

Focus on October 2024



Commissioning Service of Leonora Wassall
Connexional Co-Chair

WELCOME TO WESLEY CHAPEL

Our Sunday Morning Worship is at 10.30am, see p3 for details of our services.

The Nidd Valley Circuit presents a weekly pre-recorded worship, TED Talk style. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/NiddValley/>

Circuit Morning Prayer Live runs every morning Monday to Friday at 8am on Facebook. This is available for watching again after the live broadcast/ <https://www.facebook.com/NiddValley/>

All links (and much more) can be accessed via our website <https://www.wesleychapelharrogate.org.uk>

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WHAT'S ON AT WESLEY

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER. 10.30am. Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Peter Whittaker.

MONDAY 7 OCTOBER. 1pm Lunchtime Recital The Leonore Trio.
*See p16).

THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2pm. Speaker Andrew Hitchen *'Let me introduce another Harrogate composer'*

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 10.30am

10.30am. Morning Worship led by Rev. Gordon Hay

6pm Wesley Sunday Share via Zoom (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).

THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 1pm. Church Council. Everyone welcome.

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 10am. Online Coffee. (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 10.30am Led by Rev. Leonora Wassall

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

10.30am. Morning Worship. led by Sue Langley

6pm. Wesley Sunday Share via Zoom. (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 10.30am led by Don Rolls

TUESDAYS. 10.30am to 1pm. Wesley Wheelie Welcome Café/
Warm Welcome. Come and join us for a chat. Refreshments will be served.

NIDD VALLEY CIRCUIT OCTOBER ONLINE TALKS. SUNDAY 9am.

6 Oct – Gordon Hay
13 Oct – Gordon Hay
20 Oct – Gordon Hay
27 Oct – Gary Hoare

TUESDAY COFFEE ROTA

		10.30am—12.00	12.00-1am
01	OCT	Jean and Wendy	Pat and Ulrike
08	OCT	Pat and Maureen	Pat and David
15	OCT	Jean and Wendy	Maureen and Mike
22	OCT	Maureen and Mike	Maureen and Mike
29	OCT	Pat and Judith	Pat and Judith
05	NOV	Jean and Wendy	Maureen and Mike
12	NOV	Eileen and Ian	David and Judith
19	NOV	Jean and Wendy	Maureen and Mike
26	NOV	Pat and Judith	Pat and Judith
03	DEC	Jean and Wendy	David and ANO
10	DEC	Eileen and Ian	Maureen and Mike
17	DEC	Jean and Wendy	Pat and Judith
24	DEC	NO COFFEE	MORNING
31	DEC	NO COFFEE	MORNING

CRAFT FAIR AND LUNCHEAS AT WESLEY CHAPEL 10:30AM - 4PM SAT 5TH OCT

Free admission to the Craft Fair at Wesley Chapel on Sat 5th Oct. With less than 100 days to Christmas why not browse the craft stalls and then stop for lunch?

Julie D Catering will be providing teas/coffees/hot chocolate £1, home-made sausage rolls £1, home-made soup and roll £1.50, soup and sandwich £4, range of cakes from £1. Also, the first opportunity to place orders for Christmas cakes.

WESLEY HARVEST/HERITAGE WEEKEND 14TH AND 15TH SEPTEMBER

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Heritage Open Weekend a great success: From making sandwiches (a never-ending task), baking cakes (we were overwhelmed with delicious confectionery, serving refreshments (we had a steady stream of visitors throughout the weekend—Maureen did a great job of encouraging passers-by to come in)), engaging with visitors, to helping to set up for church on Sunday - it was a truly magnificent team effort, not only from Wesley members, but from friends of Wesley to whom we are sincerely grateful.

Thank you to Jenny whose exhibition was well received and commented on. Thank you to our musicians, Barbara (piano) Gary (organ), Philip (organ), Glen (guitar), Dayspring (circuit steel band).



Some of our ladies came out of retirement to provide a steady stream of sandwiches throughout the weekend.

Jenny's exhibition was appreciated by members and visitors alike. We have an impressive history, too good to only be displayed once a year.



.Heritage weekend continued

Eileen and Mary serving refreshments. Thank you also to Jean and Wendy and Ed and Eliza who joined our Wesley family to help make our weekend such a success.



