

Northstead News

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Eating, Meeting and Greeting!

Lent Lunches – Churches Together around Barrowcliff invite you to Lent Lunches, on Tuesdays, 16th and 23rd February, 1st, 8th and 15th March, at Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Join us for a soup and bread lunch, good company and a short Pause for Thought.

Coffee at Scalby – Our Scalby friends host their monthly Coffee Morning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 6th. This month it's in aid of Dial-a-Ride Scarborough, and there will be Cake, Fairtrade and Book stalls, and a warm welcome!



Hymn Sing and Spud & Pud Supper – come along to Wreyfield Drive on Saturday, February 27th at 6.30 p.m. to sing your favourite hymns and worship songs. It's £1 to choose a hymn from any book. Just fill in a slip from the table at the back



of church and place it in the box with your £1. Enjoy a supper of jacket potato with various fillings and a choice of puddings. Donations for supper will be welcome on the night and proceeds are for Action for Children.

From our Minister

Psalm 100: 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I've been asked to share a potted version of my story so here it is:

I am the eldest of three daughters born to Judith and the late Derrick Smith in Teesside, Co. Durham. My sisters are called Eleanor & Elisabeth. Growing up, weekends meant important family time and we spent many holidays in the Lake District under canvas.

I've always had lots of interests. From childhood, reading, music, sport and Girl Guiding took up much of my time. I grew up attending church for special family occasions and when on parade with Brownies, then Guides. Aged 12 years, I started to attend my local Anglican Church and gave my heart to Jesus one Thursday lunchtime at school in June 1978 with Hazel and Andrea as my witnesses. It wasn't until I went to Stockton VI Form college that my Christian faith really made headway. I made good friends through the Christian Union and my form, with a good number of girls who belonged to the Methodist Church. They invited me along to their Circuit Youth Group where I met Graham.

I completed my A levels and went to study Music and Maths at the College of Ripon & York, St. John. I studied there for three years during which time Graham and I married, so my home became Nottingham. We moved to Brown Lees in Stoke-on-Trent for one year, and I gained my PGCE at Birmingham. We moved to Cambridge for 3 years while Graham undertook ministerial training. I worked in retail, felt a call to preach and just completed being on note when we moved north to Bishop Auckland with Sam, our two-week old son. 15 months later our family was complete with the arrival of our daughter Rebekah.

I became an accredited Local Preacher, did some teaching once the children were both at school and we moved to Darlington. In 2000/02 I sought a journey of discernment, was affirmed in my teaching and recommended for Ministerial training. My first appointment (part-time) was in the Newcastle District for 3 years. We moved by request to Shildon where we were colleagues as well as husband and wife. After three years part-time I was offered full-time, which I was happy to undertake as our children had completed their studies. After eight years we arrived in Scarborough where we are feeling well settled and enjoying the new challenges in our respective ministries.

Thank you for a most enjoyable Christmas and New Year and for the many who gave so much time to ensure all went well.

I continue to prioritise home visits and getting to know you through our first year together. We've made the half-way mark already! May the Lord continue to bind us together in and through the love of His only son, our saviour and friend, Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory.

With love in Christ,

Emma.

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Family News

A message from **Graham and Christine Sturdy**, for those not on Facebook!

Thank you everyone from Wellington, Ripon and Scarborough for the wonderful send off, the lovely cards, gifts and presents, Graham and I are overwhelmed by the generosity, love and friendship you have shown. We look forward now to making more friends “Down Under” and our stay in the retirement village.

For those who don't know, Graham is starting a job as a Minister with the Uniting Church in Hobart, Tasmania, in February. Their stay in the retirement village is temporary until they find a house big enough to welcome family and British visitors! They are now finding their way around Hobart, after spending a few days in Adelaide with their middle son Jonathon, Emma, Connor and Kai. You may remember that Kai was in our prayers a year ago when he was born with serious heart defects. It's good to know that he is doing quite well now.

Our love and congratulations to **Jean Purdy**, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday!

Wednesday Fellowship

The Fellowship meets every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. for a short time of worship, entertainment, a cuppa and a chat. Everyone is welcome – men and women!

The spring programme is not yet finalised, but I can tell you that the meeting on February 3rd is titled “Candlemas”. There will be no meeting on the 17th, but watch your weekly notice sheet for details for the 10th and 24th.

An Invitation to Prayer

from Rev Graham Morgan, Superintendent

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

This invitation is to all churches in the North Yorkshire Coast Circuit. Would you consider hosting a circuit prayer meeting in your church? The day and the time would be entirely up to you. I am looking for churches to offer hospitality in the form of a warm church with refreshments available (tea, coffee and biscuits). My vision is for a monthly meeting for prayer at different venues on different days and at different times. This would ensure that all of us could meet to pray some of the time. Refreshments would be available half-an-hour prior to the start of the meeting. The meeting itself would last 45 minutes to a maximum of an hour. To get us going, the first two meetings will be as follows:

Burniston, 6.15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12th. Refreshments available from 5.45 p.m.

