

Focus on October 2022



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 service at 10.30am every Sunday. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/NiddValley/>

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WHAT'S ON AT WESLEY

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 10.30am. 160th Anniversary Celebration led by Rev. Leslei Newton, Chair of Yorkshire North and East District.

MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 1pm. Lunchtime Recital. **Leonore Piano Trio** - Benjamin Nabarro (violin), Gemma Rosefield (cello) and Tim Horton (piano). See p20 for more details.

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER 10am. Church Council Meeting..

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER

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*).

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2pm. Wesley Fellowship. *Mr & Mrs....*

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER 10.30am. Morning Worship. Wesley Fellowship service led by Rev. Lesley Taylor.

SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER

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*).

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER 10.30am. Morning Worship led by Rev. Keith Page.

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER 10.30am. Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Trevor Dixon.

TUESDAYS 10.30 to 12 noon). Wesley Wheelie Welcome Cafe. Come and join us for tea/coffee and a chat.

EVERY FRIDAY 10am Online Coffee Morning. (*Link will be sent out, or contact Les or Judith*). **(Except 7 October)**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 27 November. Memorial Service led by Rev. Lesley Taylor.

Tuesday 13 December. Christmas Shoppers Carol Service led by Rev. Lesley Taylor.

MINISTER'S LETTER

Happy Birthday, Wesley Chapel! 160 years old on 3rd October 2022.

Birthdays, with noughts on the end, always seem to carry greater significance. They're times for extra celebrations; times to give thanks for the blessings we've received along the way and times to remember those who are no longer with us. Birthdays with noughts on the end are important.

As we celebrate 160 years of Wesley Chapel, I'd like us to reflect on the blessings we've received from being part of the Wesley Fellowship. I wonder what those blessings have been? Take a moment to name them and thank God for them.

Psalm 67 v.6 reminds us that 'God, our God, blesses us.'

God is always wanting to share his blessings with us.

It's who God is and what he does. God blesses us out of his grace. We can't earn God's blessings.

As God's people of the 21st century, we are Easter people and blessings come to us as we recognise what God has done for us through Jesus.

But, blessings have a purpose as well. Blessings are meant to be shared and to call us to action.

As we look forward to future Wesley birthdays, let's use this time of celebration to think more about how we might share God's blessings with the town centre community in which we're situated.

Happy Birthday Wesley Chapel. Yours in Christ. **Lesley Taylor**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Church Council Meeting is on Friday, 7th October, at 10.00 am in the Upper Hall. All are welcome to attend. Only those who have agreed to become Trustees will be able to vote.

SENIOR STEWARD REFLECTION TO CHURCH COUNCIL – OCTOBER 2022

At our Special Church meeting on 3rd July those present affirmed the statement ‘that Wesley Chapel and its members and friends have more work to do, in and through the Grace of God in the coming years’.

At the Circuit meeting on 15th September, it was affirmed ‘that the Circuit recognises that the work of the Wesley Centre, a Circuit resource, is an essential part of our mission in Harrogate’.

We all know that the community of which we are a part, does not differentiate between Chapel and Centre, to most people it is just Wesley. Indeed, we have a joint Vision to be ‘A community where all find welcome, acceptance, renewal and refreshment. Where the presence of God may be experienced so that all can go forward into the future with faith (hope)’.

Since 3rd July there has been a feeling that, we have listened to the encouragement of Nelson Mandela who said ‘May your choices reflect your hopes not your fears’.

We will continue to move forward with hope and through God’s Grace ‘although we do not have a detailed map of the way forward, we do know our direction...’.

So, at the Church Council meeting let us spend time together focusing on the direction given to us by ‘Our Calling’ as declared in our church.

At our Church Council meeting we will:

- Recognise the strength of our existing church community.
- Acknowledge what we can still do and rejoice in our ‘stewardship’ talents, whatever our age.
- Continue to celebrate the part all of us can play.

