



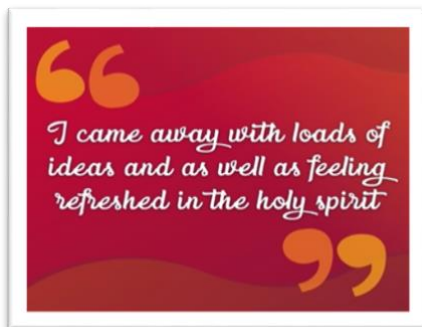
Being Church

Tadcaster **Methodist** Circuit

March 2023



Tadcaster Circuit & *Flourish 23* (April 14th to 16th – Scarborough Spa)



As you may have seen, most of our Churches have no Worship planned for Sunday 16th April. **Why is that?**

It is to give our Circuit Preachers, Worship Leaders, and you space to attend '*Flourish 23*'.

In fact, not just attend but to grow, be challenged and come back to your Churches renewed and with fresh insight for God's vision for you and your Church. We are called to be a

travelling people, not one who sits on a bench wondering why nothing changes!

So that raises a fairly obvious question, with two possible answers – **are you going?**

1. **Yes** – brilliant we'll see you there –

if previous years are anything to go by, you'll come back buzzing!

2. **No / not sure** – fair enough, there are all kinds of reasons –

but if it's any of the following, please give it another think:

- **It's too expensive** – tickets are only £10, whether you go for the whole weekend or only part (you do need to have a ticket)
- **It's not the ticket, it's the accommodation** – that's true but if the cost is what's preventing you from going, please speak in confidence to Ann, Steve or Eileen, as Circuit support might be available.



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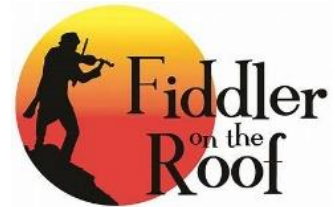
Rev'd Ann Fox

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- **Because of kids / oldies / other commitments I can't give up a whole weekend** – fair enough, just come to what you can – the price is still £10
- **I don't know how to get a ticket** – if you're comfortable with t'internet, just go to Yorkshire North and East Methodists, look for '*Flourish 23*' and book online.
If you're not comfortable, speak to me and I'll sort it for you.
(*though you'll still have to give me the ten quid!*)
- **I can't get to Scarborough** – think of me as Yente, the 'Matchmaker' in 'Fiddler on the Roof'. If you need a lift, or if you have a car with spaces on any of the three days, please let me know and I'll try and match you up.
- **I won't know anyone there** – ok, I could say something trite like '*a stranger is only a friend you haven't met yet*' – but the truth is that walking into a large conference centre, or even a worship space, on your own can be quite intimidating – **but we have a plan!**
 - I've set up a **Tadcaster Circuit 'WhatsApp group'**, so we can check out if who is going to the different events, meet up for a coffee / meal / chat.
You're all invited –
just let me know your mobile phone number and I'll take it from there.
 - If you've just read that and thought '*what's WhatsApp?*', don't worry, still let me have your phone number and we'll text or phone you to let you know what's going on!
- **I'm not sure it's for me** – I know this sounds trite again, but there really is something for everyone:
 - I like vibrant worship with a crowd of like-minded folk. **It's for you!**
 - I like quiet spiritual time. **It's for you!**
 - I want to relax and have a laugh. **It's for you!**
 - I want to listen to internationally famous song writers and performers.
It's for you!
 - I want to eat fish and chips on the beach. **It's for you!**
 - I want to be challenged and uplifted. **It's for you!**



The full programme will be published shortly, so you will then see what's on offer, decide what's for you, and then dip in and out of the bits that excite you the most.

Hope to see you there!

Donald Milne – Flourish Champion for **Tadcaster Circuit**

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PRAYER



Local Pastor Eileen hosts a weekly **Circuit Prayer Meeting** on Zoom **Every Tuesday, 9.30am – 10am (join from 9.15am)**, all are invited to join us.

Please contact Eileen for the Zoom log on details.

Plus, prayer meetings also at **Wetherby** in the Quiet Room every Wednesday 10.00am,

Tadcaster 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 9.15am, and at **Clifford** every Tuesday 9.40am.

WORSHIP

For Sunday services see the Circuit Plan, copies available in our buildings or [via this link](#).



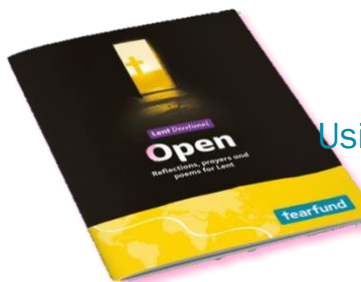
Wetherby **Methodist** Church

need a Church Auditor (voluntary basis).

