



Focus on August 2024



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 4 AUGUST . 10.30am. Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Peter Whittaker

THURSDAY 8 AUGUST 2pm. Wesley Fellowship. Beetle Drive.

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST

10.30am. Morning Worship led by Rev. Anne Brown.

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

FRIDAY 16 AUGUST 10am. Online Coffee. (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 10.30am Morning Worship led by Sue Langley

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST

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).

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 JUNE ONLINE TALKS. SUNDAY 9am.

4th Aug – Ruth Parry

11th Aug – Ruth Parry

18th Aug – Lesley Taylor

25th Aug – Lesley Taylor

'In the month of August, nature's symphony is at its peak, reminding us of the beauty that surrounds us.'

John Muir,

**WESLEY WHEELIE WELCOME CAFÉ 2024
DUTY ROTA**

	10.30 to 12 noon	12 noon to 1pm
06 Aug	Jean and Wendy	David and Laura
13 Aug	Eileen and Ian	Maureen and Mike
20 Aug	Jean and Wendy	Judith and Les
27 Aug	Christine and Les	Christine and Les
03 Sep	Jean and Wendy	Christine and Les
10 Sep	Maureen and Mike	Maureen and Mike
17 Sep	Jean and Wendy	David and Laura
24 Sep	Eileen and Ian	Judith and Les

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

This year Action for Children marks its 155th Anniversary.

It offers services to support vulnerable children, young people and families in the UK.

Over 4.3 million children are living in poverty in the UK. Your donation can bring lasting improvements to their lives and give children safe and happy childhoods.

Envelopes can be left on the collection place for the next few weeks.

Thank you. Priscilla Yates (Action for Children Secretary)

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

WESLEY FELLOWSHIP

David Y began our July meeting by showing a collection of his paintings, accompanied by a demonstration of how he tackled his works of art.. Then was revealed a host of talent, hobbies and collections, including First Day Cover stamps, personal diaries, knitted dollies, fridge magnets, coronation memorabilia, mugs commemorating special visits, novels by Nigel Tranter, vintage transport photos and lots more.



Wesley Fellowship continued.



Pat was unable to bring along her fridge magnets, but has sent us this photo—memories of places visited and presents from family.

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

10 October. 'Monologues, Poems, Tales and other things..' with Jenny and you again???' Bring along your favourite poem, short story, funny story or joke!

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)

METHODIST CONFERENCE COMES TO WESLEY

Ordination Service 30 June



To see Wesley hosting one of the Ordination Services, including Holy Communion this year was a joy and a delight. We welcomed 350 people to our chapel. The atmosphere was electric, the singing was amazing and we were so privileged to be chosen to hold this prestigious event in our lovely chapel.

Thank you to Les and his stewards who did a splendid job. Prior to the event they worked very hard with Rev. Lesley Taylor and the organisers from Connexion to make sure that everything ran smoothly on the day. Thanks also to Rev. Anne and Andrew Brown who lent their expertise and assisted with stewarding on the day. Particular mention must be made to Wesley Centre Manager, Julian, who went far beyond the call of duty to make sure the chapel was looking its very best. You will have noticed that the railings at the front were painted and our front doors were given a new look (Heritage Red). Julian even recruited his family to come in and give a hand with the painting and cleaning.

The service was streamed online and you can still access it via <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwnUN3EAWIY> or just Google *Ordination Service at Wesley Harrogate*.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Ian and Eileen have been busy visiting some of their favourite places including Chartwell, Hever Castle, and Whitby.



Eileen and Georgia at Chartwell. Lovely gardens, an interesting house and lovely scenes.



Eileen and Georgia spotting goldfish in Hever Castle's secret garden



Eileen at Whitby Abbey



Eileen and Ian went for a walk along the beach from Whitby to Sandsend. When they started it was misty and cold, but less than an hour later they had this beautiful blue sky.

Cburch Family News continued

It was lovely to see our young church family at our recent Local Arrangement. Elsa and Rowan took part, beautifully, in the service, and Juno and Scarlett were over from Germany, staying with their grandparents, Ulrike and Andrew.



