



Focus on November 2022



160th Anniversary Special Edition

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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/>

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/>

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WHAT'S ON AT WESLEY

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

MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 1pm. Lunchtime Recital. See p22

THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2pm. Wesley Fellowship. Reflections on Remembrance.

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

10.30am. Short Remembrance Service led by Mike Greenberg.

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

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

10.30am. Morning Worship. Local Arrangement

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

10.30am. Morning Worship led by Rev. Leonora Wassal.

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

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

FRIDAYS 10am Online Coffee Morning. *(Link will be sent out, or contact Les or Judith).*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 5 December 10.30am. Memorial Service led by Rev. Lesley. (Changed from 27 November).

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

Sunday 18 December 10.30am Carol Service.

Christmas Eve: 6.30pm. Service led by Rev. Trevor Dixon.

Christmas Day: 10.30am. Christmas morning worship led by Mike Greenberg.

1 January 2023 10.30am. Short service led by Rev. Lesley.



Celebration time

Many congratulations to Eileen and Ian who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Friday 28 October. On the day of the anniversary Ian wrote::

Well it was 50 years ago today. 'Flying Officers Ian Temple and Eileen Dunford got married at Huntingdon Registry Office.'

It was a lovely sunny autumn day. The reception was held at RAF Upwood where I had just completed my Supply Officer training and Eileen was training as an Education Branch Officer. There was no honeymoon, the next day I went off to RAF Leconfield and Eileen continued her training.

To make the day completely memorable (from my perspective anyway) Tottenham beat Man Utd 4-1 at Old Trafford with Martin Peters scoring all 4 goals.



I really cannot believe where that 50 years has gone!

Tonight's celebration includes ushering *Shrek the Musical* at Harrogate Theatre.'

Congratulations and love from all of us at Wesley. Hope you enjoyed your evening at the theatre.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR STEWARD

Could you host a house Bible study group?

At a recent Church Council meeting we agreed it would be good if we could once again have a Wesley Chapel Bible study house group.

Our Helen Evison led a lovely little group at her home for quite some time and a number of people still have fond memories of it.

Our twice a month Sunday evening thirty minute, Wesley Sunday Share Zoom meeting regularly has a gathering of eight to ten people where we share our favourite hymns, readings, reflections, faith journey stories, poems and quotes that inspire us and lots more; however we do not share a more considered study of the Bible.

Could you consider setting a study group up at your home for say an hour or so, once or twice a month? Leadership of study topics could be shared if you wished.

If you would like to discuss this further please speak with Les or Christine Sudron. Tel: 01423 797406.

FROM OUR MINISTER

Advent Study Group. Lesley will be running an Advent study group again this year. The group will run on Mondays 2-3pm from Monday 21st November to Monday 19th December. The venue will be shared between Starbeck and Bilton Area.

Lesley is also happy to run a Monday evening group on those dates either face to face or on Zoom.

Please let Lesley know if you're interested in either of these groups.

It was only a sunny smile, and little it cost in the giving, but like morning light it scattered the night and made the day worth living.

Scott Fitzgerald



WESLEY FELLOWSHIP



Thanks to six kindly disposed members we enjoyed an afternoon of fun and laughter at our November meeting when Mike and Maureen, Katharine and Keith and Mary and Frank took part in a game of Mr. & Mrs. Mary kindly made and provided six pink and blue paddles and the contestants diligently and humorously responded to no less than 42 questions. Although there was the odd difference of opinion thankfully we witnessed no major domestic scenes and, to my knowledge, nobody has filed for divorce. A big thank you to the three happy couples for being such good sports. All were worthy prize winners of a box of chocolate "Heroes" for being just that. We prefaced our meeting with the usual devotional and the hymns were chosen with weddings in mind and included O Perfect Love and Fight the Good Fight!

Three days later we celebrated our Inaugural service when Mike kindly deputised for The Rev'd Lesley, at short notice. We send our commiserations to Lesley and hope she is now recovered from her viral infection and enjoyed her planned holiday in Scotland. We missed her. To Mike we say a big 'thank you' for his thoughtful and relevant words. I think I can speak for the Wesley family when I say that it is always a delight to have him in our pulpit.