If you are able to assist, or know someone who may be interested, please contact Rev Ann. Thank you.

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LENT DEVOTIONS



led by Revd Ann and Alan

Bell on Zoom

Using Tearfund's Lent Study Resources

at 7.30pm

continuing on

Monday 6 March and Monday 13 March.

Followed by the Circuit 'Food for Fast' 17/18 March
(see over the page)

Please register with Revd Ann for the ZOOM link: ann.fox@methodist.org.uk

Circuit “Food for Fast” - March 17th and 18th

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Hunger Crisis Appeal

Can you join us in fasting for 24 hours?

Or, if you can't, by sponsoring those who do?

To raise funds for Tearfund's work tackling the famine crisis in East Africa.

The idea is to fast from breakfast on Friday March 17th
until breakfast Saturday March 18th,
(tea, coffee is acceptable if you must!)

Those who fast are encouraged to donate what you save on food spending:
This can be done online - justgiving.com/fastforfood

Also look out for the sponsor forms if you can't fast.
Look out for the posters around the Circuit

As well as fund raising, the fast is intended to create time to pray,
whilst experiencing something of what is like to go hungry
as many millions are in East Africa just now.

It is also an excellent way to use Lent to help us grow spiritually.

For those who wish to “break fast” together we plan to meet at Wetherby
Methodist Church Café
on Saturday 18th morning at 9:30am for a brief act of worship – and breakfast!
(Bacon Butties!)

Please let Alan Bell (Wetherby) know if you plan to get involved
(alanbell@aol.com) or tel. 01937 585557



A big **Thank You**

to those of you who attended our Comedy Evening.
We were able to send a donation of £600 to **Zarach**
which will help towards the amazing work they do;
providing beds for Leeds children
who are living in poverty.





Christians Together

A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP

A Lent Course using themes from
CASABLANCA

Thursdays in Lent
March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
7.30pm - 9.30pm

The Village Hall, Walton

further details available from Revd Steve Jakeman
rev.stevejay@gmail.com - 01937 842156

Christians Together
in and around Boston Spa

are hosting a Lent Study
using themes from the movie **CASABLANCA**.

Themes covered include:
Exile, Lament, Through a Glass Darkly,
Standing up for our Beliefs, New Beginnings

Participants are recommended to buy the book:

"A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP"

A Lent Course Based on The Movie Casablanca
by Paul Kerensa & Zoe Young ,
ISBN 9780232531404

"HERE'S LOOKING AT LENT IN A FRESH LIGHT!"

DROPPING SOON



REV STEVE, EUNICE & REV JOSEPH KWALLAH

THE BLESSING {MEDLEY}



If you have something
you wish to highlight in the
April issue of **Being Church**
please send to **Rev Steve** by
Saturday, 25 March. Thank you.
rev.stevejay@gmail.com

To add items to the **Circuit Diary** list
please contact **Cath**
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Revd Ann's Sabbatical 1 May 2023 to 22 August 2023

Revd Ann is planning to use her time on sabbatical to explore resources in Art, Music, Prayer, and Spirituality, and to focus on a deeper relationship with God.

She intends to use the experience to develop a creative prayer resource for the Circuit and others and develop prayer and spirituality among our congregations. It will be on a theme of "Listening to God - and Listening to Others".

Janet Griffin is leading the 'Sabbatical Support Group, which was convened to pull together all the requirements and provide support for the Circuit.

The following pages contain contact details and notes on how we are covering Circuit business during Revd Ann's Sabbatical.



Revd Ann Fox Sabbatical Support Group

January 2023

Introductory Notes

Background

Through a combination of sabbatical and annual leave, Revd Ann Fox will be out of the Circuit from 1 May 2023 to 22 August 2023. The aim of the Sabbatical Support Group is to try and predict and cover issues which might arise during this period, supporting Ann and each other, calling upon the Circuit and District resources as required.

It is important that we in our congregations understand that, apart from the last two weeks, this is not a holiday. To quote from the Methodist Church guidelines, "a sabbatical is a period of release from the ordinary duties of a presbyteral appointment, for re-equipping, refreshment, and renewal. The Church believes sabbaticals are a vital part of ministry and therefore they are compulsory for all presbyters. They normally have to be taken every seventh year of travel."

The Covid pandemic brought its challenges to the Circuit during and shortly after Ann's arrival, which meant we had to find ways to work differently. Not long after the churches began to fully reopen, Ann had a period of sickness and took time out to recuperate after a major operation, which meant the Circuit and Ann had to find ways to keep the Circuit running effectively until she had fully recovered. It is important, therefore, that Ann feels able to take this time away from Circuit to be refreshed and renewed.