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Senior Steward's Reflection continued

The recent Heritage weekend was very successful and thanks go to so many people who helped make it so. By the time of the Church Council, we will have celebrated our 160th Anniversary and reflected on the Christian mission that started at Wesley Chapel in 1862 and still moves forwards.

We are also looking forward to getting back to our Wesley "Wheelee Welcome" café every Tuesday at 10.30am...come and join us and bring a friend!

Thanks be to God.

Finally, please remember our Church Council is an open meeting. So, if you are free on Friday 7th October at 10am please consider joining us as we 'continue the unfolding story' that is Wesley.

Please note there will be no Coffee Zoom on the 7th.
Every Blessing. **Les Sudron**

MINISTERS' BOARD

Many of you will have noticed we have updated the Board in the foyer in time for our 160th Anniversary celebrations.

The engraver who did the last updates from 1999 was not available. However, looking through archives we found the original order and invoice, dated 20th September 1995, for the actual supplying of the board when it was first put up. The cost was £293.75p and Geoff Roberts, Ted Dawson and Alan Stangroom were all part of the team that organised it.

The firm, based in Starbeck is still in business. The original owner, Mr David Walbank has retired but his two sons, are now in charge. Although Tim, one of the sons, stated they did not do gold leaf lettering anymore, he was interested in the history of the sign and would speak with his dad and see what could be done.

A few weeks later the new updated board was delivered back to Wesley Chapel and the engraver was the same gentleman who had done the first board back in 1995; contacted by the original owner, he had come out of retirement and has been proud and a little emotional by seeing his work of twenty seven years previously. What a lovely story. **Les.**

PASTORAL REPORT TO CHURCH COUNCIL OCTOBER 2022

During one of our recent pick-up grandchildren from school days, I read the Pastoral letter from Revd Claire Renshaw, the rector in the Walkingham Hill Benefice that includes the village church of All Saints in Staveley. I was touched by this letter and gained permission to share this with the members of Wesley Chapel (with just a few tweaks). Thank-you Claire.

We recently celebrated harvest in Wesley, when the fruits of all the hard labour of our farmers are ready to be shared and enjoyed. It takes a lot of hard work and effort to grow these crops, they need planting, nurturing, feeding and watering, pests need to be kept away and stopped from harming the crops.

The bible uses images of creation to draw out universal truths and often compares the human inner life to that of creation. We as people, are also described to be able to produce fruits for God in our lives, but that too takes a lot of hard work. We need to plant the seeds which is the word of God, we need to feed it regularly and let it take root in our hearts and through prayer and self-reflection we need to keep away anything that can harm its growth.

Crops need to stay rooted and drawing from their source if they are to continue to grow. We too need to stay rooted in God and drawing on Him for our strength and sustenance. It is described as “abiding in Him”. The fruits we then see growing in our lives are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

In September we saw the sad loss of our beloved Queen. If we could look anywhere for what a life well rooted in God looks like, she would be a wonderful example.

The type of character of Her Majesty does not happen by accident, by her own admission she grew from a life built on the foundations and teachings of Jesus. Jesus was her inspiration and guide throughout her whole life. It was in Jesus that she found the strength and direction, to do what she was called to do.

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Pastoral Report continued

None of us are here by accident, God has a purpose for each of us, but whether we fulfil that purpose is down to us. Each of us as Christians longs to hear those words from Jesus when we get to the end of our lives, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'

We may not have been created to be Queen, but we have been created for a purpose, in a time and place unique to us and of infinite importance; to lead flourishing and fulfilling lives. Our Queen has been a wonderful example of a life well lived and she has gained the love and respect of not just the people in our country, but the whole world.

So, may it inspire us too, to a life of continued service, whatever our age, to fulfil our potential, use our gifts and create a world of justice and peace through the soft power of love she so wonderfully demonstrated.

For that example, set to us, in the words of Paddington Bear, 'Thank You Ma'am!'

