



Focus on July 2023



*St. Matthew's Church. (The Glass Church), Millbrook, Jersey.
Photo by Christine and Les.*

WELCOME TO WESLEY CHAPEL

We are open for Sunday Morning Worship, 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>

or if you need more information leave a message: <https://www.wesleychapelharrogate.org.uk/contact>

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WHAT'S ON AT WESLEY

SUNDAY 2 JULY

10.30am. Morning Worship led by Andrew Brown

MONDAY 3 JULY 1pm. Lunchtime Recital. Jazz Concert.

SUNDAY 9 JULY . .

10.30am. Morning Worship with Holy Communion, led by Rev. Leonora Wassell.

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

THURSDAY 13 JULY 2pm. Wesley Fellowship. Games Day.

SUNDAY 16 JULY 10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Trevor Dixon..

FRIDAY 21 JULY 10am. Online Coffee Morning. (Link will be sent out, or contact Les or Judith).

SUNDAY 23 JULY

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).

SUNDAY 30 JULY 10.30am. Morning Worship led by Josie Burdon and Celia Booth.

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST 10.30am. Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Lesley Taylor.

TUESDAYS

10.30 to 2pm. Wesley Wheelie Welcome Café/Warm Welcome. Come and join us for a chat. Refreshments will be served.

NIDD VALLEY CIRCUIT ONLINE TALKS, SUNDAYS 9am.

2 July – Ruth Parry.

9 July – Ruth Parry

16 July – Rev Moses John

23 July – Rev Moses John

30 July – Rev Moses John

(TUESDAY) WHEELIE WELCOME CAFÉ

DUTY ROTA JULY TO SEPTEMBER

10am—12 noon		12 noon—2pm	
July		July	
04	Jean and Wendy	04	Jackie, David and Laura
11	Shelagh and Pat	11	Shelagh and Judith
18	Jean and Wendy	18	Mike and Maureen
25	Les and Christine	25	Les and Christine
August		August	
01	Jean and Wendy	01	Mike and Maureen
08	Ian and Eileen	08	Judith and Jackie
15	Jean and Wendy	15	Jenny and Philip
22	Shelagh and Keith	22	Shelagh David & Laura
29	Les and Christine	29	Les and Christine
September		September	
05	Jean and Wendy	05	Jenny and Philip
12	Shelagh and Pat	12	Shelagh, David & Laura
19	Jean and Wendy	19	Judith and Jackie
26	Shelagh and Keith	26	Mike and Maureen



SUMMER

'If I had my way, I'd remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead.' - Roald Dahl

'To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow' - Audrey Hepburn.

'Summer afternoon – summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.' – Henry James.

'I do love the beginning of the summer hols,' said Julian. They always seem to stretch out ahead for ages and ages.'

'They go so nice and slowly at first,' said Anne, his little sister. 'Then they start to gallop.' — Enid Blyton, Five Go Off in a Caravan



WESLEY FELLOWSHIP



Methodist Women
in Britain

Judith gave an illustrated talk about her maternal grandmother's cousin Myra, who together with her husband Elijah, had served with the Salvation Army as a missionaries in China. The couple became caught up in the fall of Singapore, when the Japanese invaded the island in February 1942. Myra, together with other women and children escaped the island in a boat which was subsequently bombed by a Japanese fighter plane and she drowned along with many others. Elijah was imprisoned in the infamous Changi and Sime jails, and did not find out the fate of his wife until he returned home, a broken man in 1945.

Programme for 2023

11/05 Royal Quiz - led by Shelagh Outhwaite.

08/06 My Ancestor was a Missionary - led by Judith Yeats.

13/07 - Games Day - afternoon playing different games. Please consider what games you can bring, need a volunteer leader please.

10/08 - Name that picture/photograph - led by Lynne Harvey.

14/09 - Harrogates forgotten composer - led by Andrew Hitchen.

12/10 - Beetle Drive - need a volunteer leader please.

09/11 - John Wesley, his teachings on health and lifestyle - led by John Ogden.