Filey, 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 26th. Refreshments from 1.30 p.m.

I now wait to hear from churches who would be willing to offer hospitality from June to December.

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. James 5:13

Thank You!

Our thanks to all who helped in any way with decorating the church for Christmas, and tidying up afterwards.

The post box, carol singing, including Singing for Fun visits to Montrosa and Orchard House, Christmas lunch and Christmas Day collection raised £397 for Save the Children. Only 46 weeks to this Christmas!

Barrowcliff Angels from Helen Harron

Barrowcliff Angels is a voluntary group who support people on the Barrowcliff estate with all sorts of needs. There are opportunities for volunteering with everything from litter-picking, baby-sitting, gardening or accompanying people to appointments etc.

The group is looking for more volunteers, so if you are interested please take a leaflet from the back of church, speak to me, or contact Gill Armstrong (Angels co-ordinator) tel. 07756163428 (it will probably go to voicemail, so please leave a message) or email Barrowcliff.angels@gmail.com

We also need help delivering leaflets to all the houses on the far side of Northstead Manor Drive. There are bundles on a table in the foyer. Please take a street to deliver if you possibly can. Thank you.

Offering Envelopes

The time has come to renew your Church collection envelopes. New envelopes are on the table at the back of the church. For most people, your envelope number is the same as the current year, but if you have any queries, please have a word with Paul Maynard.

The envelope scheme is a way of ensuring our church has a regular income, which makes life easier for our hard-working treasurer! If you aren't already in the scheme but are interested, see Paul, who will be very happy to explain what it entails and give you a set of envelopes.

York and Hull District Lay Synod

You are invited to the Lay Synod on Sunday, March 13th at Pocklington Methodist Church from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The day will begin with morning worship, followed by lunch, which will be provided.

Afternoon sessions: -

What opportunities are there for lay people to influence the Methodist Conference?

Rev. Alistair Sharp: Creative use of buildings and finance for God's mission.

Group discussion on the Church as part of the community.

This day will be of particular help to Circuit Stewards, Church Stewards, Lay Workers, Treasurers, Property Secretaries and anyone with a heart for mission. Please come and worship with us and join in the discussion.

If you would like to attend, please contact Siân Henderson at the District Office, admin@yorkhullmethodist.org.uk or tel 01904 786275 by 6th March, giving your name, position in the Church and if you would like lunch.



Church Flowers

I'm sure we all appreciate the lovely flowers that add so much to our worship every Sunday. Our thanks to those who donate and arrange flowers each week, and also to those who take them out to sick or housebound friends.

The new flower list is now on the notice-board, so if you are able to give flowers, or better still to arrange or distribute them, please sign up as soon as possible.

Rich Person, Poor Person Meal



The next event for Scarborough Christian Youth is our Rich Person, Poor Person meal, a fundraiser for the Rainbow Centre, which works with homeless people, providing a food bank, debt counselling, rehabilitation and much more.

The Meal will be at St. Mary's Parish House, Castle Road, on Saturday, January 30th, 7 p.m. for 7.30. Tickets are available from the Rainbow Centre, price £ 5, but you won't know until the night whether you will get a Poor Person meal or be one of the lucky few who eat like a Rich Person - a reflection of the balance of wealth in society. There will also be entertainment, and a visit from our special guest, Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York. We look forward to your support for this event.

The young people have worked very hard planning and preparing, and will be busy on the day! We would welcome extra help from any young people aged 11-18. Preparation begins at 3 p.m. and there'll be plenty to do in the kitchen and setting up the room. In the evening you'll be waiting on tables or helping in the kitchen. It would help if any young people or Youth Leaders coming along could contact me, Kay Wilkinson, by email k_g_and_kids@yahoo.co.uk or tel. 374516 or 366186.

Saturday Lunches

Our next lunch will be on Saturday, February 13th, when we will be treated to pork baps with apple sauce. My mouth is watering already! As usual, there will be cake and Fairtrade stalls, and everyone is welcome, so bring your family and friends and have a day off from cooking!

There will be a Spud & Pud lunch on Gift Day, March 12th.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2016

29th February - 13th March

As Martin Luther King once said, 'Before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on more than half the world'.

Despite our dependence on farmers and farm workers for the foods, drinks and other products that we love, about 795 million people are undernourished globally. The people who grow the food we take for granted can struggle to feed their own families!