On a personal note and, after giving the matter much thought, regrettably I feel that the time has come for me to stand down as Hon. Secretary of the Fellowship. I have been in post in the Wesley Guild since 2000 and was also Treasurer for Ladies Network for several years. For various reasons, mostly because of mobility issues, I feel that I would like to retire after our December meeting. It has been my privilege to serve in this post and I feel very blessed to have been part of the Wesley family in this capacity. I would appreciate it greatly if some kind person would come forward and take over. Please do give the matter prayerful thought and if you feel able to take up the reins then do have a word with me.

Our November meeting will take place on the 10th and will be reflections on Remembrance. We shall hold our usual Carol Service on 8 December. All are welcome to attend at 2pm in The Upper Hall.

Kind regards and best wishes to all. **Lynne Harvey**

SELECTED NOTES FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7 OCTOBER 2022

Representatives to Circuit Meeting: Les Sudron (Senior Steward), Mike Greenberg (Treasurer) Jenny Goodwin (elected), Substitute Christine Bunting.

Finance.

- The unaudited accounts were accepted for 2021-22. (see p10).
- There is money in a restricted fund which was raised specifically from donations to Christmas lunches, which are no longer a feature of the work of Wesley. This money should either be returned to the people who donated or given to another charity. It was agreed that a note be put out to inform people of this and unless there are any objections the money will be used for another outreach project, for example Warm Spaces in which Wesley is going to participate. (See p 9).

Circuit Plan.

- 13 November, Remembrance Sunday. Les and Mike will organise a short service at Wesley at 10.30am.
- The Memorial Service is to be moved from 27 November to the 5 December, with Holy Communion. Leonora Wassal will now lead the service on 27th.
- Shoppers Carol Services: Tuesday 13 December, at 10.30 am.
- Carol Service: Sunday 18 December 10.30am
- Christmas Eve: 6.30pm led by Rev. Trevor Dixon.
- Christmas Day: Service at 10.30am led by Mike Greenberg.
- 1 January 2023 10.30am: Lesley will conduct a short service.

Pastoral. The pastoral report was published in last month's Focus. Thanks were expressed to Christine Sudron and all the pastoral visitors for telephoning, visiting, keeping people informed.

Safeguarding Policy. The Safeguarding Policy was adopted for Wesley Chapel and signed by Lesley. There are still some people requiring training.

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Church Council notes continued.

Stewards Report. The Senior Steward's report was published in last month's Focus.

Circuit Mission Hub. Circuit Mission Statement and Circuit Mission Policy. These documents have been produced by the Circuit Vision and Strategy Group and churches were asked to discuss at their church councils. (See Les or Judith for a copy). They were produced to aid churches in discussing their mission going forward. The Policy is designed to make us think about what we can do. It is better to do one or two things and to do them well.

Our mission at Wesley Chapel has started positively with Wesley Wheelie Welcome Café. A family member of Shelagh has produced excellent posters, and a new one will be available leading up to the Shoppers Carol Service on 13 December.

Warm Space in Winter. This is an initiative encouraging churches to offer a warm space during the winter months in the coming difficult financial period. The aim is to provide a warm, comfortable space, including offering tea and coffee, and perhaps magazines, newspapers as well as the facility to charge mobile phones. Attendance must be confidential and non-judgemental and safeguarding is important. The key is to keep things simple, and it is a good idea to back it on to something that we are already doing (ie Tuesday Coffee), as we will already have the heating on, and volunteers already there.

It was suggested that we could open for longer on Tuesdays, from 10.30 to 2pm and as well as serving tea, coffee, hot water to refill flasks, we could offer soup at lunch time, our baby-changing facilities may also be useful. A table would be provided so that people could light a candle. Everything provided would be free. It was also suggested that we could link up with other churches who may not be able to open but could provide help.

Harrogate Hub is co-ordinating the offers from churches in Harrogate, to ensure that venues will not all be open at the same time and on the same day.

More ideas would be welcome, Wesley members are encouraged to pray for this mission.

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Church Council notes continued

Together in Love. Circuits are encouraged to make decisions regarding same-sex marriages in our churches. Discussions should be held at church council meetings designed to discuss that one subject. It should be noted that Nidd Valley Circuit is not forcing any one church to decide. It is entirely up to individual ministers regarding their own part in this. Bilton and Trinity have both had their discussions and decided that it will be ok to have same-sex marriages in their churches. It was agreed that Wesley defer its decision for the time being. Everyone is encouraged to read the report that was produced by Connexion. (See Lesley, Les or Judith for a copy).

