

Northstead News

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Summer Events

Our Sunday lunch for Christian Aid will follow the morning service on June 2nd, with a choice of salmon or gammon with new potatoes and salad, followed by apple pie, fresh fruit salad or ginger sponge and custard. If you haven't signed the list but want to come, please get in touch with Ann Maynard or Chris Leese as soon as possible. We will miss our Wreyfield friends this time, as they have their General Meeting that day, but we hope to see some Scalby folk.

On Saturday, June 15th we have a Social Event at Wreyfield starting at 6 p.m. – a Favourite Hymn Sing with a Spud and Pud supper. See the weekly notice sheet for more details.

On Saturday, July 13th, there will be a walking Treasure Hunt followed by a Barbecue at Northstead, a shared activity with Wreyfield. Join the Treasure Hunt anytime between 5.30 and 6.30 p.m. or come just for the Barbecue from 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. Watch your weekly notice sheet for more information.

Our annual Missions Coffee Morning will be on Saturday, August 10th at 15 Newlands Park Avenue, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. for the convenience of those who like to have their Bacon Buttie for lunch! As usual, there will be a Cake and Bring & Buy stall—any contributions gratefully received—and the proceeds will be shared between the World Church, Mission in Britain and JMA.

About Easter Offering

Each year, the Methodist Church holds an Easter Offering dedication service. This tradition dates back to 1883, when women in Manchester collected £32 for Missionary work overseas from 'Christmas pennies' at family gatherings on Christmas Day. In March 1884, the London Districts distributed Easter envelopes and collecting bags asking for a penny a head, and collected around £100. In 1900, Women's Work raised £1,655 for the work of overseas missions. Since that time, successive Methodist women's groups have encouraged gifts in support of God's mission.

In recent years, Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) have taken responsibility, supported by the Methodist World Church Relationships Team, for producing resources including an annual service of dedication, widely used as a circuit service.

All the money raised through the Easter Offering goes to the World Mission Fund of the British Methodist Church, to be allocated for work in our 65 partner Churches around the world. This money has been used by overseas partners to fund such work as enabling young women in north India to undertake nurse and midwifery training, and supporting Brazilian women to work in their churches with vulnerable women and children, developing women's leadership roles and integrating culture and art into worship. By sending out training resources, many thousands of women have been able to participate and develop this work across Brazil.

On Sunday, June 23rd at 6.30 p.m. there is to be a circuit service at Northstead when all the churches bring their Easter Offering collections in aid of the World Mission fund. The service, "Longer tables, lower fences" features stories of shared hospitality across the world. The worship encourages us to consider how we might build longer tables, rather than higher

fences, as we share whatever we have, and connect with our neighbours. Following the service we will share hospitality with a Bring & Share supper.

From the stewards.

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, sharing popular hymns and readings with the residents and staff. The next dates will be June 5th and July 3rd. We meet at Eagle View at 10.35 a.m. If you would like to join us, have a word with Ruth Dale, or just come along on the day.

Midweek Praise will be on Wednesday, June 19th, and July 17th. The theme for June is "Psalms". Refreshments are served from 7.45 p.m. and worship begins at 8. If you would like to help to plan for July, or choose a hymn or reading, please talk to Gill Kirby, tel. 360330 or email gillykirby@talktalk.net

The next **Messy Church** is on Thursday, June 27th. It starts at 3.15 p.m. with snacks, followed by a short time of worship, and Messy activities! Children and parents or carers are very welcome.



Looking ahead, our Covenant Service will be on Sunday, September 1st, and on the 8th we are hoping to do another joint service (via Skype) with Scott's Memorial Church in Hobart, Tasmania, led by Rev Graham Sturdy, technology permitting!

Looking after our Money!

A big thankyou to Paul Maynard who has "retired" from counting the Sunday offertory and looking after the envelopes and Gift Aid scheme after doing it for many years.