14/12 - Carol Service - need a volunteer leader please.

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

Happy Wanderer transport Co-ordinator: Les (797406)

Happy Wanderer driver: Colin (07875 555807)

If the person you are talking to doesn't appear to be listening, be patient. It may simply be that he has a small piece of fluff in his ear.

Winnie-the-Pooh

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Christine and Les Sudron who celebrate their Golden Wedding this month. Earlier in June Christine and Les spent four days on their honeymoon island of Jersey. (see p10)



Christine and Les were married at Wesley in July 1973. Do you recognise anyone

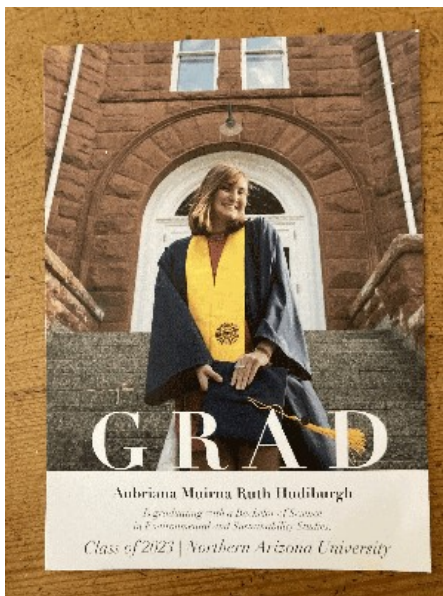


Christine and Les recently went to Ripon Cathedral to a special 50th Wedding Anniversary service. Couples celebrating their Golden Anniversary were able to renew their wedding vows during a very special service. Mike and Maureen were with them and they too renewed their vows after 53 years of marriage.

The family came too. (below)



'I never weary of great churches. It is my favourite kind of mountain scenery. Mankind was never so happily inspired as when it made a cathedral.' Robert Louis Stevenson



I wonder if anybody from Wesley remembers the Hudiburgh family, an American family with 2 children who attended Wesley for a couple of years about 20 years ago while Brian was working at Menwith Hill. Braeden was about 7 and Aubriana was a baby at the time. Melissa was their mum. Their family increased after they went back to America when they had twins. As you can see from the picture Aubriana has turned into a lovely young woman and has just graduated from Northern Arizona University. Now, where did those 20 years go? **Eileen Temple**.



Congratulations also to Catherine (nee Temple) and Matt who were married in in Wales, in May. And not forgetting Lawrence. Love and best wishes to you all from all of us at Wesley.

Church Family on Holiday



Eileen and Ian were on holiday in Majorca and whilst we were experiencing poor weather here, Ian sent us these pictures in the sunshine to cheer us up.

Left. The watchtower at Cap D' Androxtl which overlooks Camp de Mar - it's only 180 metres up but it seems a lot more than that.

Below: The view from the tower. Eileen and Ian's hotel is in the middle on the right. That's the

Tramuntana range in the background.

Below. A view over the island restaurant at Camp de Mar from Eileen and Ian's hotel room. *Below right* Eileen with Palma Cathedral as the backdrop.



Church Family on Holiday continued.

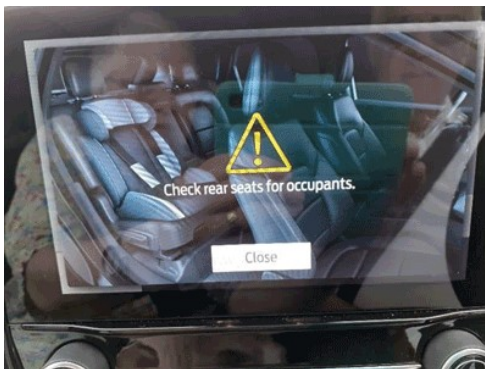
Christine and Les spent four days on their honeymoon island of Jersey and had a wonderful time of celebration, memories and fun.



They visited St. Matthew's Church – 'the Glass Church', not glass windows but glass furniture. See more about this church on page 19.