Glen wowed us with his guitar playing



The Circuit Steel Band created a stir both inside and out. The rain meant the band had to play in the foyer, but it still attracted attention from passers-by.





Our chapel looked gorgeous for our Harvest Service led by Deacon Gary Hoare. Thank you to our wonderful team of flower arrangers who never fail to make every special occasion special. There were lots of comments from visitors about how lovely the harvest display was. We enjoyed the traditional harvest hymns with Gary, including the Manx Fishermans Hymn, and also a hymn for our heritage weekend. *Thy hand o Lord has guided.*

WESLEY FELLOWSHIP

Our September Fellowship meeting was led by Jenny who read some of her uncle's monologues written for Wesley many years ago. The monologues were very amusing and were as relevant and funny today as they would have been when they were written. We had funny poems and prose, serious poems and a reminder of one of the best poetry books in print: Singing the Faith. It was an enjoyable afternoon listening to people's varied choices.

2024 Programme

March - Welcome back and the St. Peter's handbell ringers

11 April 'All-sorts' Quiz – led by Les Sudron.

09 May. 'Best medicine' led by Frank Ellis.

13 June. 'An afternoon with the minister' led by Rev. Gordon Hay.

11 July. 'Hobbies and Collections (stamps, coins, key rings etc.) with David and you???' Everyone invited to bring along their favourite things to show and tell their story.

08 August. 'Beetle Drive' - last year's was so competitive and full of fun!

12 September. 'Monologues, Poems, Tales and other things..' with Jenny and you. Bring along your favourite poem, short story, funny story or joke!

10 October. 'Let me introduce another Harrogate composer' led by Andrew Hitchen.

14 November 'Open House' led by Deacon Gary and Rev Angie Hoare.

12 December Rev Brian Hoare will give a talk entitled 'Advent Customs around the World'.

All meetings are on the second Thursday in the month at 2.00pm at Wesley Centre. All are welcome.

Leadership team: Mike, Judith, Lynne, Les, Mary and Frank.

Happy Wanderer transport Co-ordinator: Les (797406)

Happy Wanderer driver: Colin (07875 555807)

CAPTION COMPETITION

Maureen asked for captions for her photograph that she entitled *3 Wise Men*.



Barbara sent in this suggestion:

I propose we send the coffee back and ask for it in cups with saucers

and another from Maureen.

When shall we 3 meet again. In thunder, lightning or in rain? When the hurlyburly's done. When the battles's lost and won. Or at the circuit meeting'.

Message from Andrew

Thank you for all your good wishes and lovely cards to me during my illness. They were greatly appreciated.
Andrew Hitchen

Welcome back.

It was lovely to welcome Jane and Shaun Swithenbank to our recent local arrangement. We hope to see much more of them now that they are living back in the Circuit.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

First Day at School



From Ulrike. Our granddaughter Juno started school in Berlin in September. As is the tradition in Germany, she received a 'Schultüte', a cone-shaped container filled with small gifts. Juno took it to school on the day of her starting school celebration which she enjoyed very much with her extended family.

From Les. Benjamin in his new school uniform ready for his first day which he really enjoyed.



Church Family News continued.

The Sudrons went to Menorca for their summer family holiday



Elsa and Rowan exploring the beach that was only 5 minutes walk from our villa. We had only just got off the plane....



Left. A view from our villa across our pool.

On the small island on the horizon there is a lighthouse and the family took a boat ride and explored it on their last day

Right. The view from our front door.





Left. Cate took this picture of a family gathering in the shade! Children had just got out of the pool.

Right. They have lots of fiestas in Menorca in August featuring brass bands and superb black horses that dance through the mingling crowds; the idea is that the younger people pat the horses while avoiding hoofs!!!! This was an amazing sight...



Margaret on security duty at the top of her drive



COMMISSIONING SERVICE AT WESLEY

Leonora chose to hold her commissioning service as Connexional Co-Chair of Methodist Women in Britain at Wesley. It was a joyous and happy service and there were lots of people there to support Leonora at this special time. Rev. Gill Newton preached the sermon and the Trinity Worship Band accompanied some brilliant singing. Refreshments were provided by Resurrected Bites.



Leonora's daughters were there to support her.



Candles were lit for all the areas of MWiB. And there was cake) In fact two celebration cakes, one of which was enjoyed by Wesley family after Sunday Morning Worship.