We are very grateful to Maurice, Trevor, Dianne M. and Ros who have offered to help Pete count the money once a month, and of course to Pete who continues to do it every week and to those who stand in occasionally. Dianne has also offered to take on responsibility for the envelope scheme and Gift Aid - so a double thank you to her!

FLOURISH

District Gathering at the Spa, 18th to 20th October 2019.

Save the dates! Flourish will be a weekend of inspiration and celebration, worship and fellowship for all ages, exploring how we can fulfil our calling and grow mission in our communities.

We have a growing line-up of guests, including Rev. Professor David Wilkinson, from St John's College, Durham, Tim Baker from All We Can and Professor Clive Marsh, vice-president of the Methodist Conference, as well as speakers and musicians from our own District.

The weekend starts with worship on Friday evening with the worship band from Burniston, followed by late night comedy with Paul Kerensa and youth activities.

On Saturday morning there will be early Communion; morning celebration with speakers Elaine and Stephen Lindridge, and Ashley Cooper; a short Synod session, children's and youth activities. The afternoon offers a variety of workshops and activities, with talks on rural issues, social justice, evangelism; Bible study; music, theatre and art activities; reflective space; Messy Church how-to sessions; ideas for local arrangements; a family film; outdoor activities such as a pilgrimage walk, litter-pick, labyrinth, scavenger hunt.

Saturday evening worship will be led by Lou Fellingham and band, with speaker David Wilkinson. There will be children's and youth activities and after-hours events including a silent disco.

Sunday morning will offer a variety of worship options, including Praise Party, Northumbria Community, Sacramental Fellowship and Forest Church; plenary closing celebration.

Tickets are free but need to be booked in advance from the website eventbrite.com or through the Circuit office, tel. 355429.

Family News

We were very sad to hear of the death of Anthea Purdy in May. Anthea has been a committed member at Northstead and previously at Wesley Church, as well as a local preacher and most recently a church steward. Our love and prayers are with Harry and all the family.

Congratulations and a belated happy birthday to Audrey who celebrated her 90th birthday a few weeks ago. Audrey would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, gifts and donations to Cancer Research. Unfortunately, she hasn't been able to thank you all personally, as she couldn't see all the names on the cards, so please don't think she doesn't appreciate your kindness!

Congratulations also to Chris Leese who also celebrated a significant birthday in May. Olga Jones will be celebrating a big birthday during the summer, so we wish her a very Happy Birthday too.

A prayer from Christian Aid

God of all the world, give us wisdom in troubled times.

As we realise how fragile our systems of security are, remind us how much more fragile they are for those who have nothing.

As we talk of financial crisis, remind us of the true financial crisis for those who go to bed hungry.

As we face challenges over our own resources, remind us that you teach us to share what we have.

Inspire us to live in a Christ-like way, and to bring your peace to a world in turmoil.

Amen.

General Church Meeting

Our General Church meeting will follow the morning service on June 16th. The church reports booklet will be available shortly, so please make sure you get a copy to read beforehand. Our thanks to Helen for preparing the booklet.

This is the meeting at which we appoint new Church Stewards. Sadly, we have recently lost Anthea Purdy, who has served as a steward for the last few years, with Harry at her side. We are very grateful to them both for all their work. We are looking for at least 2 new stewards to assist Ann or Elvie from September. Please consider prayerfully if this is something you could do, so we can bring names to the church meeting. Have a chat with Emma or one of the current stewards, if you would like to know more about it.

Yorkshire North & East District: The Sound of Silence

A district day to explore and reflect on the Cistercian tradition and the life and writings of Aelred, abbot of Rievaulx (1147-1167), on Saturday, July 20th, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. based at the Methodist Chapel in Rievaulx, with access to the Abbey.

The day will be led by Rev. Dr. Kenneth Carveley, a church historian and liturgist and a Cistercian scholar who has researched and taught the Cistercian tradition over many years.

Cost £5 per person. There is limited parking at the chapel, and further parking at the Abbey. Tea and coffee will be available. Bring your own picnic lunch, or use the café at the Abbey. Book with Siân Henderson at the Yorkshire North & East District Office, 28 The Green, Acomb, York, YO26 5LR, admin@yorkshirenemethodist.org or tel. 01904 786275.