Ann is planning to use her time on sabbatical to explore resources in Art, Music, Prayer, and Spirituality, and to focus on a deeper relationship with God. She would like to use the experience to develop a creative prayer resource for the Circuit and others and develop prayer and spirituality among our congregations. It will be on a theme of "Listening to God, and Listening to Others".


The intention is, so far as possible, to isolate Ann from the life of the Circuit and, to that end:

Issue	Action	By Whom?
Preaching Plan:	Ann's preaching appointments will clearly leave a large gap in the preaching plan, both for ordinary services and for Holy Communion. The intention is to ask Local Preachers to offer additional services and to call upon neighbouring Circuits for help as necessary. Holy Communion services will be presbyter-led by Rev Steve, Supernumeraries and Visitors. Eileen can offer extended Holy Communion for home or hospice visits.	SJ/EC

Pastoral Emergencies	<p>These will be picked up by Rev Steve and Eileen. If there are any deaths, Ann would like to be made aware, but will not be involved in counselling / funeral arrangements.</p> <p>Notify funeral directors.</p>	<p>SJ/EC</p> <p>AF diaried for April 2023</p>
Special Services	<p>District Presidential Visit: Tadcaster church had requested the Chair of District (Revd Leslie Newton) to preach at their chapel anniversary service on 9 July. This now coincides with the President of Conference's visit to the District that weekend. It has therefore been arranged that the service will be led by the President (Revd Gill Newton) with the Chair, and it will be a Circuit Service.</p>	SJ
Weddings / Baptisms	None	
School Assemblies	None in the diary – Ann is on a rota basis for St James Wetherby, so this will be dealt with.	
Ecumenical groups	<p>Tadcaster Churches Together (Ann is Chair) is aware and the Vice-Chair has been notified for the meetings that are planned. Plus, Eileen and Maureen Dixon will be present at the meetings.</p> <p>Wetherby Churches Together are aware, and Heather Shipman and Andrew Marshall will be present at the meetings.</p>	
Community Events	King's Coronation on Sat 6 May. Events at local churches are yet to be arranged. There will be a Circuit Service on Sunday 30 April at Wetherby (Ann's last Sunday in Circuit). This will give churches chance to make their own plans, e.g. with Churches Together etc., for the Coronation weekend (which includes Bank Holiday Monday).	
Special Projects – Outreach / Building	Outreach at Appleton Roebuck, Church Fenton, Tadcaster and Ulleskelf covered by Eileen. Outreach at Wetherby ongoing.	EC

	Building project: We are about to start fundraising for Ulleskelf's Hall Roof with the assistance of John McCarthy (Wetherby) and Revd Uell Kennedy.	JM/UK
Work-related Emails, Phone-Calls, and Mail	<p>The out of office message will be on for emails with details of who to contact. Similarly, an out of office message will also be on the phone system. Ann will be at home for most of the time and will deal with the mail.</p> <p>Churches will be asked not to copy Ann into emails. Instead, if there is anything that she needs to know about, please forward them onto Janet Griffin who will keep a file for Ann, and will pass on any urgent emails that require action.</p>	AF JG
Return to Work process	<p>Although Ann returns to work on 22 August, it would be grossly unfair to expect her to be able to pick up everything from day one.</p> <p>The first two weeks, therefore, will be a transition period to allow a graduated return to work. On the first day back there will be a CLT catch up meeting. Each church in the Circuit to keep a log of issues e.g. pastoral, property, etc.</p>	
Sharing the fruits	Ann anticipates preparing a resource that can be shared around the Circuit and will be able to talk about this during a Circuit Service.	
Other issues	Special Circuit Newsletter to inform congregations of plans. Janet to draft and agree with Steve and Eileen.	JG

Sabbatical Contact List

<p>LOCAL CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral concerns • Church meetings • Ecumenical groups / events • 'Special' events (weddings, funerals, christenings) • Questions about faith • General church Safeguarding matters 	<p>Appleton Roebuck / Church Fenton / Tadcaster / Ulleskelf</p> <p>Eileen Clarkson (Local Pastor) eileencoombe@hotmail.com  07494 050940</p> <p>Wetherby</p> <p>Revd Steve Jakeman rev.stevejay@gmail.com  01937 842156</p>
<p>CIRCUIT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preaching Plan • Circuit queries • Oversight of Circuit Administrator • Major Safeguarding issues 	<p>Circuit / Superintendency</p> <p>Circuit Stewards:</p> <p>Janet Griffin: griffinjanet56@gmail.com  01937 835057</p> <p>Neil Barron: neilbarron@hotmail.com  01937 588352</p> <p>District Safeguarding Officer</p> <p>Jane Masterman: safeguarding@yorkshirenemethodist.org  07596 515021</p>
<p>LOCAL CONTACTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appleton Roebuck • Church Fenton • Tadcaster • Ulleskelf • Wetherby 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Smith • Beverly Hills • Christine Kidd • Mary Watson • Brian Rankin / Paula Tweddle / Neil Wilson

Notes:

1. For many issues the first point of contact will remain the Property Secretary, Pastoral Secretary, Bookings Secretary etc. - those arrangements will remain unchanged.
2. When Ann returns to Circuit life on 22 August – be gentle with her, it will take time to adjust!

