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Christian Aid Week - May 14th to 20th

Sixty years ago a generation of Christians decided they would not stand by while people suffered in refugee camps. Today, we rise to the challenge again. Christian Aid Week 2017 will focus on work with refugees, uniting more than 20,000 churches determined to be a rock for our global neighbours in need. We will not turn our back on the plight of today's refugees.

In Greece, our partner charity offers stoves and cooking facilities for families stranded in refugee camps, providing an important shred of normality for people in an otherwise uncertain world. £ 285 provides a refrigerator for a community kitchen in a refugee camp. With your continuing support we can help Christian Aid to work with those in the world who are most in need.

Northstead's Sunday Lunch for Christian Aid will be on May 7th. Join us for this happy occasion, always a big part of our fundraising, where we can all meet together and enjoy each other's company, while supporting a very worthwhile cause.

The Annual Sponsored Walk will take place on Sunday 14th from St Michael's to St Mary's along the seafront and, after refreshments, back along the Esplanade to St Michael's. Please sponsor Elizabeth and other walkers as they join with others to raise the profile of Christian Aid.

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From our Minister

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

My husband and I have just enjoyed attending the ECG Christian Conference at The Spa here in Scarborough. This conference continued after Easter People came to a natural end. It is a Methodist-led conference and ECG stands for 'Equipping, Calling, Going'.

It has been wonderful for us to be able to worship together (something we mostly have to wait to do together when we are on holiday), explore themes in Bible Study and meet with many fellow sisters and brothers in Christ from around our Methodist Connexion. We've made new friends and caught up with old friends. We have been fed through the word of God, infused with the Holy Spirit and recharged for our ministry amongst you. By the Saturday 45 young people have given their lives to Jesus and chosen to become Christians; we have witnessed three young adults sharing with us publicly their baptismal promises with one being baptised by full immersion and two renewing their baptismal promises.

It has been quite a week which will end with worship on the Sunday morning, worship open to anyone who wants to attend. It will be lively, it will be full and all ages will be welcomed together. The focus will be Jesus and how we can continue to live out our discipleship and follow Jesus day by day. How equipped are we for being a Christian? Is God calling you to do something? How willing are you to go and live your life in Jesus and for him? We can help each other with this through worshipping together and spending time with one another, through prayer and through spending time reading the Bible.

We've already booked to attend ECG in 2018 because it's important for us to make time to be equipped to serve Jesus, it's

important to listen to God's calling on us and it's important for us to be going with Jesus. <http://www.ecgevent.org.uk/> It's never too late to renew your commitment to be a disciple of Jesus whether it's for the first time or for the umpteenth time. Jesus never leaves us nor forsakes us. Make the most of your time with Jesus.

With love in Christ
Emma.

Our Mission Statement

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.

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Worship Events

We lead a short act of **worship at Eagle View** care home on the first Wednesday of each month. We meet there at 10.35 a.m. to share well known hymns, short Bible readings and prayers. If you'd like to join us have a word with Ruth Dale. Unfortunately, we couldn't be there in April, due to some of the residents being unwell, but we hope to be back on May 3rd and June 7th.

Midweek Praise this month will be on Wednesday, May 17th. Refreshments will be served from 7.45p.m. and worship begins at 8 p.m.

Messy Church meets at 3.15 p.m. on Thursday, May 25th. Come along with your children or grandchildren and hear a well known story, told in a slightly different way!



Christian Aid Week (continued from page 1)

House to house collections will take place during the week. If you would like to help with this, bringing Christian Aid Week to the attention of the local community, please see Elizabeth.

The Cake stall at Boyes' Store will be operating from Tuesday 16th to Saturday 20th May from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is always a big fundraiser for Christian Aid and again brings Christian Aid to the notice of the community. Please support the stall if you can, by taking cakes to the stall, or buying them.

A date to note – Open Garden at the home of Maggie Bridge, 41 Red Scar Lane, on Saturday 15th July from 2 – 5 p.m.

Many thanks in advance for your continued support for Christian Aid.

