

Being Church

October 2025



Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of Christ.

In our Christian calendar, October does not usually have noteworthy holy days or prominent celebrations. Perhaps, apart from All Hallows Eve (or “Halloween” as in colloquial parlance) on 31 October, there is nothing significant to look forward to celebrating as Christians. However, an important day of remembrance often goes unnoticed this month. The same day we observe All Hallows Eve, it is also the “Reformation Day.” Over 500 years ago, Martin Luther, burdened by the corruption and distortions he saw in the Church, was compelled by Scripture to challenge the *status quo*. So, on 31st October 1517, Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the All Saints Church in Wittenberg (Germany), sparking the Protestant Reformation—a movement that emphasised returning to the authority of Scripture and the centrality of grace through faith.

Reformation Day is a time to remember how God used Martin Luther and other reformers to call the Church back to the truth of the Gospel. It also reminds us that the Word of God must always be our foundation, and that the Church is always in need of renewal and alignment with Scripture. The five “solas” of the Reformation still echo with power: *Sola Scriptura* (Scripture alone is our highest authority), *Sola Fide* (We are justified by faith alone), *Sola Gratia* (Salvation comes by grace alone), *Solus Christus* (Christ alone is our Saviour and Mediator), and *Soli Deo Gloria* (All glory belongs to God alone). Luther’s cry was not for division, but for renewal—a reformation rooted in truth, repentance, and a deeper understanding of God’s grace. But, historically, has it been the case?

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Luther's call for reform within the Roman Catholic Church had wide-ranging theological, cultural, and political ramifications. Even though the Reformation sought to return to a more biblical Christianity, it undoubtedly contributed to religious wars, inquisitions, and persecution, as different factions (Catholic, Protestant, Anabaptist, etc.) fought for power across Europe. As Christians, we must wrestle with how easily faith can become entangled with political forces. I write this article in the wake of the death of Mr Charlie Kirk, who was tragically shot and killed while speaking at Utah Valley University. Whether you agreed with him on every issue or not, Charlie's boldness in talking about Christ and biblical values in a hostile culture was inspiring. Charlie's death is a recent addition to the extreme examples of political violence that are sweeping across the USA and the modern world in general.

As we approach another Reformation Day, I encourage you to primarily think about this question: How can we maintain theological integrity without fostering division that leads to violence? Let's also not forget what Luther intended via the Reformation. Have we subtly replaced God's truth with tradition, comfort, or convenience? Are we clinging to grace or trying to earn our way by works? Are we pointing others to Christ, or to ourselves? The Reformation wasn't perfect, but it was a turning point—a revival of truth. Today, may it spark renewal in our churches, revival in our hearts, and a return to the simplicity and power of the Gospel. Let us live reformed lives—not just in theology, but in love, holiness, humility, and faith.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Abi Alex

Clifford Property Maintenance

Clifford are seeking someone to help with their property maintenance on an ongoing basis. If anyone is able to assist, would you please contact Rev Abi or David Mountain. Thank you.

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

PRAYER

Keith Hartrick 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 Keith 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

10 Oct (Fri) 1pm at Boston Methodist Church: Lunchtime Concert - Emma James

12 Oct (Sun) 3pm at Tadcaster Methodist Church: Celebration Praise

17 Oct (Fri) 1.30pm at Tadcaster Methodist Church: Bible Study

18 Oct (Sat) 2.00-3.30pm at East Keswick Methodist Church: Autumn Fun: Find the Fruit

23 Oct (Thu) 2.30-4.30pm at Collingham Methodist Church: Afternoon Tea

27 Oct (Mon) 10-12noon at Collingham Methodist Church: Shoebox appeal

14 Nov (Fri) 7pm at East Keswick Village Hall: Charity Quiz

21 Nov (Fri) 1.30pm at Tadcaster Methodist Church: Bible Study

30 Nov (Sun) 10am to 3pm at Tadcaster Methodist Church: Shoebox Nativity Display

District Diary

Flourish **13-15 Feb, 2026** at the University of York "Woven Threads"

Circuit News

Circuit Celebration Praise

The next Celebration Praise will be held at Tadcaster on Sunday, 12 October at 3pm, followed by a faith tea. All welcome.

Tadcaster Circuit Celebration – 200 years!!

“The Tadcaster Circuit was formed in 1826, apparently following a decision taken at the 1825 Annual Conference. The presence of a manse and the availability of more land for expansion must have been important factors for the town had been part of the York Circuit which included almost 50 villages.”