From left. Rowan, Scarlett, Elsa, Juno



Ricki and Izzie visited Jeff at his home in France for a few days and loved saying hello to the dogs.



Benjamin 'graduated' from nursery and will start 'big school' in September. Well done Ben!



Come on England!
Elsa and Rowan cheered on the team at the Euro's Final and although a bit disappointed with the result they did feel England had done well and Spain deserved to win.



Summer holidays are here and a visit to Harlow Carr Gardens was a lovely way to start them.

14/15 SEPTEMBER HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND

Saturday 14th Open from 11am to 4pm. Refreshments, Musical Items, Day Spring Steel Band will perform from 2pm. Exhibition of the 162 year history of Wesley Chapel.

Sunday 15th. 10.30am Harvest Festival Service led by Deacon Gary Hoare. 12 noon—4pm Open Day. Refreshments, Musical items, Exhibition,

Church Family News continued.

Congratulations

Lynne was delighted to receive these photographs of Marianne and Marc who are on holiday in Bali. Lynne writes 'What a lovely surprise and so good to receive good news. I think Marianne was surprised too! It was a very happy girl who rang her Granny!'

Marianne has such happy memories of Wesley Chapel and often asks about the members and wants to know what is going on. She sends her love and best wishes to those who know her. She is loving her life in Spain now'

Congratulations Marianne and Marc from all of us at Wesley.



DESERT ISLAND DISCS

Leonora is our castaway this month and these are her eight choices to take to her desert island.



There's a hole in my bucket, dear Lisa. Reaching No 32 in the charts in 1961 (when I was 5) my mother and I would sing this on the way home from school. My mother was tone deaf and I learned to sing from her. You can imagine what I sounded like. I was teased in the playground and from then on I mimed. That is until I was ordained, and I had to sing solo. Don't know who

was more surprised that I managed to hit the right notes, them, or me. Well almost always. I think some in the congregation loved it when I hit a wrong note.

Bridge over Troubled Water, Simon and Garfunkel. I followed my soldier father around the world and aged 16 I found myself in Singapore. My parents had this song played on the Forces Radio for me to celebrate my birthday. I really loved their music and if I can put in a sneaky one I also loved 'I am a rock' which welcomed me at my boarding school a few months later.



Carole King – Tapestry. I find whole albums tell my story. This album spoke to me during my college days, far away from my parents in Germany, my fiancé in Harrogate with me in Southampton. *You've got a friend; So far away; Where you lead, I will follow; Will you love me tomorrow?*" This spoke to me of love through separation and distance.



Chopin Piano Concerto No 2. Whilst at Teacher Training College I fell in love with classical music. My flatmate was a music major, and I would listen to her playing the piano. Piano music particularly appeals to me but I love the majesty of big orchestral pieces. When my father went to register my birth he spelt my name Leonora but was put right by the registrar who was obviously a Beethoven fan. My mother and grandmother were listening to a radio show where the female lead was named Leonora, so I'm named after a woman being chased and not a classical piece of music. *Continued*

Leonora's Desert Island Discs continued.

Love changes everything – Andrew Lloyd. In the 80's I enjoyed all the big musicals and went down to London with family to see a few. *Starlight Express, Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserable and Aspects of Love.* 'Love Changes Everything' is a song I have used as the basis of talks and indeed sermons. We are profoundly shaped by the love we receive, from parents, siblings, children, friends, and lovers. It is not always a happy experience. For me the unconditional love of God is something I hold on to and try to emulate.

I want to break free – Queen Greatest Hits II. *Under Pressure, I want it all, I want to break free, It's a hard life, Breakthru, I'm going slightly mad, Friends will be friends, One vision, The show must go on.* This Album had a profound effect upon me. Whilst listening to it as I was doing the ironing, I burst into tears, at the song 'I want to break free'. I finally came out to myself and so began a journey of discovery, pain and rejection. I felt like I was going mad and it certainly was a hard life but my friends were a huge support and kept me sane.