Easter Offerings

The Easter Offering dedication service will take place at South Cliff at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, May 7th. The theme is Shine like Stars (Philippians 2:15), and it will feature stories from nationals in mission appointments (NMAs) in Brazil, Ghana and Pakistan, who are supported by the World Mission Fund. Each one is shining the light of God's love and hope into a challenging environment as they engage in God's mission in their own locality. The service will encourage us to consider how we might learn from these NMAs, finding new ways to "shine like stars" in our own communities, and discovering the light of Christ in others.

The service provides an opportunity for the Circuit to gather and celebrate God's mission activity in the wider world. It includes the dedication of the Easter Offering, all of which goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain and Ireland, supporting 65 Partner Churches overseas.

Filey Music Festival

Filey Festival of Music takes place at Filey Methodist Church from Saturday, May 27th to Sunday, June 4th, with concerts and other events, ranging from the Mikado to the Filey Festival Singers.

Tickets from £ 3 to £ 8, free for children, (season tickets £ 25) are available through Filey Methodist Church website or at Saturday Coffee Mornings.

Midweek Discussions

Discussion groups take place in St Mark's Church every Wednesday, starting on May 3rd at 11 a.m.

The theme will be the Ten Commandments, and the discussions will be based around a DVD produced from preaching sessions by J. John, an internationally known Evangelist and writer.

50th Anniversary Events

We continue our series of special preachers for our Anniversary year. On May 7th we welcome Father Stephen Maughan, who grew up at Northstead at around the same time as Rev. Joe Kinsella. He is now Chancellor and Judicial vicar in the Roman Catholic diocese of Middlesbrough. We obviously did a good job in encouraging ecumenism in Sunday School, Youth Club and Youth Fellowship at that time! Following the morning service, there will be a **Sunday lunch** of roast beef and a choice of desserts in the hall, all proceeds to Christian Aid.

At the end of the month we hope to link up with Rev. Graham Sturdy, minister at Northstead from 1994 – 2001, before that at Cayton for 5 years, and now working in Hobart, Tasmania, who will lead our worship on May 29th – this will depend on a good Skype link, but there is a back-up plan in case the technology lets us down!

On June 4th, worship will be led by Rev. Malcolm Sellers, the son of Alf and Marjorie. Malcolm and his wife, Pam were members of Northstead in the 1960s and 70s. The service will be followed by **Sunday lunch**, with a choice of gammon or salmon – more details later.



We also have several social events planned as we build up to the anniversary at the end of September, so hopefully some of them will appeal to you! At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17th, we welcome **LYRA**, a vocal quartet from St Petersburg, Russia; they are all professional musicians who trained at St Petersburg Conservatoire and now perform in various musical theatres, opera companies and church choirs. They are touring the UK, introducing the musical heritage of the Russian Orthodox church and Russian folk music to the British public. Tickets priced at £10 (£8 for concessions) are available from Rev. Emma

Morgan (tel. 361412) or Ruth Dale (376783). On Saturday June 10th at 7 p.m. **Hackness Ladies Choir** will be giving a concert when proceeds will be shared between expenses for the Flower Festival, and the All we Can project we're supporting throughout the year.



In July we have a **Quiz and Games evening** at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday 1st with a **bring and share supper**, and on Saturday 15th at 6 p.m. a walking **Treasure Hunt and barbecue**.

The **Flower Festival**, from Friday, August 11th to Monday 14th, promises to be a highlight of our anniversary year – book the dates in your diary as lots of help will be required. Were you or your daughters or sons married in the Church in the last 50 years? Do you still have the wedding dress? During the Flower Festival, we are hoping to have a **display of wedding dresses** in the Church Hall. If you would be willing to lend us yours, or if you are interested in sponsoring a flower arrangement, either yourself, with others or for a church group, please get in touch with Chris Macer or Sandra Maddocks. Thanks in advance.

The actual anniversary will be celebrated with a special meal on Saturday 30th September, and Rev. Clare Stainsby will be the invited preacher for our Anniversary service on October 1st.