Christmas markets. There will be two festive markets in Harrogate leading up to Christmas and it is hoped that we will be able to open for a coffee morning on one of those Saturdays if we are able to find someone to organise.

Bible Study House Group and Advent Bible Study. (See p5).

Connecting with local businesses. Some conversations have taken place with two neighbouring shops. Geek Retreat is a computer games café and social hub, providing a welcoming and safe environment for everyone. Their owner a Baptist minister is interested in working with us. Ben Clowes is intending to meet up with him. The owners of the local antique shop have expressed an interest in holding an antique fair at Wesley and its owners have been taking an interest in the folk who 'hang around' our building and have expressed an interest in working with Wesley. It is also known that Greggs also have charitable schemes that we could link in with.

Date of next meeting Friday 10 February 2023 at 10am.

The tumult and the shouting dies;
The Captains and the Kings depart:
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Rudyard Kipling



Wesley Chapel

2021/22 General Church Account Summary

	This year		Last year	
<u>Income</u>				
Regular offerings	14,252		15,365	
Gift Aid tax refund	2,440		3,483	
Wesley Fellowship	250		0	
Tuesday & Sunday coffee	630		0	
Christmas lunch	0		0	
Fund raising	289		0	
Interest	9		4	
Donations	790		1,475	
Other	223		0	
Total		18,883		20,327
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Assessment	18,869		19,864	
Rent	3,500		0	
Insurance	933		900	
Music (CCLI)	252		243	
Other	414		447	
Total		23,968		21,454
Surplus/deficit		-5,085		-1,127

Notes

Sunday collections were £1100 down on last year. Gift Aid income was also down but this was partly because the gift aid on cash donations of £490 wasn't received until after the year end.

The most important feature of expenditure was that we resumed paying the Centre rent in 2021/22.

It was really encouraging to see income coming in from other Chapel activities as we emerged from covid. Nevertheless, we ended the year with a deficit of £5085 on General account.

Our total reserves at the end of the year were £2457.

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

1—3 OCTOBER

Our 160th Anniversary weekend was a very busy, very enjoyable and uplifting occasion. So many people contributed on both the Saturday and Sunday to make everything work so well and thanks go to them all, too numerous to mention by name. However, one exception, we were thrilled and greatly appreciative of Rev. Leslie Newton, our District Chair, leading our Anniversary service; over fifty people in the congregation were both inspired and challenged (in a very positive and thoughtful way) and as one of our members commented after our excellent Anniversary lunch, 'that has been one of the most uplifting and enjoyable days I have had for a very long time'.





THE OPENING DAY
 'THE PUBLIC ARE RESPECTFULLY INFORMED THAT IT IS INTENDED TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THIS EDIFICE IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER. A SERMON WILL BE PREACHED BY THE REV CHARLES PREST, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE'
Wesley Chapel 1862-1962, by H S Hitchen T E Dawson

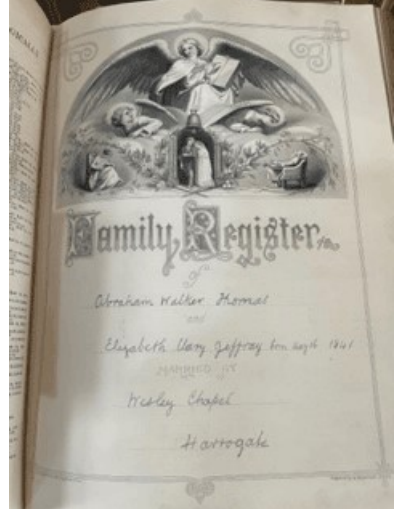
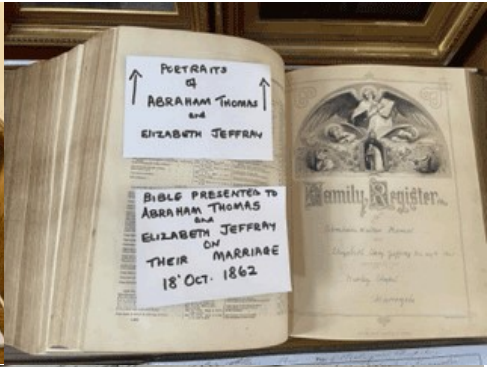