Explore Sessions

An open invitation is extended to anyone interested in meaningful discussion and conversation, to share in one of the 'Explore' groups, each lasting 90 minutes, which will take place on Friday, May 31st and Friday July 26th at Northstead Church.

These are an important part of the Local Preacher's training and your participation is highly valued. There will be two concurrent groups to choose from in each session and the topics under consideration on May 31st will be:

9.30 - 11 a.m.

Module 1:3 Exploring reflective practice

Module 7:3 Exploring Preaching - as a means of
Communicating and connecting

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Module 2:1 Exploring ways in which God is
encountered in the Bible

Module 8:1 Exploring preaching and prophecy through
the book of Amos

Coffee at Scalby



Our Scalby friends will be holding their regular monthly **Coffee Mornings** from 10.a.m. on Saturdays, June 1st and July 6th.

There will be the usual cake stall, book stall and Fairtrade stall. Everyone is welcome, and it's always a joy to see Northstead folk there.

All We Can

At the recent Circuit meeting, Colin Adamson spoke about the work of All We Can and encouraged churches to become partner churches. He said that two local churches were already partnered with All We Can – Westborough and Northstead, – so that's Brownie points to us!

Fairtrade News

We are all very thankful that Traidcraft have found a way to continue trading. In March Robin Roth, the CEO of Traidcraft, wrote about the underlying principles of the company. 'Firstly, we are actively, openly, noisily passionate about equality: gender, sex, religion, opportunity. **For us, fair trade is about social justice.**

Secondly, we burn strongly for trade justice. 40 years of fair trade has done nothing to counter the incredible power imbalances in international trade. It's provided an alternative for a few lucky groups, but world-wide the impact has been negligible. **For us, fair trade is about economic justice.**

Thirdly, we are increasingly concerned and worried about the killer effects that climate change is having on our partners. The reality of climate change will not hit us in the UK for a few years yet. For producers who are reliant on fickle weather patterns and fragile eco systems, the pain has already started. And of course, one bad harvest means debt, often at ruinous interest rates, or a move to the shanty towns and slums of the many new megacities. We don't feel the pain yet, but if the poor small holders, who produce 70% of the world's crops can no longer harvest, we will feel it sooner rather than later. **For us, fair trade is about environmental justice.'**

For more, see www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/blogpost/what-would-you-fight-for-thoughts-from-robin-roth-372-372-372.html

We, at Northstead, are proud to be a Fairtrade Church, part of a Fairtrade Methodist Circuit. We continue to hold a regular Fairtrade stall at Northstead and Scalby Churches, and encourage all our Church groups to use Fairtrade products when serving refreshments. There is always a supply of Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar in the main kitchen and in the vestry for your use.

Thank you for your support - it does make a difference.

Saturday Breakfast

from Sid Hambridge

Saturday Breakfast at Westborough continues to serve a need in Scarborough, and continues to be fairly well supported financially. We have moved a bit away from relying just on the Rainbow Centre to provide us with 'clients', and widened the scope of people coming in to include more people who are lonely, 'sofa surfing' or who do not get to the Rainbow Centre for any reason. This often means that we use up all of the sandwiches etc prepared for the week. We still have a good team of volunteers - those producing and serving the meals on a Saturday, those providing sandwiches and cakes for the clients to take away for later, those who do the laundry, clean up each week after the meal, or prepare the volunteer rota.

Each week 9 or 10 people are involved. We do need more people to volunteer to take a turn preparing sandwiches and cakes during the week ready for the Saturday, because with the increase in numbers attending we are expecting more from our faithful volunteers who make sure that those coming for breakfast on Saturday morning also take away sufficient for another meal later in the day. We also need a more people able to come along and cook the meal on the Saturday morning and people to help serve the food, prepare the take-away bags, wash up and clear away. All of these jobs are done on a rota basis, so may only be required 2 or 3 times every three months. Please help us to continue with this outreach, and please continue to support and pray for this venture.