God bless you all as you continue to find your purpose and fulfil it.

And a final reflection:



Please remember our Church Council is open to all Wesley Chapel members, so please join us on Friday 7 th October at 10.00am if you possibly can.

Every blessing.
Christine Sudron

LETTER FROM BEN

A huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored me during August as I attempted to cycle 100 miles in aid of Alzheimer's Society. I'm thrilled to confirm I completed the challenge and managed 106.85 miles during the month. What has thrilled me more is the support I have received from around the circuit. I know if I tried to thank everyone personally, I would miss someone. Some churches have gathered donations together and sent them on. I had hoped to raise £150 but set an ambitious target of £300. At the time of writing this I'm already up to £1165 and I know of a few more donations are to come in.

Thank you everyone so much and my prayer is that every mile cycled and every pound raised will do something to alleviate the lives of those living with dementia and help along the process to finding ways to delay the onset in the future. If anyone still has a donation to give, my JustGiving page will remain open for about another month - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Ben-Clowes1> or give a cash or cheque donation to me and I'll put the money online for you. Thank you all once again! **Ben.**

Autumn Fires Robert Louis Stevenson

In the other gardens
And all up in the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over,
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!

WEDDING AT WESLEY



To the Congregation at Wesley Chapel

Thank you very much for our wedding presents, the bucket list book, and for welcoming us into your community. We had such an amazing day and the chapel looked magnificent.

We have started to tick things off our bucket list already by going on our honeymoon to Costa Rica. We had a fantastic time spotting wildlife such as monkeys, toucans, sloths, and some howler monkeys (Ruth's favourite).

Love
Ruth & James

Wedding at Wesley continued



A VERY SPECIAL WEEKEND 18-19 September.

Our part in the Heritage Weekend was most enjoyable and successful. The Wesley Chapel folk 'Worshipped, Welcomed and Witnessed'. We estimate we had over a hundred visitors through our doors and they were embraced by very many of us personally and upheld by the prayers of those unable to join us with the Chapel.

The Harvest service on the Sunday was led by Rev. Gordon Hay who combined the celebration of Harvest Festival with a focus on the faith, service, humility and leadership of our late Queen. During the service we shared this recent reflection of Her Majesty.

'In the last 90 years the extent and pace of change has been truly remarkable. We have witnessed triumphs and tragedies. Our world has enjoyed great advances in science and technology, but it has also endured war, conflict and terrible suffering on an unprecedented scale.

In my first Christmas Broadcast in 1952 I asked the people of the Commonwealth and Empire to pray for me as I prepared to dedicate myself to their service at my coronation. I have been—and remain—very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for his steadfast love. I have indeed seen his faithfulness.'

The generosity of our members resulted in £101 being raised to support the work of the Harrogate Homeless Project from a retiring collection on Sunday morning. The generosity of those who joined us over the weekend and shared in refreshment was also apparent as £343 was raised for the work of our church. When next in Wesley Chapel please take a look at the comments in the Visitor's Book.





WESLEY FELLOWSHIP



Methodist Women
in Britain

With a good attendance of members, we were delighted to welcome our President, Rev. Lesley

Taylor, for a “Come dine with me” experience. We enjoyed a very light-hearted afternoon of fun and laughter whilst choosing six dinner guests to sit round a table with us at a venue of our choice. We were asked to choose one guest from six categories, viz: A Biblical character, someone from history, a sportsperson, a television personality, a character from a book, and one from a cartoon. In a real world, were our six guests ever to sit round a table together, I am sure this would be an interesting experience. Who knows, even a few sparks might fly. The exercise gave us food for thought and triggered much mirth. Who could imagine Moses, Queen Victoria, Terry Wogan, Gentleman Jack, Freddie Trueman and Charlie Brown in such close proximity.

In summing up, Lesley read from Luke’s Gospel after reminding us that Luke made more mention of meals than the other three Gospel writers and how Jesus ate many meals in the company of very ordinary people be they saints or sinners.

