



Focus on August 2023



A Guided Tour (see p9)

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>

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WHAT'S ON AT WESLEY

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST

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

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST 2pm. Wesley Fellowship. Name that picture/photograph. Lynne Harvey.

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST . .

10.30am. Morning Worship led by .Rev. Trevor Dixon.

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

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

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 10.30am Morning Worship. Local Arrangement. ..

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST

10.30am. Morning Worship led by Sue Langley.

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

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. There will be no online talks during August

'For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.'—*Saint Teresa of Ávila*

'To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.'—*C.S. Lewis*

'Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows; it empties today of its strength.'—*Corrie Ten Boom*

THANK YOU LESLEY



Lesley will be leading her last service as our minister on Sunday 6 August. She began her ministry in the Nidd Valley Circuit in difficult times and got to know most of us at Wesley, online via our Tuesday Coffee mornings, during lockdown. It was a while before she was able to meet us in person, and when she did she soon made friends and made herself at home at Wesley.

Thank you Lesley for all you have done for us and for your friendship to our church family. We wish you every success in your new roles. You will still be minister at Starbeck and Bilton, and it isn't goodbye. Keep in touch. Every blessing. From your friends at Wesley.

Rev. Gordon Hay will be our minister from 1 September and we will say our formal welcome to him in our next Focus.

A Time to Talk

When a friend calls to me from the road
And slows his horse to a meaning walk,
I don't stand still and look around
On all the hills I haven't hoed,
And shout from where I am, What is it?
No, not as there is a time to talk.
I thrust my hoe in the mellow ground,
Blade-end up and five feet tall,
And plod: I go up to the stone wall
For a friendly visit.

Robert Frost 1874 – 1963

The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them. - Ernest Hemingway

**(TUESDAY) WHEELIE WELCOME CAFÉ
DUTY ROTA AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER**

10am—12 noon

12 noon—2pm

August

01 Jean and Wendy
08 Ian and Eileen
15 Jean and Wendy
22 Shelagh and Keith
29 Les and Christine

August

01 Mike and Maureen
08 Judith and Jackie
15 Jenny and Philip
22 Shelagh, David & Laura
29 Les and Christine

September

05 Jean and Wendy
12 Shelagh and Pat
19 Jean and Wendy
26 Shelagh and Keith

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A message from Ulrike:



Many thanks for your generous donations for Christian Aid in May 2023. We raised a total of £188.38. Your gift could help farmers in Malawi, which is severely affected by the climate crisis, plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for their crops and build happier futures for their children.

Wesley Fellowship 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.

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.



WESLEY FELLOWSHIP



The games afternoon went well and it was fun. We began with a quiz (ever popular), that Christine had organised. Then we split into tables of about 5 or 6 and Maureen introduced us to a game in which each table had 7 cards, each with an historical event listed and we had to put the cards into chronological order. You might think it would be easy—but it wasn't. It certainly taxed our brains, if not our memories. This was followed by a card game—a sort of Chinese bingo. It got quite rowdy towards the end. Tea and biscuits followed, and then nobody wanted to go home, so the dominoes came out.



Leadership team: Shelagh, Mike, Judith, Lynne, Les, Mary and Frank.
Happy Wanderer transport Co-ordinator: Les (797406)
Happy Wanderer driver: Colin (07875 555807)

CONGRATULATIONS

Dorothy's son Stephen has been appointed the UK's new ambassador to Iraq. Read more by visiting <https://thestrayferret.co.uk/harrogate-man-appointed-uk-ambassador-to-iraq/>

Congratulations to Stephen from all of us at Wesley.



Congratulation to Christine and Les on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, with love from all your friends at Wesley

DAYS OUT WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Eileen and Ian took the 36 bus to Ripon for a walk along the canal. Ian also managed to take this photo of the cathedral.



The Staveley Sudrons went to the Yorkshire Show. Rowan with his Yorkshire Air Ambulance helmet on ready to go and Elsa gets up close with a tarantula spider...wow!



Church Family Days Out continued.

Benjamin enjoyed a day at the beach in Scarborough recently. (See also back cover to see more of Benjamin's day out.:



Ricki took Lizzie to see the tall ships at West Hartlepool.