If you feel that you would like to help us in any way please contact Lesley Usher (Westborough) or Sid Hambridge (South Cliff).

Help Needed!

5th Scarborough Girls' Brigade meet at Queen Street Methodist Central Hall, on Mondays from 5.30 to 8 p.m. They are looking for volunteers, either leaders or helpers to help at their meetings. If you have a couple of hours to spare on Monday evenings and would enjoy helping the young girls with their activities and badge work, please contact:

Lynne Sadler - 07918 171428 or Linda Richland - 07540 461122.

Boys Brigade leaders – the Boys Brigade meeting at Burniston Church are looking for leaders to work with the boys on Monday evenings. They meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m. during term times. The boys are aged 5-18 years old in four sections. No previous BB experience is needed, just a passion for sharing your faith with young people and having fun. Training provided.

Please contact Captain, Georgette Donoghue at 4thScarboroBB@gmail.com



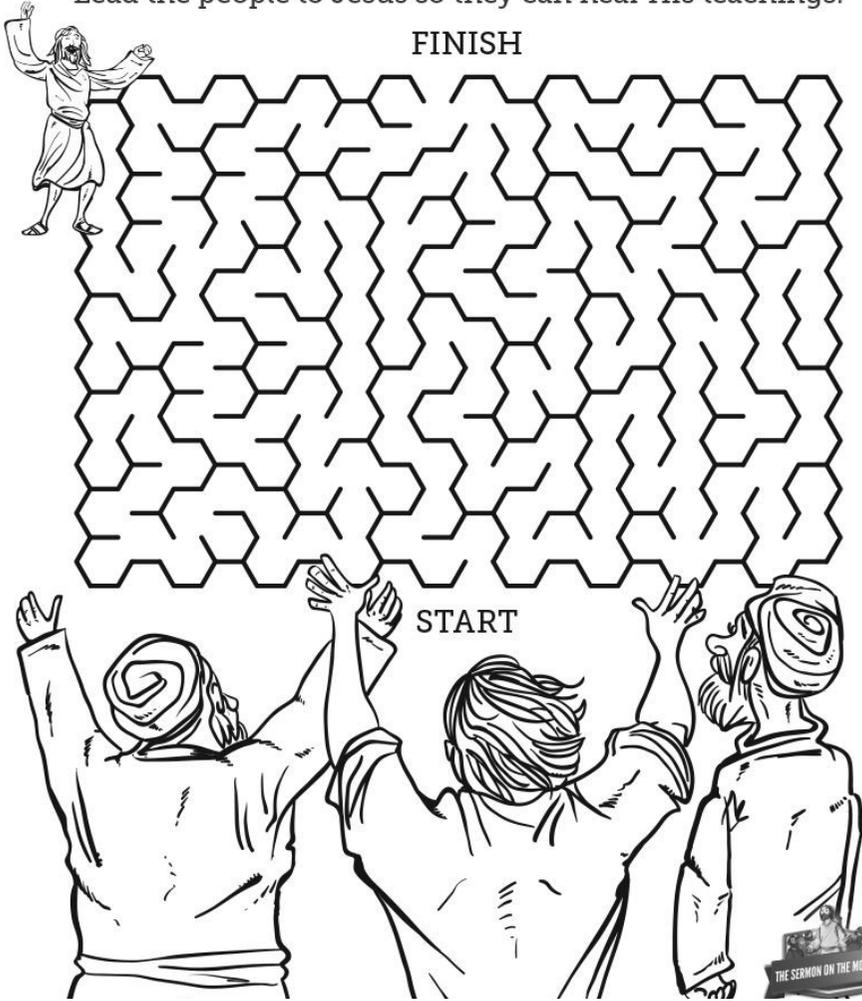
(See Genesis 6-8)

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TWO ANTS? YOU HAVE ONLY TWO ANTS?!? MY
WIFE AND I EAT LIKE 100,000 PER DAY
EACH!