Incidentally, our preacher on July 2nd, Rev. Robert Ormesher, is travelling up from Somerset with his wife Diane for a few days. They hope to attend the social evening on July 1st, but would appreciate the offer of a meal on any evening from Sunday 2nd to Wednesday 5th July. If you are able to help with this, please have a word with Ros or Paul soon. Thank you.

Circuit Prayer

The Circuit Prayer meeting this month will be on Tuesday, May 30th at Cross Hill, Hunmanby at 11.15 a.m.

Refreshments will be served at 10.30 a.m.

All We Can—Our Anniversary Project

As you know, as part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations, we are supporting Voluntary Action Development (VAD), a water and sanitation project in Uganda, partnered with All We Can.

Uganda is among the poorest countries in the world, 163rd out of 187 countries on the Human Development Index (2016), which measures factors such as literacy, health and inequality. Millions of people in Uganda struggle to access basic facilities such as education, healthcare services, clean water and sanitation.

Water and sanitation

Uganda is largely a rural country with ample water resources. However, poor sanitation coupled with unsafe water has contributed significantly to high levels of disease, including dysentery, diarrhoea and typhoid fever. By drawing water from stagnant ponds and not disposing of waste effectively, disease is able to spread quickly and is often fatal. In Uganda, 4,000 children under the age of five die every year from diarrhoea caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation.

In the cities the majority of households have clean water, but this is not true of rural area. Only one in four people in Uganda have access to clean water. Because many households do not have access to clean water or good sanitation facilities like toilets, it is incredibly difficult to be aware of, or practice, good hygiene procedures. Many communities are unaware that they should wash their hands after going to the toilet or changing a nappy, and very few boil unsafe water before drinking it.

Finding solutions

All We Can works in partnership with VAD to increase access to clean water and sanitation for thousands of children and adults. They work with communities to build water

sources and provide safe toilets, as well as providing education, and training community groups to maintain the facilities.

Building wells and toilets

VAD identifies the villages most in need of water and sanitation facilities. Meetings are held with community members to identify the local needs and challenges, and construction begins quickly. Improved water sources such as wells, water pumps or rainwater tanks are installed, depending on the need of the village. Separate toilets for men and women are also constructed in communal areas and schools.

Community leaders identify the most vulnerable people in the village, often those who are elderly or disabled. After community discussion, VAD will construct toilets and water tanks close to those homes where they are most needed.

Ensuring sustainability

To ensure the facilities are kept in working order, volunteers from the local community are trained by VAD to take responsibility for the maintenance and repair of water and sanitation facilities, and employed to build more wells and water jars. Community and school groups are also established to ensure that water sources and toilets are well-maintained and good hygiene practices continue to be followed in the long term.

Thank you for doing all you can to help some of the poorest people in Uganda by supporting VAD.

Family News

Congratulations and much love to John and Jean Purdy who celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary in March and also to Jean Temple who recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Janet Farr writes to thank us for the gift of flowers, and to say that Don is recovering well from his heart bypass surgery.

Our 2nd Anniversary Project - Yorkshire Air Ambulance



Compared with All We Can's work in Uganda, our second project is much closer to home. The Yorkshire Air Ambulance serves a population of around 5 million people across 4 million acres in our county.

The charity was set up in 2000, and has developed into a sophisticated service providing state-of-the-art medical care throughout Yorkshire. Since it started, 7168 people have been rescued! The swift intervention of the Air Ambulance crews can have a major impact on a patient's chance of survival and subsequent quality of life. On average, once received by the Air Ambulance, patients will be only 10 minutes from the nearest hospital, and 15 minutes from the most relevant treatment centre. The two Air Ambulances, both carrying state-of-the-art medical equipment, cover the whole of the Yorkshire region seven days a week, 365 days a year, operating from Nostell Priory near Wakefield and RAF Topcliffe near Thirsk. As we know, Yorkshire covers an enormous area, including both densely populated towns and cities, and remote rural areas, as well as major motorways and road networks. The fast medical response that the Air Ambulance service provides is vital to a patient who has received major trauma, especially those with head and spinal injuries, as the Air Ambulance can avoid traffic congestion and uneven road surfaces.