A date for your diary: There will be a Circuit Celebration Service on Sunday 19 July, 2026, 10.30am at Boston Spa, followed by lunch. The preacher will be Revd Leslie Newton, Chair of District. At the Circuit Meeting, each church will be/has been asked to consider holding an event (concert/afternoon tea/special service...the choice is yours) to which we can invite the whole Circuit to attend. Please check with Juliana, the Circuit Administrator, before booking the date. We would like these events to be spread out throughout the year if possible. Thank you.

5 Year Plan

The CLT will present the draft 5 Year Plan to the Circuit Meeting – please ask your representatives about it. This will be followed up with the Circuit Vision Day, ‘What’s our Future Story?’ with Revd Ruth Gilson-Webb, District Assistant Chair – Church Development, on Saturday 1 November 10am-2pm. All welcome to attend. Please bring your lunch. Please continue to pray about this in your churches.

Circuit Bible Study

A Bible Study programme is being held at Tadcaster and all are welcome. We are studying “An insight into the letter of James” and the sessions began in September and are held on Fridays at 1.30pm – 17 October, 21 November, 12 December.

3Generate

Please pray for our group from the Circuit who are attending 3Generate on 3-5 October. We look forward to telling you all about it on our return. Find out about it here: [3Generate 2025 - The Methodist Church](#)

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Collingham Methodist Church Christmas Shoebox Appeal for



Join us for coffee and chat whilst we
pack Christmas Shoeboxes on
Monday 27th October 10 - 12 noon

Suggested contributions: Soap, Flannel and Toothbrush and
Paste, Hat, Scarf, Gloves, Soft toys, Sweets, Crayons, Felt
pens, Colouring books, Pens,
Pencils, Erasers, Sharpeners, Paper, Toys, Cars, Trucks,
Tennis balls, Playing cards, Jigsaws, Jewellery, Hair
accessories, Balloons,
£3 donation to transportation

Empty shoeboxes and wrapping paper needed!!
Further details from Denny 07741 477150



LOWER WHARFE METHODIST CHURCH TADCASTER METHODIST CIRCUIT

EXPLORE THE BIBLE TOGETHER

Join us for a friendly Bible study over
Coffee and Cake.

FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH | 2 PM

Ulleskelf Village Hall
Main St, Ulleskelf, Tadcaster
LS24 9DU

For information, contact Revd Abi Alex
Tel: 01937 364489
Email: abi.alex@methodist.org.uk



Join us for Afternoon Tea,
quiz, and raffle!!!

Thursday

23rd October

2.30 - 4.30 pm

Collingham Methodist Chapel

£6.00 per person, Please book with Denny on
01937 520497



EAST KESWICK METHODIST CHURCH

Come and join us for an

Autumn Fun &

'Find the Fruit' Trail

Saturday 18th October

2.00-3.30 pm

Outdoors if fine, inside if wet!



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

Look forward to seeing you there!



Boston Spa
Methodist Church

Lunchtime Concert

Friday 10th October, at 1pm



Emma James Entertains

TICKETS £6

Light lunches served from 12 noon

ENQUIRIES: 0113 268 2041



JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

An insight into the letter of James

with Revd Ann Fox
and John Kimmer

at Tadcaster Methodist Church
Friday 1.30pm:

19 September

17 October

21 November

12 December – an introduction into the next study
session
more dates to follow

All are welcome



Charity Quiz

On Friday 14th November
7pm at East Keswick Village Hall
Collecting for

The Red Cross Ukraine Appeal –
bringing hope and support to those in need and

The Cancer and Pisces Trust –
enhancing lives of cancer sufferers and carers
through the therapeutic pastime of angling

Teams of 4-6 or we can help find you a team
£10 per person to include pie, peas and pud
Bring your own drinks and cash for the raffle

Tickets in advance from Charlotte:
meekfamily@hotmail.co.uk
or Penny: 01937 572434

Tadcaster Methodist Church

Sunday 30th November 2025

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Shoobox Nativity Display

Open Door Café

Christmas gift stall



As part of the Town Christmas Market, once again we invite individuals, schools, businesses and groups to create a Shoobox Nativity Scene using craft, paint, stitch or paper.

The only requirement is that the Nativity must be presented in a shoebox that will be part of a Christmas display. Traditional, contemporary or something different, we would be delighted to have them on display.

Exhibits can be left at Tadcaster Methodist Church on:

- Sunday, 24th and Tuesday, 26th November 10.00am - 11.30am
- Friday, 29th November 10.00am - 11.30am and 3.00pm - 5.30pm

For further details contact:

Hazel Smith

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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 (1st)	2pm	Bible Study & cake	Ulleskelf village hall
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 Stop	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)	2.00-4.00pm	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)	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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