'Harrogate Advertiser pleasantly described (Wesley) as 'a large and highly respectable congregation.' ' Wesley Chapel 1862-1962, by H S Hitchen T E Dawson



'I think of the stalwarts I have known in earlier days and thank God for them. I testify that good men—and women not a few—are in the ranks today. I pray that God may raise up many more to maintain His work and witness here. For of the grace and power of God in our midst today I have no shade of doubt. To Him alone be all the glory!' *W. Garfield Lickes from Forward in Wesley Chapel 1862-1962 by H S Hitchen and T E Dawson.*

Jenny arranged an impressive exhibition of memorabilia and history including baptism and marriage registers. This splendid display was much too good to only be displayed for one weekend.



'During this month of October, on Saturday the 18th, the first marriage in the new Chapel was celebrated between Abraham Walter Thomas, 27, Bachelor, Farmer, and Elizabeth Mary Jeffray, 21, Spinster.'



The descendants of the first couple to be married at Wesley kindly lent us the photographs and family Bible seen in the top photographs.

The actual anniversary date, 3 October, coincided with the opening of the new concert season. We were delighted to welcome Leonora Piano Trio, who thrilled the appreciative audience with a concert, which Les said was 'simply the best music recital I have ever listened to.'



Wesley has a long history of splendid music. In their history of *Wesley Chapel 1862-1962* the authors recall the tenure of Mr Fred Wood, the renowned choirmaster, who 'after he had brought the choir to the point at which they were achieving two new anthems every Sunday, (Mr Wood wrote) "we then began to think of Oratorio performances. We could not afford the time out of our weekly practices, but the Choir were sufficiently keen to take on an extra night's work each week. Our first effort was Dvorak's *At the foot of the Cross*, and I remember with gratitude the Rev Walter J Morgan saying in the vestry afterwards that he had been deeply moved by the beauty of the singing, and by the fine playing of Miss Wood at the organ. In succeeding years we sang, besides Stainer's *Crucifixion* which was our annual event each Passiontide, various Oratorios (one each year) including Brahm's *Requiem*, Handel's *Messiah*. Mendelssohn's *Hymn of Praise*, and *St Paul* (which we repeated in St Peter's Church.... (the choir)... won (many honours with Mr Wood). They took First Place with an Honours Certificate at the Harrogate Musical Festival in 1937, and, after splitting the choir into two halves for the 1938 Festival, Mr Wood had the pleasure of seeing his two choirs take First and Second Place. *Wesley Chapel 1862-1962* by H S Hitchen and T E Dawson.

DESERT ISLAND DISCS



This month Tom Thornhill has shared his desert island discs with us.

Please please please let me get what I want - The Dream Academy. I first heard this song in one of my (and almost all my family's) all time favourite films, 'Ferris Bueller's day off' and I've loved it ever since. It accompanies the scene perfectly, a lovely song for a lovely scene.

Piano Concerto no.2 - Dmitri Shostakovich. Perhaps my favourite piece of classical music. While there's not a whole lot going on throughout, the strings and piano support each other beautifully. If ever I want to feel at peace and relaxed, this is a must.

True Love Ways - Buddy Holly. One of his slower ones, and a favourite of mine from the era. This one gives me a really homely and comforting feel, maybe due to some familiarity as it's one of my dad's all time favourites as well.

Wicked Game - Chris Isaak One I heard throughout my childhood, a very simple yet beautiful song, the slightly haunting guitar leads to create a real sense of atmosphere. A favourite for late night drives.

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Tom's Desert Island Discs continued.

Something Greater - Parcels. A band I've been listening to a lot recently and are quickly becoming a favourite, its a really upbeat, feel good song. Myself and my mum went to see them live last month and both agreed it was one of the best live gigs we'd ever been to see.

Gnossienne no.1 - Eric Satie. Although its not the most complex piece of music, its carries a unique sound and has its sense of charm. The piece of music is often associated with Vincent Van Gogh who is without doubt my favourite artist, I travelled around France in Summer and was lucky enough to immerse myself in his life and work. I find this piece of music brings his work to life.