Janet's goddaughter Anna, who lives in Hitchin, Hertfordshire came to stay in Harrogate the last week of June. On the Wednesday Andrew Hitchen kindly did one of his very good guided walks of Harrogate. Besides Ulrike and Anna, Pat and Andrew M joined the walk. In one photo you see the start of the walk taken by an obliging passer-by. (See front cover). The photo right was taken by Ulrike in Valley Gardens. .



Church Family Days Out continued.

Ian writes about an extremely adventurous day out. 'While we were down South, Georgia and David were given tickets for Go Ape and as they had 3 tickets, I was told that I was going. Eileen nominated herself as the official photographer. It was in a lovely park in Crawley. I was pleased to see that they were very safety conscious - but it still seemed quite a long way off the ground.

There were 3 routes: Georgia breezed round them, David did the same and I did my best, but rather unconvincing, 'I'm not at all nervous' impression! It took us an hour to get round all 3 routes and I did enjoy it but I probably won't be volunteering for the higher level package. I was definitely the oldest ape in those trees.



(Above left) Georgia leading (she regularly goes climbing with David so she's pretty confident).

(Above middle) David showing me how to do it

(Above right. This one wasn't as easy as Georgia makes it look.

(See also back cover.)

Church Family Days Out continued.



Eileen and Ian and Jean wanted to go to Salt's Mill - it was a lovely day but, when they arrived, they found that since lockdown it isn't open on Monday or Tuesday. So, they went for a walk along the canal and then called in at East Riddlesden Hall for lunch.

Left. Even the ice-cream boat was closed.

Eileen and Jean keeping busy along the Leeds Liverpool canal.



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

It was lovely to see Christoph, who came over with Juno and Scarlett, and Susannah and Felix, at our Tuesday Coffee. Lynne Harvey took this family photograph.



From R: Christoph and Scarlett, Susanna, Andrew and Felix, Juno and Ulrike.

Margaret's son Jeff writes from France: 'Just to let you know, this year's batch of kestrels have fledged and all three look ready to fly off soon. It seems this photo was of their leaving do, as they do not seem to have been back to the nest since, although I did see some kestrels around the fields earlier. Hopefully a couple will be back again next year'.



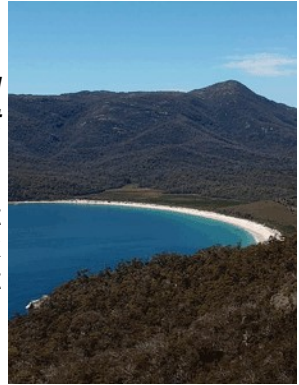
Pippa managed a nice photo of a hare in Cumbria.



DESERT ISLAND DISCS

This month Lesley shares her desert island discs, in her last month as our Minister at Wesley.

Telstar by The Tornados. This is the first music I can remember and it takes me back to a holiday at Sutton-on-Sea aged 4, as it was played on the fairground rides. I have a photo of me and my sister on the little train carousel.



Atomic by Blondie. This takes me back to university days at Durham. It was always one of the tracks played at our end of term parties.

Sultans of Swing by Dire Straits. Another Durham link here. I had the opportunity to see Dire Straits live at Durham Students Union in 1978 just before they released Sultans of Swing and became very popular. But, I didn't go and have regretted it ever since.

Layla by Eric Clapton. One of my favourite pieces of rock music.

Knights In White Satin by The Moody Blues. I've always loved the Moody Blues and saw them live at Sheffield City Hall a few years ago.

Holding Back The Years by Simply Red. My favourite ever song. It got me through a very difficult period in my life in my late twenties. I've also seen them live at the Nottingham Arena.

Losing My Religion by REM. This is the song I dance round my kitchen to. I saw REM live at The City Ground in Nottingham.

Fisherman's Blues by The Waterboys. I love folk music and this is one of my favourites.

Thank you Lesley, Great choices. Next month Ian G will be our castaway. After that, if you haven't had already had your stint on the desert island, I will be coming after you for your favourites to take with you. Judith



Wesley Centre Trustees (equivalent to our Church Council) meet three times a year and are accountable to the Circuit. The Management Team is the working body of the Trustees (equivalent to our Stewards). The Trustees meet to approve recommendations from the Management Team, and discuss future mission and development plans as well as more mundane matters concerning the building and legal issues..