Photo by .Unukorno



Les writes: We hired a car and every time we stopped a loud sound accompanied this message...it made us giggle every time, as in all our married life we never ever left any of the boys on the back seat!!!! . .



Three cousins visited
Fountains Abbey.
Elsa, Benjamin and Rowan



The young Sudrons and young
Stangrooms went on holiday to
Wales recently and coincidentally
went to the same place...

Rowan Izzie and Elsa

The Arrow and the Song

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong,
That it can follow the flight of song?

DESERT ISLAND DISCS



This month Eileen shares her desert island discs.

The Lambton Worm sung by Owen Brannigan. My first record takes me back to my roots in the Northeast. This song is all about the NE legend that tells the tale of a young Lord Lambton who skipped church one Sunday morning to go fishing, ignoring the warnings that no good would come of it. When he caught a sort of worm, he threw it down a well to get rid of it. While Lord Lambton was away fighting in a crusade, the worm just grew and grew, eating livestock and wreaking havoc on the poor peasants of County Durham for years. When you travel through County Durham near Houghton le Spring, look out for the hill with the Penshaw monument on the top. The giant worm supposedly wrapped itself around this hill.

Downtown by Petula Clark. This was released in 1964 and I remember my father giving me the record as a present. I remember too how thrilled I was to get it, so this record takes me back to happy days when life was a lot simpler.

Variations on a theme of Paganini. When I was at secondary school, a couple of friends used to meet up regularly to listen to records. Our favourite was Rachmaninoff's Variations on a theme of Paganini. Other castaways have selected this record but I make no apology for choosing it as well. The 18th variation is just an amazing melody.

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Eileen's Desert Island Discs continued.

Title song from The Sound of Music by Julie Andrews from my all time favourite film, This film was a massive hit when it came out in 1965 and watching it on a wide screen was a revelation. Julie Andrews has such marvellous diction.

*The Northern Lights of Old Aberdeen by Kenneth McKellar. When the children were young and we went out in the car, I loved listening to Kenneth McKellar tapes. The rest of the family wasn't so keen at first to be honest, but in time they came round to enjoying his lovely tenor voice! I've chosen *The Northern Lights of Old Aberdeen*, a town I've never set foot in, but the sentiment of the song is one I share.*

The Rhythm of Life performed by St. Aidan's Chamber Choir. Our daughter Catherine sang in the St Aidan's Chamber Choir when she was in the 6th form at school and I'd like a recording of the choir singing The Rhythm of Life. It will bring back memories of the time I heard them sing it in the Festival Hall in London when it made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up on end.

When I'm Sixty Four by The Beatles. When I was in the Dale Singers, we used to sing this and it always made me smile because so many of the choir members wouldn't see 64 again!

Blowin' in the Wind by Bob Dylan. The words of this song say it all and they seem particularly apt in the world today.

Great choices Eileen, I've loved listening to them all. You really should visit Aberdeen, it is a fascinating city and surrounded by spectacular scenery and coastline. Our castaway next month will be Lesley, in her last month as our minister at Wesley.

'Some people feel the rain. Others just get wet.'

'Take care of all your memories. For you cannot relive them'

What's money? A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and goes to bed at night and in between does what he wants to do.

Bob Dylan

WHAT'S ON AT OUR OTHER CHURCHES

Bilton Methodist Amblers. The next walk is **Saturday 8 July.**

All walks start on the car park of Bilton Area Methodist Church where we meet to arrange transport at 9.30am. Summer walks generally about 5- 6 miles. Please bring a packed lunch but we normally go on to a pub or cafe at the end.. All welcome. If interested please contact Janet Allen, T: 524634 E: janetallen09@btinternet.com
Future dates are: Sat 12 Aug, Sat 9 Sept. Sat 14 Oct.

Bilton also have a coffee morning on the first Saturday of every month with tea cakes, bacon and sausage butties and a raffle, 10.30 am till 12. All are welcome.

Gracious Street monthly coffee morning in The Bridge on the 4th Saturday of the month between 10am-12 noon. Each month will support a different charity/good cause so please come and have a drink, cake and a chat.