Booster Seat - Spacey Jane. Not only a favourite of mine but also a favourite of my sister, who is currently residing in Canada. Whenever I hear this song it makes me want to travel around the world, just has that certain feel, a very special one to me.

What Once Was - Her's. Lastly, another newer one from the late 'Her's'. One of my all time favourites, a beautifully constructed song that'll just about suit any mood I'm in.

Thank you Tom for sharing your choices with us. I've really enjoyed listening to them, and impressed that you've chosen a Buddy Holly song. Next month Janet is going to share her Desert Island Discs.

Music Quotes

'A creative artist works on his next composition because he was not satisfied with his previous one.' *Dmitri Shostakovich*

'One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain.' *Bob Marley*.

'Music does bring people together. It allows us to experience the same emotions. People everywhere are the same in heart and spirit. No matter what language we speak, what colour we are, the form of our politics or the expression of our love and our faith, music proves: we are the same' *John Denver*

BERLIN—SUMMER 2022

Andrew writes about a recent family visit to Berlin.

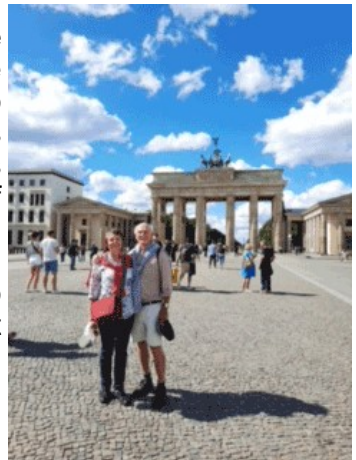
At the end of August 2022 we visited Berlin. Two of our children, Christoph (with his family) and Esther, live there. Christoph has been in Berlin for ten years, and Esther since September 2021. We enjoy exploring Berlin Mitte, i.e. Unter den Linden leading to the Brandenburg Gate and beyond to the Reichstag (the German



Parliament), the Staatsoper and the Gendarmenmarkt - a square with several splendid buildings, including the Konzerthaus. While in Berlin, I attended a recital at the Konzerthaus by a trio which included the violinist, Irène Duval, who performed at a lunchtime concert at Wesley in February 2022. Mitte is in the former East Berlin. The transformation of Berlin Mitte since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 has been truly remarkable. Much of it has been returned to its former glory.

One of the things we enjoy is having breakfast in the restaurant on top of the Reichstag. To reach it, you have to walk by the glass dome designed by Sir Norman Foster. Its shape symbolises the reunification of Germany. From the restaurant, you have a magnificent view of the Berlin skyline. On the day we went, we were fortunate to have very good weather, so we could sit on the terrace.

Andrew Hitchen



CIRCUIT MEETING SEPTEMBER 2022

The Circuit Meeting at Starbeck was upbeat and positive and the Nidd Valley Circuit is an exciting place to be in spite of these difficult days of financial crisis and uncertainty. Here are some items from the meeting that may be of interest.



APPOINTMENTS

- Judith Yeats was appointed as Secretary to the Circuit Meeting.
- Graham Taylor (Gracious Street) is shadowing the Circuit Stewards for a year with a view to becoming a Circuit Steward in the future.
- Ron Hicks has agreed to act as Circuit Safeguarding Officer for the next year.
- Les Sudron will sit on the District Policy Committee as NVD Representative.

CANDIDATE FOR THE MINISTRY. Anna Cooley was due to give a presentation regarding her candidature for the ministry which was to be followed by a vote by members of the meeting. Unfortunately Anna was unwell and had sent her apologies. However this was rescheduled and actually took place at the Circuit 10 year Celebration Service on 23 October where the vote for Anna to candidate as a presbyter was an overwhelming yes.

GORDON HAY REINVITATION. Following a unanimous decision by the Circuit Invitation Committee and members of this meeting, Gordon has been reinvited to be a presbyter in this circuit for five more years. Congratulations to Gordon.

STAFFING

- **Circuit Administrator.** The advertisement for the Circuit Administrator has gone out with the hope of an appointment being made after 30 September.
- **Wesley Centre Manager.** An advert has been prepared for a Manager/Administrator at Wesley Centre.
- **Local Pastor** for Gracious Street, to work on the margins, is being refined at the present time.
- **Deacon.** It was agreed that we seek an experienced Deacon to join the Circuit in September 2023. This is an exciting opportunity for a deacon, with experience of preaching, to become involved with new communities around the Circuit and discover where God is at work.