Ingenuie – KD Lang – Save me, The mind of love, Wash me clean, So it shall be, Still thrives this love, Outside myself, Constant craving were the songs I listened to as I came to terms with what my future would hold.

I am a new creation – Dan Bilbrough. When God told me to just be me, as that is how I was created, I was overjoyed and healed. I was now out of my wheelchair and full of energy and enthusiasm. I went back into part-time ministry and enjoyed 4 years with Pool-in-Wharfedale before retiring for a second time. I indeed felt I was a new creation. I was reborn as Rainbow Rev.

I love secular songs as well as hymns to speak to me of God and life and all that it holds. I thought I would struggle to find 8 songs but once I started, I found so many more which resonate through my life.

Thank you for your wonderful choices and your insights into your journey Lee. We are delighted that you feel part of our church family and your services are always inspirational.



Next month Gordon will be our castaway.

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

2024/2025 season

Here are the dates, and in some cases the performers, for the lunchtime recitals for 2024/2025, which will be the 30th season of Wesley Concerts.

Monday, 7 October 2024 (1pm) The Leonore Trio
Monday, 4 November 2024 (1pm) Susan Tomes (piano)
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

Harrogate and Knaresborough District of Sanctuary

Harrogate and Knaresborough District of Sanctuary would welcome anyone who is interested in helping support and befriend refugees. It is interesting and rewarding helping people from other countries settle into the Harrogate and Knaresborough area and make friends with the local community.

Please contact Pam Bowen for further detail or information.
Telephone 07836236768

Never put an age limit on your dream. *Dara Torres Four time Olympic champion, swimming.*



I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed - *Michael Jordan Double Olympic champion, basketball*

Each of us has a fire in our hearts for something. It's our goal in life to find it and keep it lit - *Mary Lou Retton Gymnastics, gold medalist at the Los Angeles Games, 1984*



AROUND THE CIRCUIT

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Bilton Methodist Amblers. The next walk is Saturday 10 August. 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

Future Walks. Saturday 14 September, Saturday 12 October.

Bilton Area Methodst Church.

3 August Table Top Sale 10am—2pm. Stall Holders Welcome. £5. Entry £1. Tea and Coffee available £1. Cakes and biscuits also for sale. To book your table please contact Chrissie: medwaysteel@yahoo.co.uk.

Gracious Street

Thursday, July 24th to Friday, August 17th: Summer Samplers. Come sample a new activity and meet new people. Free activities with no further obligation. To register please visit <https://graciousstreetmethodist.org.uk>, fill out a form located on information shelves in the Bridge at Gracious Street Methodist, or call 01423-860166.

Saturday, August 3rd 08.45am-10.15am: Men's Breakfast with guest speaker Elliot Crippen to discuss the church in a digital age. For more information contact Peter Wilson (01423-862553 or pnw6@sky.com)

Gracious Street continued.

Friday, August 9th to Saturday, August 17th 10.00am-4.00pm every day: FEVA Grand Art Exhibition. Free Entry with Seven different artists offering Original Watercolours, Textiles and Photography. A selling exhibition.

Saturday, August 10th 7.00pm-9.30pm: Afghan Kitchen meal. Enjoy an authentic experience of food from Afghanistan, cooked and served by Afghan women living locally. £28 meat menu / £25 vegetarian menu including starter, main course, bread, salad, and dessert. Tickets must be booked in advance (07879-811387 or theafghankitchenyorkshire@gmail.com)

Tuesday, August 13th 2.30-4.30pm: Memory Lane Café. For more information contact Dot (01423-865846 or Chrissy (01423-869475)

Wednesday, August 14th 10.00am-3.00pm: Gracious Street and Community Activity Information Stalls. Please pop by during FEVA to visit stalls providing information on all the activities taking place at Gracious Street Methodist and with other participating community partners such as Knaresborough Connectors, Historical Society, Civic Society and more. The Bridge café will be open 09.30am-11.30am, so come relax with a cup of tea or coffee.