Hymns: StF 264 *Make Way*; StF 706 *Longing for Light* (in which a light was passed on for everyone to light a candle), StF477 (*Teach Me to Dance*), StF 663 (*I The Lord of Sea and Sky*).

DESERT ISLAND DISCS



This month Belinda Walwyn is our castaway. Belinda is Judith's daughter-in-law. She and Robert join us at Wesley for special services and are both regular readers of Focus. The photograph left was taken by Belinda in Tasmania and is used with her permission. Belinda writes:

Here are my choices if I were to be stranded on a desert island. I found it an interesting and emotional process to decide on the pieces of music I would like to take:

Adagio from Spartacus by Aram Khachaturian. I grew up listening to this music as it was the theme tune to a 1970s TV series called 'The Onedin Line'. I always fondly remember that time as we watched it as a family on a Sunday night. It takes me right back to that period, with some sadness from the dramatic storyline.

Somewhere Over the Rainbow – Harold Arlen & Yip Harburg from the Wizard of Oz. This is a song my late mother loved too, and it made me feel that everything would be OK despite the troubles of the world and for my future life in general (from a child's viewpoint as I was a child at the time). That having faith in oneself was important and faith in others too. And believing in something good for everyone.

Killing me Softly – Charles Fox & Norman Gimbel. When you feel sad and hear this song, it speaks to you. It is like someone is aware of what is going on inside your head. There is also a feeling of empathy with the singer. This song was inspired by Empty Chairs, a song by Don McLean.

Perfect – Ed Sheeran. This song reminds you how you feel in those early days of meeting someone you want to be with for the rest of your life. As you get older you sometimes forget what that felt like. This song sums it all up and it is always good to remind yourself of how it felt. It was very emotional and remarkable when I heard *Perfect* at a live concert. I had to include a song by Ed Sheeran as his lyrics are amazing.

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Bel's Desert Island Discs continued

Piano Sonata no.14 (Moonlight) – Beethoven. This piece was the first classical piece introduced to me by someone outside my family, namely my husband Robert. I love the calmness and peacefulness that pervades it. At the time and looking back still, it was an extraordinary moment for me.

Somewhere Only We Know – Keane. A poignant admission of vulnerability. The song suggests vulnerability and the need for a place of sanctuary in an unsettling and ever-changing world. Some lyrics below:

‘Oh simple thing where you have you gone,
I’m getting old and I need something to rely on,
So tell me when you’re gonna let me in,
I’m getting tired and I need somewhere to begin’

The Peacemakers – I offer you peace – Karl Jenkins/ I heard this with Harrogate Choral Society influenced by Judith Yeats as an alto vocalist with them. It reminds us that there should be peace in the world and that everyone desires the same thing whichever land is your home. Wherever you go in the world, be sure that the person closest to you wants all the same things you do.

Benedictus from the Armed Man – Karl Jenkins. A dream introduction and melody leading up to crescendo that you don't expect. It makes you stop and listen intently. It speaks volumes and it is very powerful, quite a masterpiece really.

Thanks for reading and/or listening to the chosen music. I should also add that there are several other pieces of music I have discovered during this process that I might save for a future submission.

Thank you for your lovely choices Bel. I have enjoyed revisiting them as well as learning something new. You may certainly have another 'go', I have already been asked by others for a second chance/ Judith

Next month Ben will be our castaway.

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

2024/2025 season

Monday, 7th October 2024 at 1pm A recital by the **Leonore Piano Trio**. Their programme is:

Piano Trio No. 44 in E major Hob XV/28 Joseph Haydn
Piano Trio No. 1 in D minor Op.63 Robert Schumann

Monday, 4th November 2024 at 1pm. A piano recital by **Susan Tomes**. She will perform music by Haydn, John Field, Mendelssohn, Clara Schumann, Cecil Chaminade and Grieg.

The cost of entry for lunchtime recitals this season is **£12** (26 and under free). We are planning to introduce a card reader to collect door money (although we will still be happy to continue to receive cash or cheques once the card reader is in place if that is your preference). However, it won't be available for the first concert on 7th October so it would be helpful if you could please bring the exact amount of cash to speed up entrance.