I was delighted to have the opportunity to present Lesley with her official President’s Badge of Office, previously worn proudly by Molly round her neck. This is made of chocolate and on account of its longevity I recommend that Lesley doesn’t try to eat it! In her honour, we resurrected a few of the Sunday School choruses which we sang at our last meeting. I promise these have now been put back to bed!

Our treasurer, Mike, gave us a year-end report and confirmed that there was a balance of £520.98 in the bank (this being the combined resources of the former Ladies Fellowship, Wesley Guild and the new Wesley Fellowship.) It was unanimously agreed that the sum of £250 be given to the Happy Wanderers and £200 to the Wesley Chapel General fund. The financial situation will be reviewed again during the course of the year. Thank-you Mike for your diligent work as our treasurer and for the lovely prayers you led. Thank you as always to Barbara for playing the piano (and for always having ‘happy birthday’ at the ready), to Mary and Shelagh our tea ladies and to all the members for your continued loyal support. *Continued*

Wesley Fellowship continued.

Our next meeting will be on 13 October themed “Mr and Mrs...”. This should be fun and include three ‘willing couples’. We look forward to perhaps learning a few secrets!

Our Inaugural Anniversary Service will be on Sunday 16 October at 10.30am. to be led by our President, Rev. Lesley. A warm welcome awaits. Do come along and give us a try! Thank-you. Lynne Harvey.

WESLEY WHEELIE WELCOME CAFE



Our Tuesday morning Wesley Wheelie Welcome café is going really well. At a recent one, three of Margaret’s great grand-children came to help set up a new play area complete with new bean bags and toys!

*“ We are made for goodness. We are made for love...
We are made for all of the beautiful things that you
and I know. We are made to tell the world that
there are no outsiders...all are welcome.” - Desmond
Tutu*

CELEBRATION TIME

Betty Bratley celebrated her 90th Birthday on 8th September. Congratulations to Betty. Love and best wishes from all her friends at Wesley. Below with daughter Gill.



Margaret celebrated her birthday with a party cake and a short break away to a favourite "childhood memories" Yorkshire Dale... Arkengarthdale.



Left. A walk down a "memory lane" that leads to a small hamlet called Booze.





Joy, at the wedding of one of her granddaughters, long with her daughter, Suzanne and eldest granddaughter, Samantha. Her greatgranddaughters, Matilda and Tabitha were flower girls.

Eileen and Ian were helping at a Harrogate Theatre Open Day last week. We had been told that there would be a special guest and here he is - Tim Stedman who has been one of the leading lights of our Panto for more than 20 years. This year he is playing Wishy Washy in Aladdin and on this particular Saturday he was putting in a shift handing out Panto leaflets to the public. He's one of Eileen's favourites and it was great to get a picture of her with him. (If you haven't got your Panto tickets they are going fast so don't delay)."



School holidays



The brave one



The sensible one



At the end of the school holidays it's official – two grandchildren are taller than me (and the other two will be soon). How do you exert authority when they're looking down on you and patting you on the head?

DESERT ISLAND DISCS



This month Graham shares his desert island discs.

Bach: Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor. No surprise here for Wesley members, given my long organ playing history, but I find it stimulating and uplifting. I have half learnt this work, but have never performed it! It is one of Bach's finest works, in my opinion.

Schumann: Piano Quintet. I think I have known this piece for nearly forty years, I simply find it very beautiful, it is very tuneful and cheers me up, not a bad thing on a desert island! Wagner wrote of this piece, 'My dear Schumann, your quintet has given me great pleasure: I beg your dear wife to play it again.....it is the only salvation: beauty!'

John Rutter: Feel the Spirit, A cycle of seven spirituals. This work starts with *Joshua fit the battle of Jericho* and ends with *When the saints go marching in*. In between come *Steal away, I got a robe*, the plaintive *Sometimes I feel like a motherless child*, *Every time I feel the Spirit* and *Deep river*. If I ever feel in need of cheering up, this is the recording for me, I can't recommend it too much.