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2023 Planning. A solution for 2023 is being worked on by CLT. Meantime to cover for Grace's churches, each minister has taken responsibility for an additional church and a supernumary has been allocated to each church to assist.

Scotton: Lesley Taylor and Peter Whittaker.

Park Grove: Moses John and Diane Hicks.

Kirk Hammerton: Gordon Hay and Linda Phillips.

Kearby: Gordon Hay and Gillian Robertson.

Killinghall: Ben Clowes and Ron Hicks.

VISION AND STRATEGY: The focus is Mission, Discipleship and Worship with a view to maintaining quality Worship for all, encourage churches to reach outside their walls in Mission and to develop Discipleship growth through the revised Mission Policy and Hub with the idea of identifying 'Grace Spaces' outside our usual spaces for worship – it was suggested that all chapels should be able to achieve at least two out of three criteria in each area of the hub.

In order to do things 'further out from the centre' we need to free people to engage with this one suggestion being that if we had 2 churches on 5 or more sites, this would dramatically reduce Governance to free people for outreach purposes. This is to be an item for discussion at all church councils.

FINANCE. We are working with the HHP on applying for funding to refurbish Wesley House to provide Admin. Space for HHP.

PROPERTY. Killinghall refurbishment plans include electrical points in car park and renovations to the kitchen, which it is hoped will to draw people into the space. The building will be vacated from mid-October to January 2023.

BEN SABBATICAL. Ben will be taking a 3-month sabbatical in June, July, August 2024. A sabbatical support group will be organised.

Judith Yeats



2022-23 CONCERT SEASON

Monday, 7th November 2022 (1pm) Lunchtime Recital

Message from Andrew.

Regrettably, Simon Lepper has had to withdraw from the recital on Monday, 7th November. There is a rail strike scheduled for that day and Simon feels it is too risky to rely on the London to Harrogate train running on Monday morning. This means that the song recital with Elizabeth Llewellyn will be postponed. A decision had to be made sooner rather than later in order to find someone to step in.

I am pleased to announce, however, that the pianist **Steven Osborne** will give the recital on 7th November. His programme will include the Piano Sonata No. 1 by Rachmaninov. Whereas his Piano Sonata No. 2 is frequently performed, the Sonata No. 1 is rarely performed. Steven Osborne recently recorded the work to great critical acclaim. I am awaiting confirmation of the rest of the programme.

5th December 2022- Elisa Tomellini (Italy) piano) Debussy, Chopin and Piazzolla

9th January 2023 - London Horn Duo

6th February 2023 - Harmoniemusik A varied programme for four winds and piano including music by Poulenc and Saint-Saëns

6th March 2023 - Kitty Whately (mezzo-soprano) and Joseph Middleton (piano) Joseph Middleton is artistic director of Leeds Lieder

3rd April 2023 - Emma Abbate and Julian Perkins (piano/four hands)

8th May 2023- Gareth Brynmor-John (tenor/winner of the Ferrier Award 2013) and Christopher Glynn (piano) (Christopher Glynn is artistic director of the Ryedale Festival)

5th June 2023 - Susan Tomes (piano)

3rd July 2023 - Jazz concert

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

FOCUS ON OUR CHURCHES AROUND THE CIRCUIT

From Janet and Pat. The walking group attached to Bilton Area Methodist Church went out on Saturday 8 October. The walk was round Golden Acre Park North Leeds. As you will see from the photos (see back cover) a lovely walk and a great bunch of people. You will spot our Pat and our Andrew and Heather the photographer led the walk. The group goes out



the second Saturday of the month so the next walk is 12 November. If you would like to come along, please let Janet know: 01423 524634. janetallen09@btinternet.com. The walks normally start at BAMC car park at 9.30 to arrange car shares.

Janet writes: Pat, myself and our friend Brenda from Killinghall decided to try out the Bilton Area Methodist Church Lunch Club on Wednesday 21 September. The food was delicious and was lasagne, new potatoes and salad, orange jelly dessert, cheese and biscuits and the company great. It meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, lunch served at 12.15pm, people usually arrive up to a half hour before. The cost is £5.50, the food traditional and food allergies and vegetarians can be accommodated. If interested please contact Julie Dekanski, 01423 507140 (you may need to leave a message). jdekanski@yahoo.co.uk, or myself (details above).



