



Being Church

June 2025



The Ripple Effect

One Spring afternoon we were out with Josh, one of our grandchildren and went walking along the footpath at the side of the river Wharfe, in Boston Spa. It was a beautiful sunny day, and the water was very calm. We stopped at the edge for a little while and looked down at the water. We could see our reflections. Then Josh picked up a small pebble and gently tossed it into the river. It splashed down, 'plop' and created lots of ripples from the centre outwards. He did this a few times. Throwing the pebble further out into the water, so the ripples grew. Perhaps you have done it yourself with your children or grandchildren. We see how one drop can affect everything around itself. All that was calm and still, now is disturbed.

It's like dropping a sugar lump into a cup of coffee. If it falls too quickly the drink can splash up over the edges. The 'lump' dispels the rest of the liquid. Someone once said, it's like a little drop of sweetness, or kindness, which can affect all those around.

How true that is. One act of kindness can have a massive impact on someone's life, which in turn can affect lives for generations to come. Do we ever think about the things we do and say, and how they have the rippling effect which can go on and on, disturbing all those who are around, in one way or another? When we are kind, we inspire others to be kind and it creates a ripple which affects others and encourages them to be kind too.

In the Bible the 'Battle of Jericho' ranks as one of the most significant turning points in Jewish history. This victory came about because of one act of kindness by a woman who would normally be of no significance and disregarded in society. Who am I referring to? Rahab.

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

Following the death of Moses, Joshua is appointed by God to lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land. Although Joshua is a man of faith, he is also a military man of strategy. Before he sets out to invade Canaan, he sends two of his men into the city of Jericho to spy out the land. Joshua wanted an up-to-date account of the inhabitants and the defences that were surrounding the city of Jericho. Whilst there, the two spies stayed in the house of Rahab, a prostitute.

It wasn't long before the king of Jericho found out about the men staying in Rahab's house and that they were spies. He wanted to see them and sends men to Rahab's house. Rahab admits they had stayed with her but says they had already left. The men set off in pursuit of the spies. However, Rahab had hidden the two men on the roof of her house, under some stalks of flax she had put up there.

In return for her hiding the men, Rahab asks for a favour. She pleads with them to promise to show kindness to her and her family, and save them from death. The two men promised they would. Rahab helps the men to escape and then, in time when the city is attacked, Rahab and her family are saved. It is an interesting story and can be found in Joshua Ch 2.

However, there is more to tell about Rahab. According to Jewish tradition Rahab is considered a beautiful woman and converted to Judaism at the age of fifty. She fell in love with Salmon, a Jewish man from the tribe of Judah. They had a son named Boaz, who had a son named Obed, who had a son named Jesse, who had a son named David – the shepherd boy who became King David.

When it comes to the ripple effect of showing kindness, which can affect lives for generations to come, Rahab, this biblical heroine, is a brilliant example. Her kindness in hiding the spies, and their kindness in return, meant she was not only King David's great-great-grandmother she also features in the genealogy of Jesus!

As my time comes to an end as Local Pastor in the Tadcaster Circuit, I have appreciated the acts of kindness members and friends have shown to me (and Charlie). You will never be forgotten. Thank you. So, may God bless you as you show acts of kindness to those around. You never know, the ripple effect could reach many lives for generations to come.



Eileen

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](#).



Tadcaster Circuit Diary

7 Jun (Sat) 2-4pm at Tadcaster, afternoon tea with musical entertainment, £6

9 Jun (Mon) 2pm at East Keswick, 'Friends & Fellowship' with Anita Metcalfe

21 Jun (Sat) LWP Programme, guided walk in Ripon: in the footsteps of Lewis Carol, contact Andrew Marshall for more info

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

12 Jul (Sat) 11.45am to 2.30pm at Boston Spa: Literary Lunch, guest speaker Milly Johnson (author of "Same time Next Week"), tickets £20 including lunch

19 Jul (Sat) 10am to 12.30 at Tadcaster, Open door cafe

19 Jul (Sat) 2-4pm at East Keswick, Summertime Fun & 'Find the Fruit' Trail

24 Jul (Thu) 2pm at Collingham: An Afternoon celebratory tea

District Diary

Tickets now available for Flourish taking place **13-15 Feb, 2026** at the University of York "Woven Threads"

15 Jun (Sun) at 3pm at Goole Central Methodist Church: District Ordinands Testimony Service to hear Revd Joseph Kwallah's Testimony, all welcome

Vacancies

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

- Circuit Data Compliance Officer
- Circuit Steward(s) - urgent!
- Foundation Safeguarding Trainer
- Leaders of Worship & Preachers Meeting Secretary

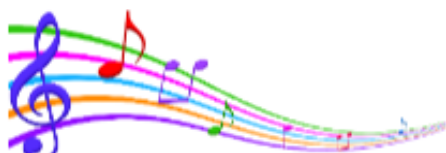
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Tadcaster Methodist Church

Saturday 7 June

Afternoon Tea £6.00
2pm to 4pm

Musical entertainment



All are welcome

Tickets: 07594661894
(booking not essential)



East Keswick Methodist Church

'Friends & Fellowship'

9th June at 2pm

Talk and demonstration by

Special Guest
Anita Metcalfe



"Spinning, Weaving
and all things Woolly!"

£4 including light refreshments

Everyone Welcome

Friends and Fellowship meet

EVERY 2nd and 4th Monday

2 – 4 pm

East Keswick Methodist Hall

Come along and meet friends

and make new ones

Everyone welcome

Further details contact Sally 07931 558939



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.

Other MWiB events for your diaries:

- 18 Oct at Starbeck Methodist Church: World Federation Day, details in the Summer newsletter
- 25 Nov 10.30am to 12.30pm at Wesley Chapel, City Rd, London: Butterfly Movement Service of Affirmation & Thanksgiving
- 10-12 Apr 2026 (Save the date) - Swanwick Conference

For information about the Tree of Life and Empowerment gifts, contact your communications steward.

Collingham Methodist Church
Celebrates

100 Years!
Centenary
Celebration



Saturday 5th July 2025 10am – 2pm

Centenary Festival

Photographs, Flowers and Embroidery displays
Agricultural and Kitchen memorabilia,
and a 1920s Ford Model 'A' car on show!
Church open for light refreshments

Sunday 6th July 2025 10.30am

Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving

Preacher Pastor Eileen Clarkson
Light refreshments after the service - Everyone Welcome

Thursday 24th July 2025

Afternoon Tea at 2pm

Speaker Mrs Angela Foster
Tickets £6 available from Eileen 07494 050940,
Denny 07741 477150 and Caren 07858 166595



Boston Spa Methodist Church

Literary Lunch

Saturday 12th July 2025
11.45am to 2.30pm



This year we welcome
Milly Johnson
much-loved and acclaimed Sunday
Times Top 10 best-selling author.
Her latest novel "Same time next week"
was launched in February 2025

Tickets £20 to include lunch
available from:

Judith Hoyle on 07876 085543
or from Yeadon's (cash only)

www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk



EAST KESWICK METHODIST CHURCH

Come and join us for

Summertime Fun & 'Find the Fruit' Trail

Saturday 19th July
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, 19th July
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

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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