The Bridge Café will remain open during August as follows:

Mondays 09.30-11.30am UBU Café: hot & cold beverages; dominoes and a few other games available to play

Tuesdays 09.30-11.30am Self-serve trolley: hot & cold beverages

Wednesdays 09.30-11.30am Gracious Street Café: hot & cold beverages

Fridays 10.0am-2.00pm Resurrected Bites Café: hot & cold beverages, pay-as-you-can meals and food stall

Lunch Link will remain active every Tuesday in August 12.30-1.30pm. For more information call the office 01423-860166.

Pause For Thought and Prayer will remain active every Wednesday in August 11.15am-12.00pm.

Around the Circuit continued

Kearby. Sunday 4 August 3pm. Pets' Blessing Service.

Killinghall

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

Coffee Morning. Last Saturday in the month 10.30am to 12 noon through the year except September and December.

Pannal.

Community Tea on Tuesday 13th August 2024 from 2:30pm till 4pm. Donations are towards Resurrected Bites.

Craft Group are meeting on the 1st Monday and 4th Monday of the month from 1:30pm in the school room.

Burnbridge Bookworms meets at 2.00pm on the second Monday of the month in the Church Hall,

Pannal Bookworms Club meets on the third Friday of the month at 2.30pm and is hosted by a congregational member. The next date is 19th July 2024.

Wesley. Civic Society Heritage Weekend. Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September.

CIRCUIT SERVICES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 8 September at Woodlands 6.30pm. Welcome service for Rev. Ian Bryon.

Starbeck Methodist Church has an upright piano which is free to anyone who would like it. It has been checked by a piano tuner and is in good working order. It is also easy to move on a set of robust wheels. Own transport needed to move it to a new home. Please contact Malcolm on 884809 or Keith on 887939.

FAREWELL TO MOSES

Moses said farewell to his two churches. On 14 July I was lucky to be playing at Harlow Hill, which happened to be Moses farewell service followed by a faith lunch. It was an emotional, but happy occasion.



Moses will be much missed by his Harlow Hill church family. He was presented (among other things), with a miniature cricket bat with Harlow Hill Methodist Church stamped across it - a reminder of his church family and Pannal cricket club where he has played during his time in Harrogate.



Moses' final service at Woodlands was at the morning service on 21 July, and a Circuit Service was held there the same evening when Rev. Richard Teal preached the sermon, and a lovely tribute was paid to Moses and the family by Senior Steward, Sharon, who said that the Moses family were the 'smiliest' family she had ever met.

Moses, Rev. and Mrs Teal, Jonah, Jessica, Kim, Josie, Josh.

Judith

TRACKS

Pat sent in this poem together with a photograph of the Bilton Amblers on their latest walk.

Down a wandering path I have travelled,
Where the setting sun
Lies upon the ground.
The tracks are hard and dry
Smothered with
The weather's wear,
My mind did move
With them that had
Before me seen,
Trodding down the ground
A track for me to follow,
Leaving marks for others
A sign for them to follow.

David Dudgeon (Belfast artist and poet) 1999



MANX FISHERMANS HYMN

Joy recently chose this hymn following an appeal for requests for a recent 'songs of praise' local arrangement service. In the event we did not sing it because Joy was unable to attend the service. However, her suggestion awakened memories of this hymn being sung in the evening service at harvest festivals. It is a hymn that is rarely heard in our Methodist churches today, perhaps for two reasons: 1) It is not in *Singing the Faith*. 2) Few of our churches have an evening service.

It was written by William Henry Gill (1839-1923), who was a composer, painter and writer and was the son of Manx parents. He rescued Manx music from oblivion and published *Manx National Songs* in 1896. It was one of these long-lost melodies, which inspired Gill to write the hymn. The old custom of the Manx fishermen asking God's blessing before casting their nets gave him the idea for the words. The tune that Gill adapted is known as Peel Castle. It is interesting to note that the rhyme between the 1st and 4th lines and the 2nd and 3rd lines is a feature of Manx music.