The last Trustee meeting was held on Monday 24 July and here are some items of interest from that meeting.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes that most people know little about. For example leases and licences for our tenants have to be produced. Producing a lease for HHP was complicated when the deeds of the chapel could not be found and we had to convince the relevant authorities that the building was ours. The land is now registered with the Land Registry and the lease for HHP is almost at the point of being signed. This has not happened without a great deal of work by Lesley, Les and Daniel (who searched several archives), and others, for which we expressed our grateful thanks.

As Lesley leaves Wesley Chapel as our minister, she relinquishes her role as a trustee of Wesley Centre. Our new minister Gordon will take her place, although he will not be part of the Management Team. Julian will take on the job of organising licences and leases and has already produced a comprehensive plan for those outstanding.

Members of the Management Team meet with the CEO and Chairman of HHP about 3 times a year to discuss any problems that may arise. The talks so far have included the maintenance of the garden. Steps are being taken to stop people from sleeping outside the chapel, and to help with this the gates are now locked at night. Staff at HHP are also carrying out a daily sweep of the garden

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Life Destiny Church is discussing directly with HHP the provision of pastoral support to HHP clients. Our own Trevor also visits HHP in a pastoral capacity.

Extracts from Wesley Centre Manager's Report.

- Julian has set up a Customer Relationship Management (CRM), system, designed to improve customer relations and increase efficiency. For example it will create an automated invoicing system which allows for invoices to be sent out immediately an event has finished: and trigger reminders, for example for gas appliances. It will be possible to have a separate system for each property.
- Lettings. There has been an increase in lettings, and several individuals and organisations have expressed interest in musical events. Harrogate Theatre is using us more and more, including as a rehearsal space. Julian is also increasing his links with Harrogate International Festivals.
- Networking. Julian has re-joined the Harrogate Chamber of Commerce and will try it out for a year to see if it is beneficial.
- Marketing. Julian is going to photograph the Upper Hall in different scenarios to show to the public how it can be set up..
- Property. There are problems with the roof due to vents being fitted wrongly in the past, resulting in rain coming in, and damp patches are appearing. Extensive scaffolding, both inside and out will be required. Julian is obtaining quotes. Internal work will take about a week and external work will take about a month.

Repairs are required to some organ pipes. Julian was requested by the Trustees to go ahead and arrange the repairs.

The PA system went down and the speakers were removed. It is not viable to fix the speakers and we have two on temporary load. New speakers are to be purchased.

HHP has moved into Wesley House following some renovation. It is being used at the moment for office space. More renovations are planned for the future.

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Wesley Centre Trustees continued.

Concerts. The average attendance at concerts last season was 150. Thanks were recorded to Andrew and his team.

Wesley Centre Trustees.

Ben Clowes (Chair)
Eleanor Borkett (Gracious Street)
Mike Greenberg (Wesley Chapel)
Don Rolls (Supervisor of Wesley Centre Manager)
Geoff Runcorn (Trinity)
Les Sudron (Wesley Chapel)
Ed Walton (Treasurer)
Vicki Wheatley (Starbeck)
Judith Yeats (Secretary)
Gordon Hay (Wesley Chapel Minister) from 1 September.

Wesley Centre Management Team

Ben Clowes (Chair)
Don Rolls (Supervisor)
Julian Smith (Wesley Centre Manager).
Les Sudron (Wesley Chapel)
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WELCOME SERVICE

The welcome service for Deacon Gary Hoare is on Friday 1st September at Trinity at 7.30pm.

Gary will be working on establishing new Christian communities where physical communities have been, are being or are planned to be built.

Gary has a circuit wide remit, he will not be appointed to specific churches. It is therefore our responsibility to collectively welcome him and his wife, Angie into the circuit.

Please make a note in your diary and come along. These services are always happy and positive occasions and it would be good to see lots of Wesley folk there..

**WESLEY CENTRE CONCERTS. SEASON 2023-2024
LUNCHTIME RECITALS**

Mondays 1 - 2pm . Admission £10.00 unless otherwise specified



2 October 2023 ELISABETH BRAUSS (piano). Programme to be confirmed.

6 November 2023 Leeds Lieder Recital HELEN CHARLSTON (mezzo-soprano) (Current BBC Radio 3 NGA) JOSEPH MIDDLETON (piano). Music by Fanny Hensel, John Ireland, Mahler, Britten and Frank Bridge.

4th December 2023 CHARLOTTE SALUSTE-BRIDOUX (violin) JOSEPH HAVLAT (piano). Programme: Fantasy in C, D934 - Schubert. Rondo Brilliant in B minor, D895 - Schubert.