Left
Brenda
Janet
and Pat.

Right
Cater-
ing
Team



From Killinghall. 30th October marks our final Sunday worshipping in the building before our refurbishment scheme begins. We're really excited about making our space more community friendly and opening our chapel more alongside making our building more environmentally friendly (we're having solar panels and there'll be public charging points for electric vehicles).

From Sunday 6th November we'll be worshipping in the Village Hall (except for 13th November where we're joining together with St Thomas' and 1st January when we're invited to other local Methodist Churches). We will reopen our refurbished building on Saturday 21st January with an event to which the whole village community is invited and then on Sunday 22nd January at 10.30am we'll be holding our annual Covenant Service in our newly refurbished building.

Our Christmas Fair Coffee Morning will be in the Village Hall on 19th November.

Kearby. Saturday 12 November 11am. Christmas Wreath Making, with professional guidance. £35 including materials and seasonal refreshments. Spaces are limited (15/16 people), booking is essential. Contact Phillippa on 07752 197933.

Les and Christine went to Kearby Methodist Church for a coffee morning, its first in 200 years and to see their new carpet; it was a lovely morning



Starbeck. Saturday 12 November 7.30pm Leeds Central Salvation Army Band and Songsters. Bandmaster Major Stuart Barker and songster leader Jon Cole lead a festival that will include music for Remembrance.

A THANK YOU FROM BEN



A heartfelt thank you to so many people who have financially supported the cycling challenge I took on during August 2022 to raise money for Alzheimer's research. I thought I might manage to raise £150 but I raised 10 times that - £1560! Thank you all so much – and as a thank you from the Alzheimer's Society I received a medal and a new cycling top!

The Nidd Valley Circuit is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Circuit Administrator: ' Katy Morley will be joining the circuit team from 1st November. We're still working out her work pattern, much of it will be from home but she will be accessible during her work hours on a work mobile number and the circuit email address. We look forward to you all meeting her!'

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO NIDD VALLEY CIRCUIT

What an amazing celebration of 10 years of our circuit on Sunday 23 October at Gracious Street. Wesley was well represented. All the banners which were made for the celebrations 10 years ago were displayed, including Hampsthwaite's even though they have sadly closed during this time. The full service is on the Nidd Valley Circuit Youtube chanel together with the call to worship which was recorded from each of our 13 amazing flourishing missional communities.

EIGHT MILLION STITCHES EXPRESSING GOD'S LOVE!



'Threads through Creation' is an extraordinary, uplifting art exhibition at Ripon Cathedral, on show now until 20th November as part of a nationwide tour of 20 cathedrals.

It took Christian textile artist Jacqui Parkinson three years - and eight million stitches!

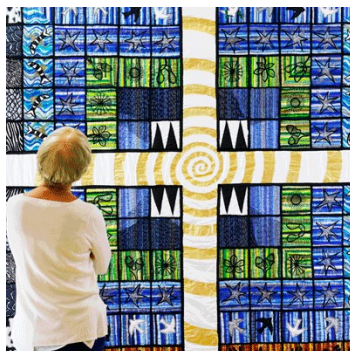
The show consists of twelve beautiful silk panels re-imagining the story of creation from Genesis. You've read it in black and white – now see it in amazing colour! The panels are huge (2.7m high, up to 3.5m wide) and breathtaking.

It's a great opportunity for sharing with friends – bring along some non-Christians, and there'll be some interesting conversations! Everyone comes out buzzing ...

Admission free

www.creation-threads.co.uk

www.riponcathedral.org.uk





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)

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.

Saturday 10 December 7pm Royal Hall

Handel's Messiah

For more information

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

VOCALIS

A concert from Remembrance weekend.

Saturday 12 November 7pm St. Roberts Catholic Church.

Vaughn Williams Mass in G Minor

The Truth from Above

Sunday 4 December 4pm at Wesley

Music for Advent and Christmas

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All that is gold does not glitter by J R R Tolkien

All that is gold does not glitter,
Not all those who wander are lost;
The old that is strong does not wither,
Deep roots are not reached by the frost.
From the ashes a fire shall be woken,
A light from the shadows shall spring;
Renewed shall be blade that was broken,
The crownless again shall be king.