1 Hear us, O Lord, from heaven Thy dwelling-place:
Like them of old, in vain we toil all night,
Unless with us Thou go, who art the Light;
Come then, O Lord, that we may see Thy face.

2 Thou, Lord, dost rule the raging of the sea,
When loud the storm and furious is the gale:
Strong is Thine arm; our little barques are frail:
Send us Thy help; remember Galilee.

3 Our wives and children we commend to Thee:
For them we plough the land and plough the deep;
For them by day the golden corn we reap,
By night the silver harvest of the sea.

4 We thank Thee, Lord, for sunshine, dew, and rain,
Broadcast from heaven by Thine almighty hand
Source of all life, unnumbered as the sand
Bird, beast, and fish, herb, fruit, and golden grain.

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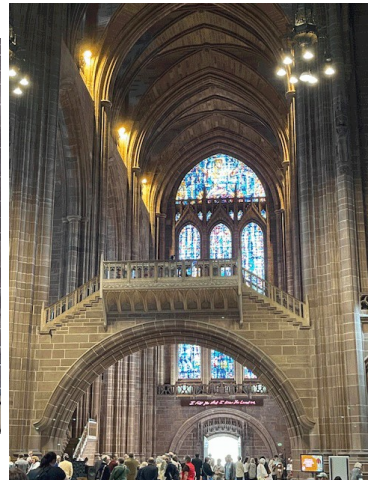
Manx Fishermans Hymn continued.

5 O Bread of Life, Thou in Thy Word hast said,
Who feeds in faith on Me shall never die!
In mercy hear Thy hungry children's cry,
Father, give us this day our daily bread!

6 Sow in our hearts the seeds of Thy dear love,
That we may reap contentment, joy, and peace;
And when at last our earthly labours cease,
Grant us to join Thy harvest home above.

MHB 970

Pat and Matthew recently went to the Isle of Man for a holiday. En route they stopped off at Liverpool and visited the cathedral at the same time as the 100 year anniversary celebrations were taking place.



INTRODUCING THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE METHODIST CONFERENCE



The Revd Helen Cameron is currently the Chair of the Northampton District and the Nottingham and Derby District, Moderator of the Free Churches Group and President of Churches Together in England. Helen represented the FCG at the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen, reading prayers during the service and was also present at the Coronation of King Charles.

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.

Helen has worked extensively with survivors of sexual abuse and co-wrote the study guide *Reflect and Respond* with members of the Methodist Survivors Advisory Group.

Originally from Yorkshire, Helen is Chair of one of the largest Methodist Districts in the British Connexion which includes 260 churches and covers a geographical area from the Cotswolds to the Fens and from East Midlands Airport nearly as far south as Heathrow. Helen is an honorary Ecumenical Canon of Peterborough Cathedral.

Helen is married to Iain, a retired GP, and has three adult children. Helen enjoys novels, poetry, gardening and theatre.

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INTRODUCITNG THE NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.



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.

Carolyn knows some of the challenges and benefits of neurodiversity because of her own dyslexia. She is particularly interested in how other neurodiverse people can be included within worship and all aspects of church life. Her experience in her safeguarding role, education and lifelong engagement with the Methodist church have given her a drive to understand and challenge the use and misuse of power.

Carolyn grew up in rural South Lincolnshire, is married to a Methodist presbyter and has lived in several circuits and districts around the Connexion. To unwind she likes to be creative, especially with crochet. She loves to spend time with her husband, her two grown up daughters and her grandson.

You can read both the President's and the Vice-President's Addresses to Conference by visiting the Methodist website.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/structure-and-governance/the-methodist-conference/conference-2024>

THE METHODIST MODERN ART COLLECTION.

The Methodist Church Modern Art Collection is a collection of over 50 works, including some by well-known artists. The collection was given to the British Methodist Church by two Methodist people in the 1960s who had collected works of art in order to open up faith conversations. Most of the pictures depict scenes from the life and teachings of Christ: some artists were or are believing Christians, others not. Works are still being acquired to ensure that the ideas and concerns of today's artists are represented in the Collection. There is a publication called *Seeing the Spiritual* – A Guide to the Methodist Modern art Collection (£7.99 plus P & P, available from Methodist Publishing). <https://www.methodistpublishing.org.uk/>

The Collection is shown at several different places in and around Britain each year, though not all the pictures are shown every time. It is not always to be found in Methodist Churches; it has been exhibited in cathedrals, schools and art galleries.