Faure: Cantique de Jean Racine. I have both sung and played the organ accompaniment to this work several times with Vocalis and I find it simply sublime. It is a religious piece, the words of which were written by the 17th century French writer, Jean Racine. The first verse translates as,

*O divine word above, our hope and consolation,
Eternal light of the heavens and the earth.
Our voices greet the morning;
Look down, O Lord and hear thy people's prayer.*

Tchaikovsky: 1st Piano concerto. I struggled to choose between this and *The Rachmaninov Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini* that Mike chose last month, but this is a piano concerto and I love the piano! it is a very large-scale work, full of feeling and requires a very big technique from the pianist! I first heard this work in the Free Trade Hall in Manchester when I was on a school trip from Huddersfield. It left a deep impression on me then, as it was so exciting, and I have loved it ever since.

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Graham's Desert Island Discs continued.

Debussy: Clair de Lune. A complete change of mood now to something very calm and soothing. This is a piano work that I have learnt, but never performed. It is an uncomplicated work, but tender and one which reaches emotional depth.

Handel: Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*. I have performed the organ accompaniment to the Messiah on numerous occasions, starting when I was a student in Manchester. At that time I lived in non-theological student accommodation in Hartley Victoria College where one of the theological students decided to start a choir. He had plenty of talent at his disposal, including students from the then Royal Manchester College of Music with additional singers from the university Methodist society. These performances were quite an occasion, indeed one now world-famous opera singer sang the bass solo for us several times while he was still a humble student. Long-lasting friendships were made, indeed I married one of the singers in the chorus! We took the performances to towns near and far including Dragon Parade Methodist Church in Harrogate. Since those days I have performed the work in Shrewsbury, when the conductor was the minister there, at Wesley, under Margaret Righton, on several occasions and also in Knaresborough and Ripley. This piece holds so many memories for me as well as being a fine work and very uplifting.

Louis Armstrong: *It's a wonderful world*. A complete contrast, but a song I truly love. It is a wonderful world and I have been fortunate to visit many parts of it and see some wonderful sights, including the Rocky mountains, the Grand canyon, and several European countries. I have made many friends along the way and have enjoyed so many special times here in Harrogate which is a beautiful place to live.

Thank you for your lovely choices Graham. I shall be listening to them all during the next month. In our November Focus one of our young people, Tom, will be choosing his desert island discs.

2022-23 CONCERT SEASON

Monday, 3rd October 2022 at 1pm. Leonore Piano Trio - Benjamin Nabarro (violin), Gemma Rosefield (cello) and Tim Horton (piano). The programme is:

Piano Trio in F sharp minor XV:26 - Haydn
Piano Trio in A minor, op. 50 - Tchaikovsky

Of a recording by the Leonore Piano Trio of music by Parry, the reviewer in Gramophone wrote:

'You'll be purring with satisfaction at this exemplary new release from the Leonore Piano Trio. Enthusiasm isn't always enough to prevent recordings of unfamiliar music from sounding raw but these performances feel fully matured - fresh, intelligent and strikingly stylish: edgy when they need to be and opening out generously when Parry's romantic impulse demands it.'

Monday, 7th November 2022 (1pm) Lunchtime Recital. Elisabeth Llewellyn (soprano) and Simon Lepper (piano).

Since making her operatic debut as Mimi in *La Bohème* at English National Opera, Elisabeth Llewellyn has established herself internationally as an artist of distinction. She has been praised for her "rich opulent voice" (*The Times*) as well as for "beautiful depth of expression and emotional intelligence" (*Telegraph*). In 2021/22 Elisabeth Llewellyn returned to the Metropolitan Opera, New York as Bess in *Porgy and Bess*. In July 2022, she took the soprano role in *A Sea Symphony* by Vaughan Williams at the BBC Proms. Elisabeth Llewellyn was awarded an MBE in The Queen's Birthday Honours 2022, marking her extraordinary contributions and services to classical music across the UK.