When people are paid a fairer price, they have more control over their lives when times are hard, and worry less about how they will feed their families. Whether it's the extra cash in their pockets or being able to expand their farms to grow more food to eat, Fairtrade enables many farmers and workers to fulfil a basic human need – to feed the people they love, all year round.

Take the example of tea – while many of us depend on tea to get us through our day, farmers and workers in many parts of the world depend on it for their living. China has around 8 million tea growers, India and Kenya about 3 million each.

Most of the tea we drink is grown in large plantations of around 250 hectares, but there are many small growers with only about 1.25 hectares, who have to face the challenge of low and fluctuating prices controlled by large companies.

Fairtrade certification is open to smaller growers, complying with Fairtrade standards for their workers. They are guaranteed a minimum price, ensuring that they can cover their costs, while also receiving the Fairtrade premium, an extra payment to be used by the community according to local needs. In 2012/13 some communities invested in infrastructure to improve production and processing, while others used the premium for housing, education and healthcare.

You'll soon be hearing about lots of events for Fairtrade Fortnight, so please give it your support if you possibly can!

From Christine Sutherby

Dear all

Just a very quick note to let you all know that I am feeling blessed and excited on hearing that I have been stationed to the Doncaster Circuit. From the 1st September I will be Minister to Thorne, Hatfield Woodhouse, Dunsville, Stainforth and Barnby Dun.

I've had opportunity to visit the circuit and was totally overwhelmed by the welcome I received, with between 6 and 20 people waiting at each church to say hello. Each of the communities are very different, some in areas of affluence and some in areas of regeneration. One church also houses the Citizens Advice Bureau. I feel there will be many challenges ahead as well as blessings. I even have my first wedding booked on Christmas Eve.

I am delighted to be staying in Yorkshire, and firmly believe that God has definitely been at work in this decision - why else would I be going to minister in the town my father grew up and I spent all my early years holidays visiting my grandparents.

My thanks to all of you for your prayers and continued support. Lots of hard work to do before September and oh so much to learn!!! Best get back to work.

Best wishes and God Bless,

Christine.

Ladies' Circle

Our Ladies' Circle meets on alternate Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. The speakers in February will be Diane Robinson on the 2nd and Billy Blake on the 16th.

Singing – the Voice of Prayer

13th February 2016.

You are invited to share in a

Day of Singing, Prayer and Fellowship
organised by Crofters Spirituality Group
at Westborough Methodist Church.

Arrive 9.30 for 9.50 a.m. {last session ends 3.30pm.}

Welcome and Introduction

Session 1. 10 – 11.45 led by Rev. Mike Leigh.

Lunch and networking 11.45 – 1.15 p.m.

Please bring your own packed lunch,
tea/coffee will be provided.

Session 2. 1.30 – 3.15 p.m. led by Cheryl Ann Smith,
Madonna House, Robin Hood's Bay

3.15 p.m. Closing Worship.

There is no charge for this day but a donation toward running costs would be most welcome.

For further information contact: Diane tel. 01723 363002,
or Chris tel. 07517134898.

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.

John Wesley's Rules for Singing (1761)

1. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing.

2. Sing lustily, and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of it being heard, then when you sing the songs of Satan.

3. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, as to be heard above, or distinct from, the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.

4. Sing in time. Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before, not stay behind it; but attend closely to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can. And take care you sing not too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.

5. Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this, attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve of here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

Something to think about if you're going to the Hymn Sing at Wreyfield on the 27th!

A Winter Prayer

The days are short, but you, Lord, fill them with meaning.

The days are cold, but you, Lord, send the fire of your Spirit to warm our hearts with love.

The earth sleeps, but you, Lord, neither slumber nor sleep.

As a mother tenderly watches over her children, you watch over us through all of our dark days.

As we come before you now, we offer you thanks and praise for your faithful love.

Amen

Smiles to Tanzania from Anthea Purdy

Derek and Diane Edwards are still working tirelessly for their charity "Smiles to Tanzania", although they are no longer collecting items to be shipped in containers because of all the problems involved last time.

They are happy to receive goods that can be sold at Table Top sales locally, or on e-bay. We recently gave a video camera (one of the large ones from the 1970s) and Derek was able to sell it for £51. If you have anything to donate, I will be happy to receive it and take it to Filey. They can then send money to be spent in the local markets for things like school uniforms, and to buy more solar lamps which help the children to do their homework, in homes with no other power supply. They are very grateful to Northstead and other churches and organisations which have generously supported them, enabling them to carry on with the valued work still being done on Ewkerewe Island by a dedicated team of volunteers.

Thank you.