You can view those works online in the collection that are not restricted by copyright. <https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/the-methodist-modern-art-collection/browse-the-collection/>



John Reilly - Cain and Abel from the Methodist Modern Art Collection © TMCP, used with permission. www.methodist.org.uk/artcollection

The Lake Isle of Innisfree

William Butler Yeats

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,
And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

'The Lake Isle of Innisfree' is one of William Butler Yeats' most celebrated poems and expresses his wish to leave the city behind and visit one of his favourite places in the countryside.

At a recent Sunday Share Les read this lovely poem.

I Will Not Hurry -- by Ralph Spaulding Cushman

I will not hurry through this day!
Lord, I will listen by the way,
To humming bees and singing birds,
To speaking trees and friendly words;
And, for moments in between
Seek glimpses of Thy great Unseen.

I will not hurry through this day;
I will take time to think and pray;
I will look up into the sky,
Where fleecy clouds and swallows fly;
And, somewhere in the day, maybe
I will catch whispers, Lord, from Thee !

OUR HERITAGE OF SOCIAL ACTION

From the outset, Methodists were encouraged to work to their utmost to improve the lives of others. For John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism in the 18th century, 'works' as well as faith were essential to the whole of Christian living, and caring for the poor, for prisoners, for widows and orphans mattered a great deal.

Methodists were not only interested in welfare, they were concerned to remedy social injustice, and John Wesley's last known letter urged the abolition of 'that execrable villainy' slavery.

The Wesleys were an influence in prison reform and, inspired by Susanna Wesley, they earned a reputation as pioneers in education. John Wesley himself wrote, edited or abridged some 400 publications. As well as theology he wrote about politics, music, marriage and slavery and medicine.

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Later, Methodists were prominent among the Tolpuddle martyrs, and in the founding of trades unions and the Labour Party.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/action/our-heritage-of-social-action/>

SUCCESS AT RHS FLOWER SHOW

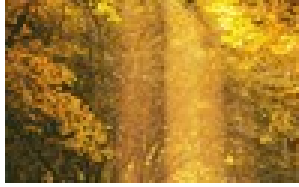
The Methodist Church's garden won three major awards at the RHS Flower Show at Tatton Park. On Tuesday 16 July 'This Garden Isn't Finished Without You', the first garden sponsored by the Methodist Church at Tatton Park, was awarded a Gold medal, the Environmental Innovation Award and the Best Show Garden prize.

A collaboration between a local design and landscape company (Pike Studio) and the Methodist Church created a sustainable garden respectful of the environment.

The design of the garden focuses on sustainability and climate resilience to match the Methodist Church's ambitious environmental aims.

To learn more about the garden visit *<https://www.methodist.org.uk/>*

PRAYER CORNER



Philippians 4:6-7. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A prayer for wisdom

Faithful God,
we trust in your promise that the darkness so often contains treasures: maybe not of our choosing, or initially inviting; maybe lacking the shine and allure of other more obvious treasure.

May we have the wisdom to dig deep,
to slow our days, to sift our diaries,
to make the space to spot the hidden,
to explore and appreciate all that you have for us.

Help us to see life afresh through your eyes,
to appreciate its darkness and light, its dirt and beauty,
and to be so much more deeply aware
of the treasury of your overflowing love. Amen.

Leslie Newton, District Chair, Yorkshire North and East District

A prayer for peace in our hearts

Let your peace rule in our hearts, O Lord that we may delight in your strength, rejoice in your grace and find our fulfilment in your will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Matthew Henry (1662-171)

Photographs of the month



Photographs by Barbara Lister following a visit to the London Aquarium



Photographs by Ian Temple, his favourite place in Harrogate.