8th January 2024 MITHRAS TRIO (Current BBC Radio 3 NGAs) Programme will include Beethoven Trio in B flat major, Op.97 'Archduke'.

5th February 2024 JONATHAN LEIBOVITZ (clarinet) MACIEJ KULAKOWSKI (cello) ARIEL LANYI (piano). Beethoven & Brahms.

12th February 2024 JEAN—EFFLAM BAVOUZET (piano) Debussy, Massenet & Liszt.

4th March 2024 JEAN—PAUL GASPARIAN (piano) Programme to be confirmed.

13th May 2024 Artist to be confirmed

3rd June 2024 NICHOLAS DANIEL (oboe) HUGH WATKINS (piano) Programme to be confirmed.

1st July 2024 JAZZ CONCERT RICHARD WETHERALL TRIO

Wesley Concerts continued

EVENING CONCERTS

Saturdays 7.30pm. Tickets £18.00 (age 26 and under £8)

10th February 2024. SIR STEPHEN HOUGH (piano). Programme Chaminade, Liszt, Chopin.



13th April 2024 ANGELA HEWITT (piano). Programme: Bach, Mendelssohn. Shostakovich, Samuel Barber.



WHAT'S ON AT OUR OTHER CHURCHES

Bilton Methodist Amblers. The next walk is **Saturday 12 August.**

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 9 Sept. Sat 14 Oct.

Bilton. There will be no coffee mornings during August.

Gracious Street Poetry Workshops exploring how we use reading, writing and speech to express and make sense of emotions around bereavement. 2 August, 16 August, 30 August, 13 September. 10.30am to 12.30pm. To book a place contact Gracious Street Methodist Church 01423 860166 or Full Circle Funerals 01423 262626.

Gracious Street monthly coffee morning, in The Bridge on the 4th Saturday of the month, 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, continuing through the summer.

Killinghall. Every Thursday, 11:30 - 14:00, Resurrected Bites

Pannal. Tuesday 8th August, 2.30pm – August Community Tea.

Starbeck. Summer Bible Study will be running this year on Monday 21st August, 4th September, 11th September and 18th September 2-3pm. We'll be looking at the book of Nehemiah, thinking about prayer, working together and community. The venue will alternate between Starbeck and Bilton. Please let Rev Lesley Taylor know if you're interested.

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What's on at our other churches continued.

Starbeck. Concert Programme:

Saturday 7 October, 7.30pm. . York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir.

Saturday 11 November 7.30pm. Tewit Silver Band.

Saturday 2 December. 7.30pm. Northern Voices. Christmas carols, songs and readings

Entry £9 on the door. Refreshments served during the interval.

Woodlands Community Garden Our community garden is open to everyone and it can be found behind our church building on Wetherby Road.

It was the idea of one of our church members who, with a regular group of volunteer gardeners, have created this amazing garden from what was just a field ! We now have a beautiful sitting area, vegetable plots, a fruit orchard and,our latest addition, a large pond. We are very proud of the fact that it has been entered into various competitions such as Harrogate in Bloom. You are very welcome to come and enjoy our lovely space.

Harrogate Choral Society. The next concert will be held at St. Wilfrid's Church at 3pm on Saurday 28 October Voices and Organ. Music from Britain and France. Tickets £15. From Harrogate Box Office 01423 502116, or online www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk, or on the door, or see Judith..

Nidderdale Messiah. A charity event for all who would like to sing or listen to Handel's Messiah. **Sunday 26 November.** Singers rehearsal at 1pm and performance at 4pm, at Holy Trinity Church, Knaresborough. This year's charity is Resurrected Bites.

Come and sing, or come and listen to the performance.

https://www.facebook.com/NidderdaleMessiah/?locale=en_GB

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

This well known hymn was written in 1866 by Samuel John Stone, who was a clergyman in the Anglican Church. At this time the church was undergoing division and much controversy. There was diversity involving forms of worship and the philosophy of interpreting the bible. Bishop Colenso, an Anglecan bishop in South Africa had published an essay saying that he believed that much of the Old Testament was mythology and that Jesus's teachings about Moses were wrong.

The geological evidence that the earth had been formed over millions of years and that man had evolved from animals, was also causing controversy. These scientific theories disproved the biblical account of the creation. There was much public debate by writers who tried to open up the minds of the public to a more open understanding of the Bible.