For further information, please contact a.hitchen81@gmail.com or by telephone on 01423-883618.

Meeting the King

The President of the Methodist Conference the Revd Graham Thompson represented the Methodist Church when Faith Leaders were invited to attend an audience with the King at Buckingham Palace three days before the Queen's State Funeral. Here we take a look behind the scenes from Revd Thompson's blog:

'There were some thirty people representing various Christian denominations and other faith groups.

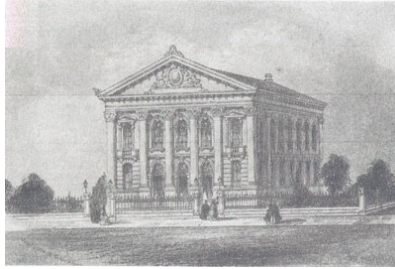
The audience began with a short speech and continued with a conversation with each of us in turn. I took the opportunity to reiterate the condolences of the Methodist people at this time of personal loss and assured the King of our continuing prayers for him as our new Sovereign.

Why did the King invite Faith Leaders to the palace so quickly? There is a clue within the speech when he said, 'I also wanted, before all of you today, to confirm my determination to carry out my responsibilities as Sovereign of all communities around this country and the Commonwealth and in a way which reflects the world in which we now live'. He went on to say, 'I have always thought of Britain as a 'community of communities.' That has led me to understand that the Sovereign has an additional duty . . . to protect the diversity of our country, including (by) protecting the space for Faith itself and its practise through the religions, cultures, traditions and beliefs to which our hearts and minds direct us as individuals. This diversity is not just enshrined in the laws of our country, it is enjoined by my own faith'.

The audience was a way of letting faith leaders and those whom we serve - and the world - that the King places a high value on faith within the life of our nations. Also, that faith plays an important part in enabling Britain to be the 'community of communities' that he has pledged - and will pledge - his allegiance to.

As we reflect on the words of the King, we are each encouraged to ask what it is that we can do (or continue to do) - on our own and with others - to enable people to flourish within the communities we serve. What is that we can offer because of our faith in Christ, the servant of all? <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/the-president-and-vice-president-of-the-conference/the-blog-of-the-president-and-vice-president-of-conference/meeting-the-king/>

1862



Opening of Wesley Chapel Oxford Street.

- Queen Victoria had been on the throne for just over 25 years.
- Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston, (Lord Palmerston) was Prime Minister.
- The American Civil War had started the year before and would go on for another 3 years.
- Railway station in Harrogate opened, the first public building in Harrogate to be built of brick.
- West Park United Reform Church opened on 13 August.
- William Powell Frith's painting *The Railway Station* depicting London Paddington, went on public display.
- Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* was published.
- Composer Claude Debussy was born 22 August.
- *Special Scotch Express*, predecessor to the *Flying Scotsman* first departs from London Kings Cross for Edinburgh.
- New Westminster Bridge is opened in London.
- Notts County Football Club was founded. (The Football League was not started until 1888)..

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Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.

John Wesley

An invitation from Gracious Street

Wesley Chapel members are invited to an open meeting of The Bridge Book Club from 2.00-4.00pm at Gracious Street Methodist Church, Knaresborough, HG5 0NZ on Tuesday 18 October when Malcolm Hollingdrake the author of The Harrogate Crime Series will lead the afternoon which will include an author's talk, video, puzzles and prizes, Q and A, book signing and sales and refreshments.