The Sabbatical Support Team

Tadcaster Circuit Diary

March 2023

Date	Time	Event	Location
1 March	11.30am	East Keswick Church Council	East Keswick
1 March	2.00pm	Women's Group Charity Bring and Buy	Wetherby
2 March	2.30pm	Appleton Roebuck Church Council	Appleton Roebuck
6 March	10.30am	Collingham Church Council	Collingham
6 March	7.00pm	Boston Spa Church Council	Boston Spa
7 March	7.00pm	Circuit Meeting	Tadcaster
9 March	7.30pm	Tadcaster Special Church Council	Tadcaster
10 March	1.00pm	'Lunchtime' Concert - Cello/Piano Recital	Boston Spa
15 March	7.30pm	Lower Wharfe Inaugural Church Council	Tadcaster
18 March	9.30am	Tearfund Food for Fast 'Break Fast'	Wetherby
23 March	7.30pm	Leaders of Worship and Preachers' Meeting	Clifford
30 March	7.00pm	Circuit Safeguarding Officers' Meeting	Zoom
6, 13, March	7.30pm	'Tear Fund' Circuit Lent Devotions	Zoom
2, 9,16, 22, 30 March	7.30pm	'Casablanca' Lent Study Series	Walton Village Hall
17, 18 March	-	Tearfund Food for Fast	-

Regular Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Monday (weekly)	10.45am	Table Tennis	Wetherby
Monday (weekly)	3pm	Ping-Pong	Boston Spa
Monday (weekly)	5pm	Senior Table Tennis	Boston Spa
Monday (weekly)	7.30pm	Badminton	Wetherby
Monday (2 nd and 4 th)	10.30am – 12 noon	Coffee and Chat	Collingham
Tuesday (weekly)	9.30am – 10am	Circuit Prayer Gathering	Zoom (Eileen)
Tuesday (weekly)	9.40am – 10am	Prayer Gathering	Clifford
Tuesday (weekly)	10am – 11.30am	Coffee Shop	Tadcaster
Tuesday (weekly)	10am – 11.30am	Tuesday Coffee	Clifford
Tuesday (weekly)	10am	Flower Club	Boston Spa
Tuesday (1 st)	2pm – 4pm	Flowers and Friends	Collingham
Tuesday (1 st and 3 rd)	9.15am – 10am	Prayer Group	Tadcaster
Tuesday (2 nd)	1.30pm	Flower Guild	Wetherby
Tuesday (2 nd and 4 th)	2pm – 4pm	Friends and Fellowship	Ulleskelf
Wednesday (weekly)	9.30am – 11.00am	Busy Bees (Toddlers)	Boston Spa
Wednesday (weekly)	10am – 12 noon	Coffee Shop	Wetherby
Wednesday (weekly)	10.30am – 12 noon	Chapel Coffee Pot	Appleton Roebuck
Wednesday (weekly)	10am – 10.30am	Prayer Group	Wetherby
Wednesday (weekly)	11.15am – 12.15pm	Coffee at t'Crown	Crown Hotel Boston Spa
Wednesday (weekly)	7pm	Table Tennis	Wetherby
Wednesday (irregular)	contact Wetherby	Housegroup	contact Wetherby
Wednesday (1 st)	2pm – 4pm	Knit and Natter	Tadcaster
Wednesday (1 st)	2pm – 4pm	Women's Group	Wetherby
Wednesday (2 nd and 4 th)	Contact Wetherby	Gentlemen Bootbashers	Contact Wetherby
Wednesday (3 rd)	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Whist Afternoon	Collingham
Thursday (weekly)	9.30am – 12noon	Baby Bloomers	Collingham
Thursday (1 st)	12 noon	Community Soup Lunch	Church Fenton
Thursday (2 nd)	12 noon	Community Soup Lunch	Tadcaster
Thursday (last)	12 noon	Souper Thursday	East Keswick
Friday (1 st)	10.00am – 11.30am	Teddy Praise	Collingham
Saturday (weekly)	10am – 12 noon	Coffee Shop	Wetherby
Saturday (2 nd)	2pm – 3.30pm	Charity Coffee Afternoon	Church Fenton