Harlow Hill. Mondays 10am-11.30am, Harlow Hill Methodist Church Coffee Morning. All Welcome.

Killinghall.

Every Thursday 11.30am—2pm. Resurrected Bites.

Wednesday 5th July, 7.30pm – Village Voices Summer Concert.
Tickets £5, Light refreshments and raffle.

Starbeck. Saturday 15th July, 10am-12pm – Table Top Sale, in the church hall. A great opportunity to turn some unwanted items into cash – or to pick up a bargain! Toys, games, baby equipment, clothes, household items, anything goes (except alcohol). Local charities or groups are also welcome to buy a table. Tables are £5 and entry is £1 (kids go free!). All enquiries to: events.starbeckmethodist@gmail.com

CIRCUIT NEWS

We look forward to welcoming Deacon Gary Hoare, and his wife Angie to the circuit. Their welcoming service is at Trinity on 1 September at 7.30pm. Put this date in your diary now.

At the Circuit Forum on 14 June we heard Good News Stories from various churches including:

- A visit to Woodlands from Doug Horley, a musical artist who put on a family praise party on 10 June, and which was thoroughly enjoyed by Woodlands church family.
- We watched a short film about the newly opened Resurrected Bites at Killinghall.
- Family Fun time at Bilton during the school holidays in August
- Lesley told us a little about the New People, New Places Scheme that the Methodist church have adopted, in which Gary, our new Deacon will be involved.
- The Good Book Club at Trinity which will take place on the first Sundays in September, November February, April and June, following the morning service.
- The MHA 80th Anniversary, which will be held at Wesley. The preacher will be Rev. Gill Newton, President of the Methodist Conference. It was mentioned that previous anniversary ceremonies had been held at prestigious venues. Now it is the turn of Wesley Centre Harrogate.
- Our Circuit Senior Steward, Sharon reported that the Nidd Valley Circuit was the best represented circuit at the District event, Flourish, which was held in April—120 attendees out of 1000. Each Senior Steward from each circuit was given a rose (a beautiful deep red rose). Ours is going to be planted at a Circuit Service, in September entitled Rooted and Founded. This will be an outdoor worship, at Woodlands.

Other churches also added their stories:

- Scotton is celebrating the fact that they are still open, and will be 200 years old in 2025.
- Kearby congregation is increasing including families, and 6 children. There has been a Christening, and the church will be 210 years old in 2023.
- There has been a Methodist presence in Killinghall since 1793

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News from Circuit Meeting continued.

Appointments.

Circuit Stewards. The circuit is in desperate need of new circuit stewards. It is important for the healthy future of the circuit that more circuit stewards are appointed, failure to do so not only negatively affects the circuit, but all the individual churches as well. Circuit stewards are the link between the church trustees and the circuit. If no people come forward the circuit will take the desperate measure of selecting a church and insisting on that church providing a circuit steward.

Appointee to the District. Ben has been appointed Deputy District Chair and will be supporting Rev. Leslie Newson and deputising. If necessary. Ben has asked for your prayers for him in his new role.

Congratulaions to Ben.



Lunchtime Recitals. The final event of the 2022/2023 season will be the jazz concert given by the **Richard Wetherall Trio**. This will take place on **Monday, 3rd July 2023 at 1pm**. The cost of entry is £10, payable on the door. They have been on many previous occasions. You are warmly invited to attend this.

Wesley Centre Manager. Julian Smith has been appointed Wesley Centre Manager, alongside his premises manager duties. Julian is now a full-time employee.

Ben Sabbatical. Ben will be on sabbatical during June, July and August 2024. A deputy chair of Trustees will be appointed during this time. Plans for Ben's sabbatical will begin in September.

Wesley House. HHP have now taken tenancy of Wesley House and will be used for administrative purposes.

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH—THE GLASS CHURCH

Christine and Les visited this church on their holiday in Jersey and Les suggested that we might be interested in finding out more about it on its website. I took a look, and it is indeed very interesting.