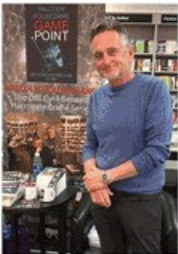
All are welcome and admission is free. It will be absolutely fine for folk to either just arrive on the day or to contact Joyce Hoare beforehand. joycehoare@sky.com



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- Author's talk
 - Video
- Puzzles & prizes
 - Q & A
- Book signing and sales
 - Refreshments

All welcome - admission free

Further details from 01423 860750

10TH ANNIVERSARY



Nidd Valley Circuit 1st September 2022 marked the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Nidd Valley Circuit from the Knaresborough and Harrogate Circuits. The circuit team are keen to mark this anniversary with a Circuit Celebration to be held at Gracious Street on the evening of **Sunday 23rd October 2022 at 6.30pm**. This will be a special celebration circuit service and it would be wonderful

if all our churches could be represented at the service. Please put the date in your diaries now and see if others from your church might want to attend with you.

OFFER A WARM SPACE THIS WINTER

Many community groups, including churches, have started making plans to offer 'warm spaces' this winter: places where people can come and get warm, have a free hot drink, maybe grab a snack and charge their phone. The Methodist Church has lots of information on its website and you can learn more by visiting For for about this visit The Methodist Church website <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/evangelism-growth/respond-to-the-energy-crisis-this-winter/>.

You can watch a 60-minute recording of the webinar, 'Offer a warm space this winter,' which took place on 5th September 2022, here: <https://youtu.be/UnP3ZDCezuQ>. In this webinar, you'll find out how our church could create a warm space this winter, and why they're needed now more than ever.

HARROGATE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Saturday, 15 October at 7:30pm at St. Mark's Church, Leeds Road, Harrogate.

The programme is: Delibes - Le Roi s'amuse, Coleridge-Taylor - African Suite and Bizet - L'Arlesienne - three delightful suites!

Tickets and more information are available on our website: <http://www.harrogatephilharmonicorchestra.org.uk/> and at the door



Saturday 8 October 2022
10am to 12 noon.
Breakfast from 9.30am.

Bibletrack seminar. *Can you trust the Bible Part 1.*
Andrew Emerton, (DVD & facilitated discussion).
Mowbray Community Church (facilitated by JST&M team members).

Saturday 19 November 2022
10am to 12 noon
Breakfast from 9.30am

Revd Roy Searle '*Wisdom from the past, illumine our path for today*': *how St Benedict and Celtic spirituality is inspirational for these changing times.* (live lecture)

BILTON METHODIST AMBLERS

The next walk is Saturday 8 October. All walks start on the car park of Bilton Area Methodist Church where we meet to arrange transport at 9.30. Summer walks generally about 5-7 miles. Please bring a packed lunch. All welcome. If interested please contact Janet Allen, janetallen09@btinternet.com

HARROGATE CHORAL SOCIETY

Sunday 13 November 7pm at St. Wilfrid's Church

A Trio of Magnificats. This concert comprises Magnificats by JS Bach, John Rutter and the Echo Magnificat by Paul Ayres.

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



Prayer Corner

Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them for His sake- not choosing nor refusing, liking or disliking, anything, but only as it is agreeable or disagreeable to His perfect will. **John Wesley**, *How To Pray: The Best of John Wesley on Prayer*

Thank you, God, for inviting me to share in your work: to love God, and to love my neighbour, as I am loved myself. Sometimes, the hardest part is to love myself. Your grace is beyond my capacity to imagine. I diminish your love by my own false limits. I treat myself too harshly when your love treats me gently. Jesus, you invite me to love God, and to love my neighbour as I am loved myself. Such love will transform the world. Set my heart on fire with love! Help me to respond to the greatest commandment! I dedicate myself to love God, and love my neighbours, and love myself, even as I am fully loved by you. Amen. **David Hinchliffe, South East District Choir**

O LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done; then Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Read at the committal service of Her Majesty the Queen on 19 September at St. George's, Windsor.*)

Day by day, O God, we praise you, feel you near and prove your faithfulness. Daily we long to live according to your word, daily to know you as all in all.

Mary Bosanquet, Methodist Preacher (1739–1815)