Sing a song of seasons by 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!

O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

A hymn that is often used at Remembrance Services, but also a favourite of mine. I had it at my late husband's funeral, and I found it a great comfort. It was written in 1708 by Isaac Watts and paraphrases the Psalm 90. *'Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.* It originally had nine verses, however nowadays the 4th, 6th and 8th verses are omitted in most hymn books, except the Methodist hymn books which includes the verse, *'The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their cares and fears, are carried downward by the flood, and lost in following years'.* In 1738, John Wesley, in his hymnal *Psalms and Hymns*, changed the first line of the text from 'Our God', to 'O God'. Both Watt's original text and Wesley's rewording remain in current use.

The hymn was originally part of *The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament*, published by Watts in 1719. In this book he paraphrased in Christian verse the entire psalter with the exception of twelve Psalms which he felt were unsuited for Christian usage.

It is sung to the tune 'St. Anne which was composed by William Croft in 1708 whilst he was the organist of St. Anne's Church, Soho.

Later composers subsequently incorporated the tune in their own works. Handel used the tune in an anthem entitled *O Praise the Lord*. J S Bach's *Fugue in E-flat major BWV552*, is often called the St Anne, because of the similarity of its subject to the first line of the hymn tune, though there is some debate as to whether Bach used the actual tune after hearing it, or coincidentally created himself the very similar tune used as the fugal theme. Young Bach's inspirator and mentor Dieterich Buxtehude, church administrator and organist of St Mary's in Lübeck in north Germany, used the same first line of the hymn tune as theme for the (first) fugue of his Praeludium-pedaliter in E major for organ.

Arthur Sullivan used the tune in the first and last sections of his *Festival Te Deum*, first in a relatively standard setting, but eventually pairing it with a military march accompaniment.

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O God our help in ages past continued.

The American composer Carl Ruggles (1876-1971) used the text in his last composition, *Exaltation* (for Brass, Chorus and Organ) in 1958 in memory of his wife Charlotte who had died the previous year. The hymn and words are also featured in Vaughan Williams's anthem "Lord, thou hast been our refuge", using both the *Book of Common Prayer's* words and those of Watts.

According to a passenger on the Titanic, it was the last hymn sung at a church service presided over by Captain Smith on the morning before RMS Titanic sank.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_God,_Our_Help_in_Ages_Past

Judith Yeats

Psalm 90

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling-place throughout all generations.
²Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ³You turn people back to dust, saying, 'Return to dust, you mortals.' ⁴A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. ⁵Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death – they are like the new grass of the morning: ⁶In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered. ⁷We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. ⁸You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. ⁹All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. ¹⁰Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. ¹¹If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due. ¹²Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. ¹³Relent, Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. ¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. ¹⁵Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. ¹⁶May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendour to their children. ¹⁷May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.



Prayer Corner

A Prayer for the New Prime Minister

Ever present God, we thank you for journeying with us over recent days' you are our strength and stay.. We pray for our new Prime Minister and for those who are called on to create a Government. May all who exercise authority and influence in our nations give particular attention to the needs of those who are suffering most, that all may flourish. And, may we all service our neighbours in ways that reflect the unconditional, self-sacrificial love of Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

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I walk filled in your Spirit,
The fruits of my hoping,
The fruits of my living.
Today, Lord, I live in your love –
love that will speak to others
With the sound of your grace,
Full of mercy and forgiveness,
Foundation of my faith,
The fruits of my living.

Deacon Gwynn Bamford, supernumerary, Bromsgrove and Redditch Circuit

Heavenly Father, whose heart is selfless love,
take pity on our divided world
and grant that we may follow in the steps of your Son
In giving ourselves to the service of others
And reaching out to the marginalised and the despised
that peace and justice may triumph
and your kingdom come on earth.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen

Hear my Cry. Bible Society

AUTUMN COLOURS



Golden Acre Park Leeds when our folk went walking with Bilton Amblers.



Eileen and Ian with family at RHS Garden at Wisley



Harlow Carr . Photo by Christine Sudron



Apple trees at Helmsley Walled Garden. Photo by Maureen & Mike

'There is something so special in the early leaves drifting from the trees—as if we are all to be allowed a chance to peel, to refresh, to start again'— *Ruth Ahmed*