St. Matthew's began life in the 1840s as a modest chapel in the hamlet of Millbrook, built at the foot of Mont Feland to spare parishioners the long uphill trek to the ancient parish church of St. Lawrence. When the railways, and eventually air travel came to Jersey, a resident of Millbank, Florence Boot decided to honour her late husband, Jesse, the owner of Boots Chemist, by rebuilding the church in his memory. She commissioned the foremost glassmaker, of the age, René Lalique, to decorate the entire church with his finest work. No similar Lalique commission survives anywhere else in the world.

'In September 1934, St Matthew's became the Glass Church. Two frosted glass angels set in the double doors welcome you into this astonishing house of worship and work of art. The centrepiece is a shining, towering cross over three metres high, festooned with lilies and soaring over the altar. It is flanked by twin illuminated pillars and framed by four glass screens that shimmer like a wall of ice. In the Lady Chapel, four immense crystalline angels, illuminated as if by heavenly fire, survey the worshippers. Their eyes are clear and wide, seemingly transfixed by the light that shines in the darkness, calling them home. The font is a marvel, forged in pure glass and autographed by Lalique himself. The iconic Jersey lily, a motif of purity, adorns everything. The subdued stonework of local architect A.B. Grayson beautifully complements Lalique's work, providing an exquisitely pure canvas to magnify the power of light.

'Lalique's glass has the ethereal brilliance of Arctic ice', wrote a contemporary critic. This verdict still holds true 80 years after this beautiful gift was first bequeathed to the people of Jersey.

Today St Matthew's remains a sublime work of art, a unique monument to the talents of René Lalique and one of Jersey's hidden treasures. Above all, the magnificent glass cross, altar and angels are signposts – pointing the way to the power and majesty of the true and living God.'

<https://stmatthews.je/glass-church>

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St. Matthews Church (The Glas Church) continued



Glass altarpiece by René Lalique in St. Matthew's Church (the Glass Church), Millbrook, Jersey

René Jules Lalique (6 April 1860 – 1 May 1945) was a French jeweller, medallist, and glass designer known for his creations of glass art, perfume bottles, vases, jewellery, chandeliers, clocks, and automobile hood ornaments

.ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

The original words of this hymn were written by St. Francis of Assisi in 1225 in the Canticle of the Sun poem, which was based on Psalm 148.

St. Francis was the Evangelist of Italy, who went about as a Christian poet, inspired by love of Jesus and felt a harmony with every living thing. He was influenced by the happy songs of his boyhood. The Canticle was dictated to one of his brothers after Francis had been in a trance which followed a vigil of forty nights. As he awoke he cried '*Laudato sia il Signora*' (Praise be to you my Lord'). The joy he himself had lost now returned. He had lain in his straw hut at San Darvasio unable to endure any light on his weak eyes, and plagued by a swarm of field mice who ran over his face and left him no peace. When the bishop and magistrate of Assisi had a big quarrel he added another verse '*By those who for Thy love can pardon give...*'. He sent the friars to gather the chief men before the Episcopal palace, form themselves into two choirs and sing the Canticle with its new verse. All hearts melted, the foes embraced and begged each other's pardon.

The words were translated into English by William Draper, who at the time was rector of a Church of England parish church at Adel near Leeds. Draper paraphrased the words of the Canticle and set them to music. It is not known when Draper first wrote the hymn but it was between 1899 and 1919.

Draper wrote it for his church's children's Whitsun festival celebrations and it was later published in 1919 in the Public School Hymn Book. The hymn is currently used in 179 different hymn books. The words written by St Francis are some of the oldest used in hymns after 'Father We Praise Thee', written in 580 AD. In 1906 Ralph Vaughan Williams set the words to the tune that we know today.

The hymn was prominently featured in the pilot episode of the comedy programme *Mr. Bean*, where the title character is in church when the congregation sings 'All Creatures of Our God and King', but he has no hymn book and his neighbour refuses to share. The only lyric he can participate in is the recurrent 'Alleluia'.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Creatures_of_Our_God_and_King
Telford, John, The Methodist Hymn Book Illustrated.