Monday, 2 December 2024 (1pm) Elena Urioste (violin), Tom Poster (piano)

Monday, 6 January 2025 (1pm) Ashley Riches (bass-baritone), Joseph Middleton (piano) *Leeds Lieder Recital*

Monday, 3 February 2025 (1pm) artist to be confirmed

Monday, 3 March 2025 (1pm) artist to be confirmed

Monday, 7 April 2025 (1pm) Jess Dandy (contralto), Simon Lepper (piano)

Monday, 12 May 2025 (1pm) artist to be confirmed

Monday, 2 June 2025 (1pm) Mishka Rushdie Momen (piano)

Monday, 7 July 2025 (1pm) Jazz concert

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Peter Hirschmann. Peter, apart from his many other interests, was a great music lover and was involved in the organisation of the concerts. In particular, he initiated the patrons scheme which has made a considerable difference to the concert finances. We owe Peter an enormous debt of gratitude. He had a profound knowledge of music and was always very willing to share this. He will be greatly missed.

Andrew Hitchen



AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Bilton Methodist Amblers. The next walk is Saturday 12 October. All walks start on the car park of Bilton Area Methodist Church where we meet to arrange transport at 9.30. Summer walks 5-6 miles. Please bring a packed lunch but we normally go on to a pub or café at the end. If interested please contact Janet Allen, 01423 524634, E-mail janetallen09@btinternet.com

Bilton Area Methodst Church.

Wednesday 2nd October 12.15 pm Lunch Club. New members welcome, contact Julie on 07713822832.

Saturday 12 October. Concert (Killinghall Singers) 3pm, followed by 4 course Harvest Supper at 4.15pm. Both events £15 adults, £7.50 children, family £45. Concert only £8 adults, £4 children, £20 family. 4 course Harvest Supper only £8 adult, £5 children, £25 family. Please email jdekanski@yahoo.co.uk Tel. No. 07713 822832 stating name, telephone no. number of tickets required, for which event and any dietary requirements. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Sunday 13 October. 3pm Accreditation Service for Kath Jones, circuit service

Wednesday 16 October 12.15 pm Lunch Club



Knitted Bible – 12th – 28th November 2024. Following its success in 2015 the Knitted Bible returns to BAMC for viewing from Tues 12th – Thurs 28th Nov (closed Mondays and Sun am). It will be open to schools Tues – Thurs and the general public Fri – Sun inclusive.

ADVANCE NOTICE.

Yorkshire North and East District, FLOURISH. WOVEN THREADS. 13-15 February 2026, at University of York.

Gracious Street

Saturday 5 October 8.45am: Men's Breakfast

Saturday 5 October 5pm: Family Film Night showing "Migration"

Saturday 12 October Youth For Christ Seminar - There is an exciting event coming at Gracious Street. We have Youth for Christ coming to provide training for anyone who is interested in youth work. This ranges from people who are, or might want to be, youth leaders, to people who value young people and wish to see youth provision but may not be leaders.

Saturday 19 October 3.30pm-5pm: Lego Church

Saturday 26 October 10am-12pm: Coffee Morning raising funds for Save the Children

Bridge Café. Mondays 9.30am—11.30am. Gracious Street and UBU. Hot & cold drinks.

Tuesdays 10.00 - 11.30 in conjunction with Harrogate College

Wednesdays 09.30 - 11.30 in conjunction with Gracious Street & Henshaws *Hot & cold drinks, teacakes, scones*

Fridays 10.00 - 2.00pm - Resurrected Bites pay as you feel café

Hot & cold drinks, breakfast & cooked lunches

Last orders at 1.30pm

Harlow Hill.

Coffee Morning. Every Monday from 10am to 11.30am. Everybody welcome.

Little Beans Playgroup. Parents and toddlers playgroup. Every Friday Morning. Drop in between 10am and 11.30am for play, coffee and a chat. £3 per family.

Pannal

Craft group happens on the 1st & 4th Monday of the month.

Community Table Tennis is held every Thursday during Term Time

Film Night happens on the 1st Friday of the month.

Community Tea is on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Around the Circuit continued

Starbeck

Saturday 12 October 7.30pm. Harrogate Male Voice Choir will be joined by The Ryelarks, a female voice choir from Pickering.

Saturday 9 November 7.30pm. Tewit Silver Band.

For more information about Starbeck Concert Programme visit <https://www.facebook.com/StarbeckMethodistChurch/>

Woodlands.