It may surprise you to know that the Air Ambulance service relies solely on the generosity of Yorkshire people to help save lives across the county. Keeping both Air Ambulances in the air costs £ 12,000 per day, or £ 4.4m per year, so please give as generously as you can.

Creating Safer Space Training

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults.

Further dates are available for those who need to attend safeguarding training:

Wed 3rd May, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Cayton.

Thurs 11th May, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Wreyfield Drive.

Sat 20th May, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Westborough.

Wed 7th June, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Queen Street

Places are limited so book early. To book a place contact:
Christine Hughes tel. 355429 or email: nycmcircuit@gmail

A prayer for the General and Local Elections

For those campaigning for public office, that in serving our communities and our nation, truth, justice, peace and wellbeing will become priorities for all.

For those for whom the results mean significant change, that they may find grace and wisdom for the way ahead.

That those with leadership and influence will act wisely and in the interests of all, seeking stability and justice for our world.

That as Christian citizens, regardless of whether we face the future with relish or trepidation, we will have wisdom and courage to seek God's Kingdom and pursue his purpose in the emerging political landscape.

For those whose Christian faith has inspired them to serve in public life, that they may act as faithful followers of Jesus in every circumstance they face.

Adapted from election prayers from the Joint Public Issues Team, of the Methodist Church, www.jointpublicissues.org.uk

ONE Intern Scheme

The Methodist Church is seeking young people to take part in a new scheme to develop their careers and faith. These exciting opportunities for 21 to 26 year-olds offer a year exploring faith alongside a paid placement with a range of professional organisations across a variety of business sectors.

The ONE Intern scheme combines training and mentoring to support professional, personal and spiritual development, with a programme to develop both the intern's faith and their career potential. Participation will be a considerable addition to CVs, as well as an introduction to the intern's career of choice. The scheme will run from 4 September 2017 – 31 August 2018.

Each intern will be paid a living wage by the Methodist Church, along with travel expenses, but not accommodation. They will undertake mid-week training events and have a dedicated mentor to examine the complexity and opportunities of expressing their faith through their career.

Jude Trenier, who is developing the programme, commented: "The interns will have a fantastic opportunity to step into the world of professional work with organisations in key professional sectors. These internships are about getting stuck into the real work of any organisation – they definitely won't be a glorified tea maker! When we think about our career choice and our calling, we don't often join up the dots between the two. Living out our faith in the jobs and vocations we take up is a key Christian principle."

Placements with the following organisations and sectors are currently available:

Charity – Action for Children

Finance – Church Finance Board

Research, Advocacy and Politics – House of Lords & Joint

Public Issues Team (Methodist Church) – split placement

Church and Community – Ponte Sant`Angelo, Rome
Research and Development – Association of Executive
Coaching

Applications are open to those:

- * Aged between 21-26 years-old in September 2017.
- * Who have completed full-time university studies (bachelor's degree or equivalent) at a university or equivalent institution prior to commencing the assignment; or are recently graduated with a university degree within the last 12 months.
- * Hold at least grade C or equivalent in Maths and English at GCSE.
- * Have the right to work in the UK without restriction for the duration of the programme.
- * Have an active, personal Christian faith in accordance to the statement of faith of the Methodist Church and be able to provide a spiritual and character reference from a church or community faith leader.

Interviews and shortlisting will take place in June 2017.

For an informal chat or further details about the internship, please contact Jude Trenier trenierj@methodistchurch.org.uk or call 0207 467 3523. Further application information is available from the Methodist Church website.

MWiB: Spring Day

Methodist Women in Britain hold their Spring Day on Thursday, May 18th at Bricknell Avenue Methodist Church, Hull HU 5 4TJ. It is entitled "Working with Deaf People". The morning session will be "Signing", and the afternoon "Hearing Dogs".