Religion tensions were complex. Whilst the High Church was leaning towards Roman Catholicism, the Broad Church was being accused of Neo Christianity and the Low Church feared that we were moving away from Protestantism. The non conformists were split into many different denominations. All these things led to a schism in the church.

The first two lines of the hymn make an emphatic statement *The church's one foundation, Is Jesus Christ her Lord*. Stone seems to be reminding the church leaders of this fact, which has possibly been forgotten in the furore of discussion and the immense changes in the church.

Throughout the hymn Stone personalises the Church with his feminine references to 'her'. *She is his new creation, By water and the word*. The use of the word creation perhaps has a reference to the biblical account of the beginning of mankind. Water stands for the baptism and the spiritual enlightenment of the church and by the use of 'word' confirms the the word of God still dominates the church.

From heaven He came and sought her, To be His holy bride, With His own blood he bought her, and for her life He died. These lines seem to suggest that Stone was a supporter of the Anglo-Catholic Church, a follower of the Oxford Movement. *Continued*

The Church's One Foundation continued.

The Oxford Movement was the 19th Century group that sought a renewal of Roman Catholic thought and practice within the Church of England, in opposition to the Protestant tendencies of the church and believed strongly in the sacrament and that salvation would come through the blood of Christ, shed for mankind. There are also references in the hymn to saints keeping their watch (verse 3, line 5) which is another indication that Stone was a High Church man.

Elect of very nation, Yet one o'er all the earth. Stone suggests that this church is the one chosen of God and that there is only one Christian church worldwide. However, the traumas had been going on since the early part of the century, and perhaps Stone's words were written more in hope than in reality.

The words in the first part of the third verse tell us how strongly Stone felt about the controversies that were raging. The use of such powerful words as 'scornful' meaning strange and unfamiliar, 'oppress', meaning weighed down, and the strong combination of 'schisms rent asunder'. 'Heresy is also a strong word meaning opinion contrary to the doctrine of the Christian Church. However, the last two lines in verse 3 suggest there is hope: *'And soon the night of weeping, Shall be the morn of song.*

The words in this hymn are strong, passionate words and an expression of Stone's faith in the Church. It is a hymn of distress at the divisions and a hope for unity to be restored.

The hymn was set to Samuel Wesley's tune Aurelia, and this also represented the revival of the old order, music like that sung in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and brought up to date by adding harmony. The tune is simple with a strong harmony and a tuneful prayerful melody, the harmony perhaps accentuating the church's disharmony even more. The singing of this hymn with the combination of Stone's words, Wesley's music and the setting of the magnificent High Church in which it would have been sung, must have been a great source of inspiration for the members of that congregation who also prayed for unity. **Judith Yeats**

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<https://www.britannica.com/event/Oxford-movement>

<https://fbchurch.org/resource/hymnology-the-churchs-one-foundation>

Prayer Corner

Daily Examen

Be Still. *Take a deep breath and become aware of God's presence. Remove yourself from all distractions.*

Give Thanks. *Review your day with gratitude. What has God given you today?*

Reflect. *Recall how you have felt throughout the day. What were moments of happiness, sorrow or joy?*

Centre. *Focus and pray on one aspect of the day. What was God saying to you?*

Resolve. *Now think of moments of weakness from today and ask for forgiveness, and resolve with hope to love better tomorrow.*

How can I show you my love, Lord? What will be meaningful and significant as a measure of my response to you my Creator, my Sustainer, my Saviour? I cannot calculate what loving you involves. So I will give you this moment, this place, the thoughts I have, my plans for today, my hopes for tomorrow.

How can I love my neighbour? Help me to look for the best in each person I meet and to do what I can to bless them today. I will not fret about the shallowness of my love, but trust in your grace at work in and through me, even me. Amen *Andrew Fox, Deputy Chair, Shetland District.*

Lord our God, we are your children. Hear all our concerns, we pray, for we want help from you, not from men, not from anything we can think or say. May your power be revealed in our time. We long for a new age, an age of peace in which people are changed.

*'Proceed with much prayer, and your way will be made plain'.
John Wesley.*

Photographs of the month



Grandma and Mummie took Benjamin to look at the fish



Georgia and Ian: 'This one wasn't as easy as Georgia makes it look'.



Mike took Maureen to Filey recently to celebrate Maureen's birthday.



Ian took this photograph of Ripon Cathedral.