

Being Church

July 2025



Dear Friends

'Jesus is Lord!'

Around me, people are tidying their gardens, trimming hedges, and mowing lawns. I'm one of them – in fact, I've just broken my hedge trimmer. I don't think the cable was very safe, so I've had to buy a new one, a cordless one this time (as I've cut through the other twice!). The new one is extendable and has got many uses, which will help me to carry out the tasks that need doing in the garden.

Recently, it's been Pentecost Sunday, followed by Trinity Sunday, and I've been thinking about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Paul writes about them in 1 Corinthians 12: 1-31. Corinth was a diverse community, and Paul had a hard time in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. But within all that, amazing things were happening in the works of the Spirit and the new Church, being full of excitement and enthusiasm, was able to cry 'Jesus is Lord'.

We may have enthusiasm for our local church, and the unity of the Circuit; we also need the right equipment / resources to carry out our tasks. As we read Paul's writing in the passage mentioned above, we can relate the gifts of the Spirit to our friends around us; to those who serve in many ways in our churches and in a wider role among the Circuit.

There are many differing gifts and differing functions, as Paul says, given by God to be used in God's service. They are to build up the church, in unity, to God's glory. Every small thing that we do in our churches is for the benefit of all.

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So, we give grateful thanks to all our volunteers in the life of our Church – for those who trim the hedges and look after our church gardens and burial grounds, to the numerous tasks in church to prepare for worship, maintain the properties, and the administration of our committees and church groups, and events (the District has just held an event to celebrate the gift of Administration). If we made a list of every single task within our church life, I think we would be quite shocked at the length of the list!

We need to remember though, that these tasks are not just about ‘keeping our churches going’, they are more than that. They are about building the kingdom through a healthy Church, so that we can share in God’s mission within the world, and that is our key priority. We do what we do because we have the gift of Faith. We love God and want to live our lives for him, and it is this gift of Faith which turns our visions into action.

In the body of Christ, we each have a part to play, and no task is insignificant or more important than another. You have a valued contribution to make, because not one person can fulfil all the roles. Sometimes the roles we do apply to our strengths, and at other times they’re outside our comfort zones – which reminds me of the Covenant Prayer in the Methodist Worship Book page 288.

We are reminded in John 14: 26 that God the Father sends the Holy Spirit in Jesus’ name: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all co-present. Whatever your special gift might be, your tasks within the Church, remember that you are resourced by the Holy Spirit, God is with you. Let the Spirit be poured out upon you and be encouraged in what you do. With thanks and prayers for each one of you.

God bless

Ann

Rev Ann now back to trimming those hedges....!

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

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"

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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Joseph Kwallah Ordination

Congratulations to Revd Joseph Kwallah on his affirmation of Ordination at the District Testimony Service on Sunday 15 July at Goole Central Methodist Church. There were a number of people from the Circuit there to support Joseph, including the music group from Wetherby. Thank you to all who came along and joined in this joyous occasion. It was good to share with our friends in the Goole & Selby Circuit (including Local Pastor Eileen and Charlie), who we have got to know at our regular Circuit Prayer & Praise services.

Revd Leslie Newton (Chair of District) and Revd Peter Barnett (District Probationers Secretary) shared in prayer and a liturgy to affirm Joseph and send him forward to Ordination at All Saints Wellington (ticket only).

Circuit Service 29 June at Wetherby

You are all welcome to join us at Wetherby where we hope to join in the Conference Sunday Worship and the Reception into Full Connexion of the Ordinands, including Revd Joseph Kwallah. According to the Conference Programme, the service starts at 10.45am. Please arrive by 10.30am and we will begin with refreshments, and be ready for the 10.45am start. As the service starts later than your usual services, please do feel free to come and go as you wish.

I have made enquiries about the Ordination Service at 4pm but haven't yet had any reply. Let's assume that the service will not be live-streamed, but if it is I'll circulate a note around the Stewards, and we will live-stream that too at Wetherby.

Please note that 29 June is also Drivers Day in Wetherby, with marching bands congregating on Bank Street (where the church is) to march down to the Riverside Car Park (which will not be in use to the public). Bank Street will be CLOSED FROM 12 NOON TO 4PM which includes access to and from our church car park. The car parks at Crossley Street, Morrisons (2 hours), and the Old Station Car Park will be open, if you wish to park there.

We know that this isn't ideal (but we can't do anything about it), so another alternative is, if you are unable or unsure about coming through to Wetherby, you should be able to watch the service on your internet. When the live-streaming is 'live' it will appear on the Conference page with the link shown below, or you may be able to find it on YouTube under 'Methodist Church of Britain'. At least, we will know that we will be watching it together!

If you are able to come to Wetherby, we look forward to sharing together and watching the service on the 'Big Screen' and supporting Joseph. Rev Ann

[Watch Conference live - The Methodist Church](#)

Circuit News

New Role:

The role of 'Circuit Lay Pastor and Circuit Safeguarding Officer' has been advertised and details can be found on the District website. The closing date was 30 June. We will provide further news at a later date.

3Generate:

We are very pleased to say that we have BOOKED for a 'Tadcaster Circuit' group going to 3Generate (with Rev Ann) at the NEC Birmingham 3-5 October. We will also be joined by a family from a neighbouring Circuit. Please pray for our young people and their leaders as they prepare to join this wonderful Methodist event. Details can be found on the Methodist Church website if you want to know more. Thank you to the District and the Circuit for paying for the young people's tickets (leaders go free)!

Circuit 5 Year Plan:

The Circuit Leadership Team are aiming to bring suggestions for a 5 Year Plan to the next Circuit Meeting, covering staffing, buildings, financial projections, including a missional grant scheme for all churches. We hope to hold Vision Days to which all will be able to contribute and feed into the Plan. Full details and a Timetable will be given at the Circuit Meeting. Please pray about this in your churches.

Special Church Anniversaries:

Congratulations to Clifford who celebrated 170 years on 1 June; and to Collingham who celebrate 100 years on 6 July. May God's blessing continue to be with you as you celebrate these special events in the life of your churches.

Circuit Celebration Praise (Prayer & Praise):

Just a reminder - it is on the Plan! - the next service will be on Sunday 20 July, 3pm at Tadcaster, followed by a faith tea. All invited.

Circuit Website:

If you have any posters that you would like to put on the Circuit Website or Facebook page, please forward them to Rev Ann. Thank you.

LWP Continuing Development Programme 2025-26:

If Local Preachers and Worship Leaders have any requests for items/subjects to be included in the programme, would you please let Rev Ann or Alan Bell know asap. Thank you.

Methodist Conference:

The Representative Sessions on 30 June-2 July will be live-streamed if you want to watch Conference at work with the business of the Methodist Church. See the link mentioned in the item for Conference Sunday worship. It is well worth watching, so that you get a sense of how decisions are made and passed down to the District and Circuits.

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

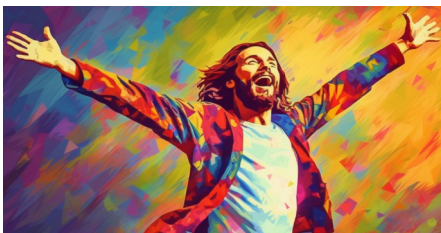
serving bacon butties
toasted teacakes
tea and coffee



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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