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Lead the people to Jesus so they can hear His teachings.



The Beatitudes

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."

Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)



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THIRST	MEEK	PURE	POOR	HEAVEN

Find these words in the grid, and then read what Jesus taught the people in Matthew's Gospel, chapters 5, 6 and 7.

Summer Concerts at South Cliff

The new season of concerts at South Cliff Church has now begun. Concerts are on Monday evenings at 7.45 p.m. and the coming season will feature:-

June 3rd Friends in Harmony perform a range of solos, duets and harmony favourites.

June 10th Paul McCann, well-known local musician, who plays regularly for dances and concerts.

June 15th (Saturday at 7.30 p.m.) an extra concert by the Harmonia Choir from Malton, with a wide-ranging repertoire. Tickets £8 to include a light supper.

June 17th The Dalesmen sing all kinds of music and have toured in Europe and America.

June 24th Bill Scott and friends take you for a light-hearted journey through the operettas of Gilbert and Sullivan.

July 1st Staxton Singers, a well-known local choir offering an eclectic mix of musical styles.

July 8th Village Voices, a popular group of lady singers who never fail to delight.

July 15th Scarborough Community Choir perform songs in all styles and genres.

July 22nd Tenor XI sing together and individually, songs traditional and modern.

July 29th Hackness Ladies Choir, songs interspersed with readings and comedy sketches.

The concerts continue through August and into September – look out for details of later concerts. Tickets are £ 6 each, or £ 36 for a season ticket for all 15 Monday night concerts. Proceeds go to our local Methodist church and to the Rainbow Centre, whose volunteers serve refreshments during the interval.

Dates for your Diary

- Sat. June 1st, 10 a.m. Coffee Morning, Scalby Church.
- Sun. June 2nd, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship, Rev. S. Lamb.
12 noon Christian Aid lunch.
- Wed. June 5th, 10.30 a.m. Worship at Eagle View care home.
- Sun. June 9th, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship, Rev. E. Morgan.
- Sat. June 15th, 6 p.m. Hymn Sing and Spud & Pud supper,
Wreyfield Drive Church.
- Sun. June 16th, 10.30 a.m. All-age service, Rev. E. Morgan.
General Church meeting.
- Wed. June 19th, 8 p.m. Praise Midweek.
- Sun. June 23rd, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship,
Wreyfield Drive Church.
6.30 p.m. Circuit Easter Offering service and
Bring & Share supper.
- Thurs. June 27th, 3.15 p.m. Messy Church.
- Sun. June 30th, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship,
Scalby Methodist Church.
- Wed. July 3rd, 10.30 a.m. Worship at Eagle View care home.
- Sat. July 6th, 10 a.m. Coffee Morning, Scalby Church.
- Sun. July 7th, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship, Mrs. C. Qunibi.
- Sat. July 13th, 5.30 p.m. Treasure Hunt.
6.30 p.m. Barbecue.
- Sun. July 14th, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship, Rev. E. Morgan.
- Wed. June 17th, 8 p.m. Praise Midweek.
- Sun. July 21st, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion, Rev. R. Whitfield.
- Sun. July 28th, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship,
Wreyfield Drive Church.
- Sun. Aug. 4th, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship, Mr. D. Orwin.
6.30 p.m. Evening worship,
Filey Fishermen's Choir.
- Sat. Aug. 10th, 10.30 a.m. Mission Coffee Morning,
15, Newlands Park Avenue.

Our Regular Meetings

2nd and 4th Sunday of each month

6 to 7.30 p.m. JAFFA – Jesus and Fun for All

Alternate Mondays, 7.30 p.m.

Singing for Fun

(3rd and 17th June, 1st and 15th July)

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 (June 27th)

7.30 p.m.

Badminton Club.

Friday, 6 p.m.

Rainbows.

Next News

The next issue of our two-monthly newsletter will be published at the end of July. Any items for August should be handed to Ros Maynard by July 14th, please.

As always, thank you to our delivery team, and to all those who donate to the cost of printing.