Toast Community Café-Fridays, during term time, 8.45-10.00am in the middle hall. Everyone welcome

Lunch Club- Fridays, 12.15pm- 2.00pm. New members always welcome. If you haven't been before, please contact Anne Brown at revannebrown@gmail.com or phone 07966 755215.

Men's Breakfast- Sat 19th October 8.00am. All gentlemen welcome. Please contact Mark Harby (mark.harby@me.com) if you would like to come along.

Craft Group- We are starting up a new craft and social group on Thursday mornings at 10.00-11.30am starting on 10th October. Bring along your own crafts or join in with a charitable project. All welcome.

Woodlands Community Garden. Come and discover our wonderful community garden behind Woodlands Church. Whether you are looking for produce or just somewhere calm for relaxation and contemplation. The garden is free to enjoy at any time.

Women Wo Plant Churches—Learning from the Story of Lydia. (Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 16). Seminar led by Rachel Crossley
Woodlands Methodist Church - 26th October 2024 - 10am-12noon.
Breakfast from 9.30am. Cost £5.

CIRCUIT SERVICE FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 13 October at Bilton Area 3pm. Local Preacher Accreditation Service for Kath Jones.

SELECTED NOTES TAKEN FROM THE NIDD VALLEY CIRCUIT STEWARDS' REPORT TO CHURCH COUNCILS – AUTUMN 2024

Rev Ian Bryon has joined the Circuit as a Probationer Minister together with his wife Gayle, son Iain and daughter Carwen. We look forward to his ministry at Woodlands and Harlow Hill and across the circuit. Please do pray for them as they settle in. A welcome service was held for Ian and his family at Woodlands on 8 September.

Whilst we are delighted to welcome Ian and family to the circuit, we recently said farewell to Rev Moses John, his wife Kim and children Joshua, Jessica, Jonah and Josie. We are thankful for their contribution to the life of our circuit and pray for them all as they begin new chapters in Suffolk

In August 2025 Rev Lesley Taylor will have completed her five-year appointment in the circuit and has been re-invited for one more year when she will retire in August 2026. Lesley is also due a sabbatical and will take hers from January to March 2025, returning to the circuit before Easter.

Our continued thanks go to Rev Ron Hicks, Rev Diane Hicks, Rev Linda Phillips and Rev Gillian Robertson as they work alongside our ministerial team to provide pastoral care for Killinghall, Park Grove, Kirk Hammerton and Kearby. The churches and circuit very much appreciate their input. Rev Ben Clowes returned to work in early September after his sabbatical. Our grateful thanks go to Rev Lesley Taylor who was acting Superintendent Minister during this time.

On the subject of being short of volunteers, Ron Hicks is still helping out by being Circuit Safeguarding Officer because the circuit didn't have anyone in this post. We really need to find someone to take over from Ron as it is such a crucial role, and this position shouldn't be vacant.

Since Deacon Gary Hoare joined the circuit a year ago, he has been making connections in the community. He recently had a stall at the Ripley Show where he and a small team took the opportunity to chat to people, to share their faith and to offer to pray for them. It was an encouraging day, and we were so pleased to have a team out and about in the community.

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Circuit Stewards' Report continued

Earlier this year the circuit appointed Nick Garrett to the role of Pioneer Pastor at Gracious Street with the remit of reaching outside the church walls to build relationships in the community, particularly with those on the margins. Please pray for Gary and Nick's work in the community.

We have continued on our journey of exploration in terms of reshaping the circuit for the work God has in store for us going forwards. We extended an invitation to the whole circuit to come to our June Circuit Forum to hear from a panel of guests made up of our District Chair, Rev Leslie Newton, Derek Barnes from Pateley Bridge Mission Area, Suzanne Patrick from Wolds Edge Mission Area and Rev Claire Stainsby, Superintendent Minister in the Aireborough Circuit. The evening was informative and interesting, and we learned about some of the opportunities and challenges encountered during reshaping in the above circuits. It is probably fair to say that we ended up with more questions than when we started but then offered two Q&A sessions in July where we could share our thoughts, questions, hopes and fears. We are grateful to all who attended the forum and / or Q&A sessions. We are working through the various questions which arose from those sessions.

We are looking to run a Talking Jesus course starting this autumn to help with mission and faith.

