



Being Church

April 2025



Survive – Thrive – Flourish

Sounds like the beginning of a self help manual doesn't it. All it needs in front of it is a 'how to.....' label. And I guess if we were reading it as such, each of us would see ourselves, our families, our relationships, work and churches, somewhere along that line from surviving – maybe just, to flourishing – the world is waiting for us to conquer.

One of the preparation guides for preachers and leaders of worship headed up its contribution to ideas for Lent worship, 'Tools to survive and thrive'. We are also encouraged to look towards the next big District event 'Flourishing' at York University in 2026. So I put them all together and came up with Survive – Thrive – Flourish. Not much originality there? But then, there isn't any originality in the place that each of us finds ourselves along that spectrum from surviving to flourishing. I suspect we have all been somewhere along it at one time or another. So where are you along that line at this moment? If you are flourishing, wonderful. Enjoy it. Like Peter, James and John at that moment in time when they saw Jesus transfigured on the mountain top, everything looks great. But they had to come down from the mountain top and so do we, so what tools have we got in the toolbox that will help us to keep moving on and not slip back.



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Lower Wharfe (at Appleton Roebuck, Church Fenton & Ulleskelf)**

Lent is a great time to be a bit introspective and wonder what sustains us through the hard times and brings us great joy in the good. We read how Jesus conquered the temptations of making life easy for himself and not following the path set before him, so our faith will be in the toolbox and following on from Jesus' teachings we have the guidelines for living a good life and flourishing as his disciples. But what when we are struggling and we see all around us people who seem to be thriving and flourishing?

As we begin to leave the wilderness story behind us and look towards Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter we have the opportunity to reprise some of those things in our tool box. Is anything missing? Are we burdening ourselves down with too much? Mothering Sunday gives us a time to think but then we are on to Palm Sunday when



we challenge ourselves to make our own decisions and not go with the crowd. The events of Holy Week and Good Friday stop us in our tracks and we are amazed that one man could go through all that for us. And then the glory of Easter Sunday and the knowledge that God loves us, forgives us and assures us of eternal life. How-

ever we travelled, we all arrive at the same place. Whatever our Lenten journey has brought this year we have survived, we have thrived and we will flourish because in the end God did all this for us. Our only job now is to invite others to know how much God loves them so that they too will survive, thrive and flourish.

Travel well, enjoy the companionship and keep the tool box under review.

Every blessing,

Heather

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



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Tadcaster Circuit Diary

Knitted Bible on display until 6th April at Wetherby St Josephs Parish Hall

16 April: Wednesday

7pm at Wetherby, Rev Ann Fox (Reflective Service), United with St James

17 April: Maundy Thursday

7pm at Wetherby, Rev Ann Fox (Holy Communion)

7pm at Boston Spa, Tenebrae – Rev Abi Alex

18 April: Good Friday

10am at Wetherby, Rev Ann Fox

10am service at St Mary's (Boston Spa) followed by a Walk of Witness through the village to the Methodist Church where soup will be served.

11am at Tadcaster, Churches Together in Tadcaster

Town Parades at Wetherby and Tadcaster

19 April (Sat) 10am-12noon Tadcaster MC quiet prayer with Rev Ann

Come and go as you wish

26 April (Sat) 10am-12.30pm at Tadcaster MC: Open door cafe

26 April (Sat) 2-4pm at East Keswick MC: Springtime Fun & 'Find the Fruit' trail

3 May (Sat) 10am to 3.3pm at Wetherby MC: Arts & Crafts Fair Book a table with Paula

29 May (Thu) 7pm at Clifford: Ascension Day (Circuit Service) all welcome

21 June (Ripon) guided walk in the footsteps of Lewis Carol

5-6 July Collingham Celebrates 100 years, a weekend of centenary celebrations

24 July (Thu) Save the date: An Afternoon of High Tea at Collingham

- For Easter Day Services please refer to the plan

District Diary

10 May (Sat) at Manor Academy: District Synod, transport is being organised for reps.

Save the date: 13-15 Feb, 2026 Flourish at University of York "Woven Threads"



EAST KESWICK METHODIST CHURCH

Come and join us for

Springtime Fun & 'Find the Fruit' Trail

**Saturday 26th April
2.00-4.00 pm**



Find the Hidden Fruit

Story & Songs

Craft Activities

Games & Lots of Fun

Snack of Drinks, Fruit and Cakes provided

No Charge (donations appreciated)

All Children (Primary age) and Adults Welcome
Please bring your favourite soft toy!

Looking forward to a fun filled afternoon

Hope to see you there!

Tadcaster Methodist Church

Saturday, 26th April

10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Open Door Cafe

serving bacon butties

toasted teacakes

tea and coffee



Join us for a cuppa and a chat,
all are welcome

Vacancies

If you, or anyone you know, are interested, please speak to Rev Ann.

