship.

Christian Aid 2015

from Elizabeth Somerville.

Many thanks to all at Northstead who supported Christian Aid Week in May. The Sponsored Walk took place in dry conditions and was an enjoyable afternoon. Our Northstead walkers raised £ 141. The House to House collection raised £70.07 and with other fundraisers like the Bookstall we sent £258.89 to the Christian Aid treasurer.

Our Lunch for Christian Aid took place later, on June 28th, and was very well supported, raising £229.10. Thanks to everyone who helped on this happy occasion.

Overall, Christian Aid Week in Scarborough raised £13,163.37.

On Wednesday, 7th October, the **Christian Aid Autumn Coffee Morning** will be held from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon at the **Palm Court Hotel**. It will be opened by the Mayor of Scarborough. Northstead has been heavily involved with this coffee morning since it started, and I am grateful to all those who come along to support it. I look forward to another enjoyable morning with friends and supporters in October.

Film Nights

Don't forget the monthly film nights at St Mark's Church. Films are shown at 7 p.m. in the Church.

Forthcoming films are : Still Alice - Tuesday 8th September
12 years a Slave - Tuesday 6th October
Woman in Gold -Tuesday 10th November

We hope to continue to hold film nights in the New Year. There is no charge. Any donations will go towards the building fund. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Statement on the Crisis in Calais

Leaders of 4 major UK churches, the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, have issued a joint statement on the situation in Calais. The statement is too long to reproduce in full here, but you can read it at www.churchofscotland.org.uk

The message says “As churches directly involved in assisting the people in Calais seeking sanctuary, we believe it is important that debate is grounded in compassion and that decisions are made on a basis of fact. Our faith tells us not to fear the stranger, but to love our neighbour. We view the situation with growing alarm, and feel compelled to speak out.

As Christian churches we follow One who taught that all people have an inherent, God-given dignity. Our Scriptures teach the importance of love and compassion for all, including people of other nationalities who come to live among us.

We do not speak as detached, comfortable observers, but as leaders of churches actively ministering to those involved. In Kent our churches offer practical support to teenage asylum seekers housed in their town. Through our links in France, we are supporting work amongst unaccompanied children. In Malta, a Methodist-Church of Scotland church runs a project to assist African migrants. However we cannot play our part effectively without a political backdrop that seeks a sustainable and just solution in the longer term.

We support remarks made by the Bishop of Dover and the Jewish Council for Racial Equality, and the work of the Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe. We welcome the Home Secretary's affirmation that Europe will 'provide protection for those genuinely fleeing conflict or persecution'.

However, the language used in this situation often tends to demonise or dehumanise those seeking refuge. To talk of those gathering at Calais as a 'swarm', or 'marauding around the area'

encourages people to see refugees as undeserving of sympathy or respect. Raising fears that by offering the hand of friendship, we may somehow damage our own standard of living, implies that British well-being is more valuable than that of others.

We are concerned to see a peaceful and humane solution to the far broader catastrophe behind the situation. We recognise the need for increased security at Calais, to ensure the safety of all involved, but cannot see how more guards, dogs and fencing will bring about such a solution. We call on the Government to promote a more informed debate, acknowledging that:

- many migrants at Calais are fleeing real repression and tell real stories of suffering and hardship, and that some are unaccompanied children.
- the numbers involved represent a fraction of the overall number of migrants who have entered the EU in the past year. In 2014 Germany, Italy, Sweden, France and Switzerland each took many more asylum seekers than the UK's 14,000.
- the disruption caused to travel is often a consequence of unconnected issues, such as industrial action by ferry workers.
- historically the UK has welcomed people fleeing persecution, and the debate should reflect British values of compassion, hospitality and respect for human dignity.
- the UK has been militarily involved in situations giving rise to the persecution from which people are fleeing.

We call on the Government to recognise that most migrants cannot return to their country of origin, to work to establish EU-run processing centres at key entry points into Europe and to accept the need for the UK to take its share of migrants as other European countries are already doing.

And we call our Church members to prayer, remembering the importance and equal value God places on every human life, and seeking to challenge injustice and work for peace for the whole world. Let us seek direction and discernment for ourselves and for our leaders, for the sake of all peoples.”

ECG - a Heart for the Nation!

March 29th to April 3rd 2016

ECG is an event inspiring a movement! There's great teaching and worship, a range of seminars designed to equip Christians to live well for Christ, first-rate children's and youth work and opportunities to join in mission with local Christians. You choose how much you want to get involved. It can be a relaxing break in good company and a delightful setting, a chance to meet old friends and make new ones or a hectic Christian Conference with a choice of activities from early morning until late in the evening. This year's theme is "Authentic as the Maker intended". ECG has a Methodist heritage but offers a welcome to all Christians. The speakers are chosen for their expertise, not their denominational allegiance!

We are delighted to announce that Rev. Dr. Calvin T. Samuel, the newest member of the ECG Executive team, will be leading the morning Bible Studies at ECG 2016. Calvin is Director of Wesley Study Centre, a Methodist theological institution within the University of Durham.

A typical day at ECG 2015 would have been something like this:

9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. A choice of communion, seminar session or all-age worship.

10.30 a.m.- 12.30 p.m. Children's work

11 a.m. - 12.15 p.m. Bible Study

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Seminars.

3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Receptions

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Evening Celebrations

7 p.m. - 9.15 p.m. 4-11 and 11-18's celebrations

9.45 p.m. - 10.45 p.m. Fringe events

Book now on the ECG website. There's a special deal for local people, if you book before December 31st!

Diary Dates for this month

- Sat. Sept. 5th, 10 a.m. Coffee Morning, Scalby Chapel.
- Sun. Sept. 6th, 10.30 a.m. Covenant service, Rev. E. Morgan.
6 p.m. Welcome service,
Flower of May Holiday Camp.
- Sun. Sept. 13th, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship, Rev. E. Morgan.
- Wed. Sept. 16th, 8 p.m. Praise Midweek.
- Sun. Sept. 20th, 10.30 a.m. Local worship.
- Sat. Sept. 26th, 11 a.m. Coffee.
11.30 a.m. Saturday lunch.
- Sun. Sept. 27th, 10.30 a.m. Shared service at Wreyfield Drive,
Mr. M. Mellodew.
6.30 p.m. CTAB United service, St. Luke's.
- 3rd and 4th October Harvest celebrations.
- Sat. Oct. 3rd, 7 p.m. Concert.
- Sun. Oct 4th, 10.30 a.m. All-age worship, Deacon H. Webster.
- Wed. Oct 7th, 10.30 a.m. Christian Aid Coffee Morning,
Palm Court Hotel.
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