Thanks to members of the Wesley Chapel who served as stewards for the Methodist Conference Induction Service in June.

Noah's Ark, the Gracious Street preschool, was recently rated outstanding across all areas by OFSTED, which is a wonderful achievement. Well done to the team.

***Shelagh Outhwaite, Tony Pearson, Graham Taylor and Ed Walton
September 2024***

PS At the Circuit Meeting in September, Ben emphasized the need for Circuit Stewards. At the end of August 2025 we will lose three of our Circuit Stewards at the same time and we will be left with one. The Circuit cannot operate without stewards. The plea was made to all churches to try to provide a circuit steward. Judith

On Sunday 22nd September Mike led our local arrangement service in which he invited the congregation to introduce their hero from either Old or New Testament; history; or living people. It was an interesting subject and could have gone on for much longer had it not been for people wanting to get home for their Sunday lunch. Mike introduced this hymn, the words of which are very meaningful—we sang it to the tune of Repton.

'I have a dream', a man once said,
'where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love.'

But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind.

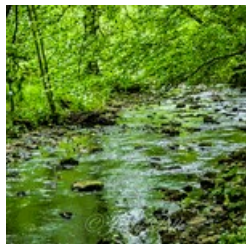
Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right.

So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content:
for thoughts and words don't ease the pain:
unless there's action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds.

Lord, give us vision, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don't let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace.

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PRAYER CORNER

The need for peace

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth. We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation, that they may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that in all their trials they may know your love and support. Most holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord. Amen. <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

A prayer for God's presence

Dear God, we pray that each one of us feels your presence now and every day, whatever the circumstances, time or place. May we all reflect you, in our own particular words, thoughts and deeds, in such a way that others too can come to feel and know your presence throughout the whole world. In Jesus' name. Amen.
Croft House Theology Study Group, Fair Isle, Shetland

God, Source of Life

O God Source of Life, Creator of Peace. . . Help Your children, anguished and confused, to understand the futility of hatred and violence and grant them the ability to stretch across political, religious and national boundaries so they may confront horror and fear by continuing together in the search for justice, peace and truth. . . . With every fibre of our being we beg You, O God, to help us not to fail nor falter. *Rabbi H. Rolando*

Two Peoples, One Land

Two peoples, one land, Three faiths, one root,
One earth, one mother,
One sky, one beginning, one future, one destiny,
One broken heart, One God.
We pray to You: Grant us a vision of unity.
May we see the many in the one and the one in the many.
May you, Life of All the Worlds, Source of All Amazing Differences
help us to see clearly.
Guide us gently and firmly toward each other, toward peace.
Rabbi Sheila Weinberg



Harrogate School of Theology & Mission was launched to develop excellent theological and biblical training that is open to all. Our programme takes place on one Saturday morning a month between September and April, alternating between live lectures and live seminars. **STOP PRESS:** Due to popular demand we are running the weekly small group study group working through John's gospel over 6 months again in 2024/25.

Live Lectures 24/25. We are delighted to confirm our dates and speakers for the 2024/25 Live Lecture programme:

- 23/11/2024 – Alan Garrow
- 18/01/2025 – Arun Arora
- 22/03/2025 – Nicola Slee

All lectures will be held at St Mark's Church, Leeds Road, Harrogate.

HARROGATE CHORAL SOCIETY.

Magnificat and More. Saturday 23 November 2024 at 3pm in St Wilfrids Church, Harrogate

A concert featuring two works by Taylor Scott Davis, an up and coming American composer. In *How can I keep from Singing* he frames a tune by Robert Lowry and moulds into a dialogue between the voice parts and the accompaniment. His *Magnificat* was premiered by VOCES8 and is a beautiful setting of the story of Mary from youth to being God's chosen one. Between these are two contrasting versions of *Panis Angelicus*, one well known and the other becoming so.

The final work in the concert is *Requiem* by Matthew Coleridge which is becoming one of the UK's most popular new choral works, and was one of the highest new entries in the Classic FM Hall of Fame 2023. Described by the late Sir Neville Marriner as 'a valuable addition to 21st century choral repertoire', this deeply moving work and its beautiful, flowing melodies have made it a firm favourite with singers and audiences alike.

<http://www.harrogatechoral.org.uk/upcoming-events.html>