Coffee will be served from 10 a.m. Please bring your own Bring & Share Lunch.

General Church Meeting

This year's General Church Meeting is on Sunday, 11th June, after the morning service. As in recent years, a booklet about the life of our Church is being prepared to be circulated before the meeting.

Can leaders of all Church groups please send a report on their group's activities to Helen at helenharron87@gmail.com by May 14th. Thank you.

Weekly Offerings

Our offerings for recent weeks are listed below.

March 5th —	£ 226.00	April 2nd -	£ 247.68
March 12th-	£ 251.20	April 9th -	£ 173.00
March 19th-	£ 60.15	April 16th -	£ 245.80
March 26th-	£ 214.46	April 23rd -	£ 128.20

In addition, some of our members choose to give to the church by Direct Debit, etc. These gifts total around £ 650 per month.

Our Regular Meetings

Alternate Mondays, 7.30 p.m.	Singing for Fun (May 8th and 22nd, June 6th)
Tuesday, 9.30 a.m.	Pop-in for coffee and a 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.
3.15 p.m.	Messy Church (monthly, May 25th)
7.30 p.m.	Badminton Club.
Friday, 6 p.m.	Rainbows.

Children's Page

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on John 9:1-34 (NIV).

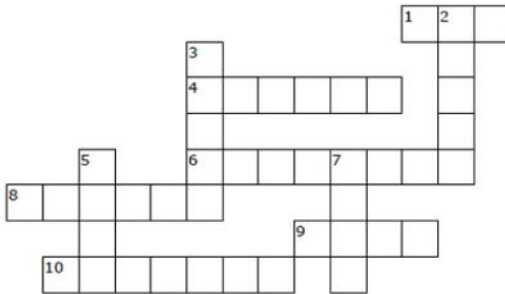


Find these words in the grid, then read the story in John, chapter 9, verses 1 to 34.

BLIND	POOL
WORLD	NIGHT
HOME	BIRTH
OPENED	WASH
SILOAM	EYES
SINNED	BORN
MUD	LIGHT
PARENTS	SPIT
GROUND	SIGHT
RECEIVED	LIFE

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I P R C E V R W G V X V S O L
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When you've solved the crossword, read about Jairus' daughter in Mark, chapter 5, verses 35 to 43.



ACROSS

1. To shed tears; to be tearful
4. To be filled with fear
6. A female offspring
8. A ruler in the synagogue who had a daughter who was dying
9. Taking steps with the feet
10. To accept something as being true

DOWN

2. A leader or someone who governs
3. The part of the human body used for grasping and holding
5. To be alive; exist
7. To make someone well; restore to health

Diary Dates

Wed. May 3rd, 10.30 a.m.	Service at Eagle View care home.
Sun. May 7th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Father S. Maughan
12.15 approx.	Christian Aid Lunch.
6.30 p.m.	Easter Offering service, South Cliff Church.
May 14th to 20th	Christian Aid Week.
Sun. May 14th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Rev. E. Morgan
2 p.m.	Christian Aid Walk.
Tues. May 16th to Sat. 20th	Cake Stall, Boyes' Store.
Wed. May 17th, 7 p.m.	Concert by LYRA.
Thurs. May 18th, 10 a.m.	MWiB Spring Day, Bricknell Avenue Church, Hull.
Sunday, May 21st, 10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion, Rev. N. Spencer
Thurs. May 25th, 3.15 p.m.	Messy Church.
Sunday, May 28th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Rev. G. Sturdy
Sun. June 4th, 12 noon	Sunday lunch.
Wed. June 7th, 10.30 a.m.	Service at Eagle View care home.
Sat. June 10th, 7 p.m.	Concert, Hackness Ladies' Choir.
Sun. June 11th	General Church Meeting.

All the above events take place at Northstead,
unless otherwise stated

Next News

The next Northstead News will be issued at the end of May. Please hand any items to be included to Ros by May 21st.

Our newsletter costs about 37p per copy to produce and we are always grateful to all those who make contributions towards this cost.