- Circuit Data Compliance Officer
- Circuit Steward(s) - **from September** - urgent!
- Foundation Safeguarding Trainer
- The Leaders of Worship & Preachers Meeting require a Secretary from their number (SO 562). If anyone is able to take on this role, or would like more information, would you please contact Rev Ann before the Business Meeting on 10 April. Thanks

News in Brief from the Circuit Meeting:

- The meeting approved the appointment of a Circuit Lay Pastor, details to follow. As part of their role, they will take on the duties of a Circuit Safeguarding officer.
- Congratulations to Rev Abi. The Probationers Committee recommend that he continues his second year in Probation
- The meeting gave permission for Ulleskelf to cease worship and sell the building and District Synod are due to review this on the 10th May.
- Angela Foster will soon be placed 'on trial' as a Local Preacher. We have several people who have completed the Worship Leaders training (all welcome to do this)
- The sale of Boston Spa manse has now been completed and the CLT will be bringing a 5 year plan to the next Circuit Meeting
- The meeting approved a grant to Wetherby Church Council to enable a grant finder
- Joseph Kwallah will be ordained on 29 June and there will be a live stream Circuit gathering at Wetherby on the day
- The next meeting will be on the 23 September.



Methodist Women in Britain

for women, for justice, for Christ

Would members of the Circuit group of MWiB, or those who would be interested in joining, please contact me. I would like to arrange a meeting to talk about the group, the MWiB resources, and any future plans. Thank you, Rev Ann.

I know there are a number of churches around the Circuit who have some old hymn books that are no longer in use. Would you please have a look among them and let me know if you have any MUSIC copies. There is a request out for music copies for The Music Association of The Methodist Church in Southern Africa.

Thanks, Rev Ann.



Arts & Crafts Fair



Birches, Butterflies and Bees—Clare Dean

Saturday 3rd May 2025
10am—3.30pm

Wetherby Methodist Church
Bank Street
Refreshments available

To book a table email Paula Tweddle
on Paula.Tweddle2022@outlook.com

Collingham Methodist Church Celebrates



100 Years!

A Weekend of
Centenary Celebrations

5th – 6th July 2025

and

An Afternoon High Tea
on Thursday 24th July '25

Please keep the dates
– more details to follow

Regular Events

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday (weekly) | 10.45am | Table Tennis | Wetherby |
| Monday (weekly) | 2.30pm | Ping-Pong | Boston Spa |
| Monday (weekly) | 5.00pm | Senior Table Tennis | Boston Spa |
| Monday (weekly) | 7.30pm | Badminton | Wetherby |
| Monday (2nd) | 10.30am-12noon | Bacon Brunch | Collingham |
| Monday (2nd & 4th) | 2.00-4.00pm | Friends & Fellowship | East Keswick |
| Monday (4th) | 10.30am-12noon | Coffee & Chat | Collingham |
| Tuesday (weekly) | 9.30-10.00am | Circuit Prayer Gathering | Zoom (Eileen) |
| Tuesday (weekly) | 9.40-10.00am | Prayer Gathering | Clifford |
| Tuesday (weekly) | 10.00-11.30am | Coffee Shop | Tadcaster |
| Tuesday (weekly) | 10.00-11.30am | Tuesday Coffee | Clifford |
| Tuesday (weekly) | 10.00am | Flower Club | Boston Spa |
| Tuesday (1st) | 2.00-4.00pm | Flowers & Friends | Collingham |
| Tuesday (1st & 3rd) | 9.15-10.00am | Prayer Group | Tadcaster |
| Tuesday (1st & 3rd) | 1.30-3.30pm | Craft Get Together | Church Fenton |
| Tuesday (2nd) | 2.00-4.00pm | Friends & Fellowship | Ulleskelf |
| Tues (3rd) not Aug/Sep | 7.00pm | Tuesday Meeting | Church Fenton |
| Tuesday (4th) | 1.00pm | Community Soup Lunch | Ulleskelf |
| Wednesday (weekly) | 10.00am-12noon | Coffee Shop | Wetherby |
| Wednesday (weekly) | 10.30am-12noon | Chapel Coffee Pot | Appleton Roebuck |
| Wednesday (weekly) | 10.00-10.30am | Prayer Group | Wetherby |
| Wednesday (weekly) | 11.15am-12.15pm | Coffee at t' Crown | Crown Hotel Boston Spa |
| Wednesday (weekly) | 7.00pm | Table Tennis | Wetherby |
| Wednesday (irregular) | contact Wetherby | House-Group | contact Wetherby |
| Wednesday (1st) | 2.00-4.00pm | Knit & Natter | Tadcaster |
| Wednesday (1st) | 2.00-4.00pm | Women's Group | Wetherby |
| Wednesday (1st) | 9.30am | Communion in the Box | Box Tree Ct, B Spa |
| Wednesday (2nd & 4th) | contact Wetherby | Gentlemen Bootbashers | contact Wetherby |
| Thursday (1st) | 12noon | Community Soup Lunch | Church Fenton |
| Thursday (2nd) | 12noon | Community Soup Lunch | Tadcaster |
| Thursday (last) | 12noon | Souper Thursday | East Keswick |
| Friday (1st) | 10.00-11.30am | Teddy Praise | Collingham |
| Saturday (weekly) | 10.00-12noon | Coffee Shop | Wetherby |
| Saturday (2nd) | 2.00-3.30pm | Charity Coffee Afternoon | Church Fenton |



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