METHODIST CONFERENCE

President and Vice-President 2023-24

Revd Gill Newton, President, and Deacon Kerry Scarlett, Vice President, started their year of office on Saturday 24 June 2023.



The Revd Gill Newton is a life-long Methodist, raised in Cornwall, with experience of circuit ministry and has served as the Sheffield District Chair since 2014.

Following the announcement of her election results, the Revd Gill Newton said: 'I am both humbled and honoured to have been entrusted with this role by the members of the Methodist Conference. With God's help and together with the Vice President Designate, Deacon Kerry Scarlett, I look forward to the opportunities we will have to encourage, inspire and challenge the Methodist people during our year of office.'

Gill Newton chairs the Ministries Committee overseeing the development of the church's ministry in many varied contexts. She also serves on the Strategy and Resources Committee and on the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Board and has previously chaired the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee and served as Chair of the Chairs.

Gill will be at Wesley 23 September when she will be preaching at MHA annual service.



Deacon Kerry Scarlett, from the Birmingham District, has a passion for justice and seeks to enable and amplify the voices of others. Kerry founded ADAVU, an anti-trafficking charity and participated in regional network and anti-trafficking campaigns.

Speaking following her election, Kerry Scarlett said: 'It is an honour and a privilege to have been elected Vice-President Designate. I am very much looking forward to working with Gill Newton, and am very grateful for the opportunity to serve the Methodist Church in this way.'

Kerry has served the church in a number of ways including theological education, the Learning Network, a variety of committees including the Candidates Committee and has contributed to and facilitated complex reviews.

The role of President of the Methodist Conference is reserved for presbyters and that of Vice-President for lay people or deacons.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conference-2023/presidency/president-and-vice-president-2023-24/>

Our President and Vice-President Designate for 2024/25



Revd Helen D Cameron
President Designate



Mrs Carolyn Godfrey
Vice-President Designate



The Methodist Conference has elected the Revd Helen D. Cameron to serve as President and Mrs Carolyn Godfrey to serve as Vice-President, starting their year of office when the Representative Session of the Methodist Conference opens in Leeds in June 2024.

The Revd Helen D. Cameron is currently the Chair of the Northampton District, and Moderator of the Free Church Group. She has served as Assistant Secretary of the Conference and was the Director of Methodist Formation at the Queens Foundation. Helen enjoyed circuit appointments in the Birmingham South-West and the Elmdon circuits and is committed to the enabling, resourcing and flourishing of lay and ordained ministry. She has served in an Anglican: Methodist LEP, in industrial and rural mission, in areas of significant deprivation and in the joy of growing churches

Mrs Carolyn Godfrey is the District Safeguarding Officer covering both the Darlington and Newcastle Districts and a local preacher. She has a background in pastoral care and child protection within the education system helping to support children with additional needs and families facing complex issues. Carolyn has a Master of Education degree which focused on social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

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Prayer Corner

Prayer in the Morning

Heavenly Father, as I greet this beautiful morning, I am filled with gratitude for the warmth of the sun, the gentle breeze, and the chorus of birds singing your praises.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds me and for the gift of another day to experience your wonders.

As I step into this day, I ask that you guide me with your wisdom, love, and grace. Help me to be present in each moment, to appreciate the beauty in the world, and to share my joy with others.

May my heart be open to giving and receiving love, and may I be a beacon of kindness and compassion to everyone I encounter. Bless my endeavors today, and grant me the patience and understanding to navigate any challenges that may arise.

Please watch over my loved ones and me, and fill us with your divine light.

<https://versefortheday.com/morning-prayer/>

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise.
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
StF 566

We are sad to announce the death of Carol Emerson, wife of Rev. Colin Emerson who was a minister in the Harrogate Circuit. Please remember Colin and the family in your prayers.

Photographs of the month



Le Corbiere lighthouse Jersey. (CS)..



Sunset at Killinghall Moor. (JY)