Regular Events

Alternate Mondays, 7.30 p.m.	Singing for Fun (8th and 22nd February)
Tuesday, 9.30 a.m.	Pop-in for Coffee.
Alternate Tuesdays, 7.30 a.m.	Ladies' Circle (2nd and 16th February)
Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.	Wednesday Fellowship.
6.15 p.m.	Brownies.
7.30 p.m.	Guides
7.45 p.m.	Praise Midweek (monthly, 17th February)
Thursday, 9.30 a.m.	Parents and Tots.
1.45 p.m.	Keep-fit Group.
3.15 p.m.	Messy Church (monthly, 25th February)
7.30 p.m.	Badminton Club.
Friday, 6 p.m.	Rainbows.
6.30 p.m.	Brownies.

Children's activities take place during term time only.

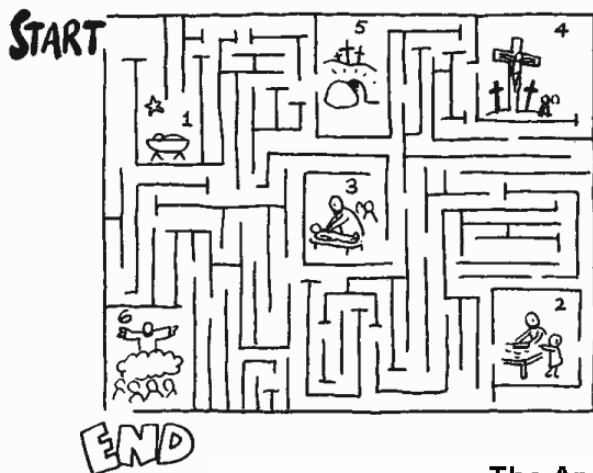
Next News

The next Northstead News will be issued around February 28th. Please pass any items to be included to Ros by February 21st.

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

Children's Page

CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY?



You must travel right through each event in Jesus' life in the right order!

1. Jesus is born at Bethlehem.
2. Joseph teaches Jesus to work as a carpenter.
3. Jesus heals a little girl.
4. Jesus is crucified.
5. Jesus is alive again.
6. Jesus ascends to heaven.

The Apostles

Find the name of all the apostles hidden in the puzzle below.

Q G T H A D D E U S D
 J A M E S A L P H E U S S
 G M A T T H I A S T H O M A S
 Y P I K J U D A S Q D P U F T
 Z L G G H Q X P
 G T M Z I K I W
 G W M Q L F G J
 B T Q Y I V L A
 J U C B P W K M
 E S I M O N P E T E R V L S E
 S P C D C Q T A N D R E W S
 V A U L V R T Y C V I V Z
 I Q Q J V H Z G T D A D G M
 E X R W P F C P R C Z I F A
 E D I B A R T H O L O M E W T
 M H G G S I J T
 E H W Y I B O H
 Q P N S M V H E
 P H H I O T N W
 Q I J W N W B Y

Andrew
 Bartholomew
 James
 James Alpheus
 John
 Judas
 Matthew
 Matthias
 Philip
 Simon
 Simon Peter
 Thaddeus
 Thomas

This includes the 12 original apostles and the one selected to take Judas' place.

Diary Dates for this month

Sat. Feb. 6th, 10 a.m.	Coffee Morning, Scalby Chapel.
Sun. Feb. 7th, 10.30 a.m.	All-age Parade service, arranged by our members.
Sat. Feb. 13th, 9.30 a.m.	Singing – the voice of Prayer, Westborough Church.
11.30 a.m.	Saturday lunch.
Sun. Feb. 14th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Mr. B. Clark.
6.30 p.m.	Circuit service, Westborough Church.
Tues. Feb. 16th, 12 noon	Lent Lunch, Wreyfield Drive church.
Sun. Feb. 21st, 10.30 p.m.	Morning worship, Rev. E. Morgan.
Tues. Feb. 23rd, 12 noon	Lent lunch, Wreyfield Drive Church.
Sat. Feb. 27th, 6.30 p.m.	Hymn Sing and Spud & Pud Supper.
Sun. Feb. 28th, 10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion, Rev. B. Fitzpatrick.
Mon. Feb 29th to March 13th	Fairtrade Fortnight.
Tues. March 1st, 12 noon	Lent Lunch, Wreyfield Drive Church.

Late News—Lent Bible Study!

Same study, different leaders, 5 weeks to share in conversation, debate, listening and teaching.

Leaders - Rev. Emma Morgan

Rev. Bob Whitfield

Day: Monday, Feb. 15th
Tuesdays from Feb. 23rd

Thursdays from Feb. 18th

Time: 7–8.30 p.m.

1.30–3 p.m.

Venue: 59 Lady Ediths Ave
YO12 5RA

7 Hackness Drive
YO12 5SB

If other groups would like to use the material, please contact Emma 01723 361214 from February 9th.