

Being Church

October 2026



Dear Friends,

I recently held Collective Worship at St James CE School in Wetherby. Their theme for the term is 'perseverance' and the pupils gave some excellent examples. One was of climbing up a hill which was steep and very hard, another of rock climbing and getting a medal. They also gave two perspectives of getting strength, from both eating the right foods and helping each other. As it was a new term, most of the pupils had gone up a year, and there were some new faces too, who were getting used to being in a class, and having this strange person talking to them about Jesus!

The Bible story I chose was from Luke 5, in The Lion Children's Bible. People had heard about Jesus and "when he began to heal those who were ill, the news spread like wildfire. People came from far and near, and Jesus was busy from morning till night...but he never turned people away." He asked Simon Peter to take his boat out into the lake and Jesus taught them from there. Afterwards, he asked him to take the boat out further and cast out their nets. Simon Peter told Jesus that they were tired, they had been out all night and not caught anything, but he obeyed Jesus and with Andrew they put the nets out. They caught so many fish that their nets were breaking and they needed some help!

I talked about the story with the children and asked who was showing perseverance? Both Jesus, and Simon Peter and Andrew. Jesus didn't give up on the people, he didn't turn them away, he carried on teaching even though he must have been tired. Simon Peter and Andrew took the risk, even though they perhaps thought it was worthless, and were no doubt very surprised at happy at the quantity of fish they had caught!

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**Boston Spa - Clifford - Collingham - East Keswick - Tadcaster - Wetherby
Lower Wharfe (at Appleton Roebuck, Church Fenton & Ulleskelf)**

So, here are some questions for you, because they are not just for the children....

- When did you or someone you know show perseverance?
- How does it feel when you achieve something that was hard to do?
- Where or from whom do you find strength to persevere?

At the District Synod, Revd Romeo Pedro, District Chair, shared with us his thoughts for the District and our churches. He had four words –

Remembering. Reimagine. Risk. Review.

I made lots of notes, but just to break it down small....

- Remembering with gratitude: remembering is not the same as returning. Christian memory should give us roots, not chains.
- Reimagine with hope: What might Methodism look like in 5 years? God is always waiting for us in the future. There is no journey without risk.
- Risk with faith: take a risk for the gospel, rather than preserve through fear (*that's a good quote!*)
- Review with humility: What have we learned? Where did we see God? Who did we not hear? Be willing to learn.

Rev Romeo also said “Decline is not the only story available to us.”

There is a sense of perseverance here too...keep looking for where God is, and join in. Keep taking risks and try new things. They may not work, or perhaps they will. Stop. Listen. Discern. Rev Romeo spoke of a Southern African saying, ‘Ubuntu’ (which you may remember Revd Joseph Kwallah talking about) which means “I am because we are”. We belong together. We are in this together. God is with us.

And a comment came from a member of Synod watching online....

‘Get on with it, this is Yorkshire!’

Have a perseverance attitude (I’m talking to myself here too): keep persevering and find strength from Jesus and from each other.

God bless

Rev Ann

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.*

Prayer meetings at **Wetherby** in the Quiet Room every Wednesday 10.00am & **Tadcaster** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 9.15am

WORSHIP

For Sunday service see the Circuit Plan, copies are available in our buildings or visit:

www.tadcastercircuit.org.uk/our-preaching-plan



ALPHA COURSE

Volunteers from Boston Spa Methodist Church led the Alpha Course earlier this year. If other churches in the Circuit would like to try running a course, please contact Brian Marsden for support and more information: xantern@aol.com. For further details about the course: alpha.org.uk



VACANCIES

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

- Circuit Steward (s) - **URGENT**
- Circuit Data Compliance Officer
- Foundation Safeguarding Trainer
- Circuit Property Secretary
- Circuit Safeguarding Officer

If you have something you wish to highlight in the **Nov '26** issue of **Being Church**, please send it to **Juliana** by **Friday, 16 Oct.** Thank you - tadcastercircuit@gmail.com

Diary dates – please hold these in your prayers

Tadcaster Circuit Diary

- 4 Oct** (Sun) 6.30pm at Appleton Roebuck Chapel: Harvest Thanksgiving
- 9 Oct** (Fri) 12noon lunch & 1pm Concert at Boston Spa
- 13 Oct** (Tue) 7pm at St James Church: Ecumenical Covenant Group
- 24 Oct** (Sat) 2.30pm at Collingham: Musical Afternoon with the Wesley Singers followed by afternoon tea
- 4 Dec** (Fri) 7pm at East Keswick: Seasonal Quiz with a festive twist see poster. Tickets limited apply by email to pennywood1@btopenworld.com
- 11-13 Dec** at Boston Spa: Community Christmas Tree Festival

200 Years Celebration Diary

- **October:** Wetherby: 17 Oct (Sat) Elysian singers
- **December:** East Keswick: 4 Dec (Fri) Circuit Seasonal Quiz

Please check the regular events page is up to date for your church & see poster about Foundation Safeguarding training dates.

District Diary

Nothing in October

Circuit News October 2026

Good News!

We have new Members!

Congratulations to Silas Chipangura and Tsungi Chipanguara who were received into Membership at Wetherby. Congratulations to Diane Temple who was Confirmed and received into Membership at Collingham. And to our two young people – Ella Hendrickson and Elana Hendrickson who were Confirmed and received into Membership at East Keswick. May God's blessing continue to be with all of you! We are delighted to have you among us.

Silas and Tsungi were also each given a 'Note to Preach' at the Leaders of Worship & Preachers Meeting. Congratulations! We look forward to you leading worship in our churches across the Circuit.

Bible Study

- **Collingham Bible Study:** Contact David Layock
- **Tadcaster Bible Study:** This is ongoing and open to the whole Circuit. New dates: Friday 16 October 1.30pm studying Titus, Friday 6 November 1.30pm studying Philomen, Friday 4 December 1.30pm looking at Methodist Advent resources. Contact Rev Ann.
- **Ulleskelf Bible Study:** First Monday of every month, 2pm. The group meets at Ulleskelf Village Hall and all are welcome. Contact Rev Abi.

Circuit Vision Conversations

We will be continuing conversations about the 5 year plan and options for the Circuit's governance and trusteeship at Church Councils. Revds Ann and Abi will be preparing a service to be taken around the Circuit in the new year. As Revd Romeo said to us at Synod, we need to listen to the missing voices... and we would like those missing voices at our conversations to know what the plans are, so that everyone is invited to talk about it. Please share your thoughts with each other, so that as a Circuit we are able to make a good decision for the future of our Church.

Prayer

Please pray for all the conversations on the work of God in our churches this month:

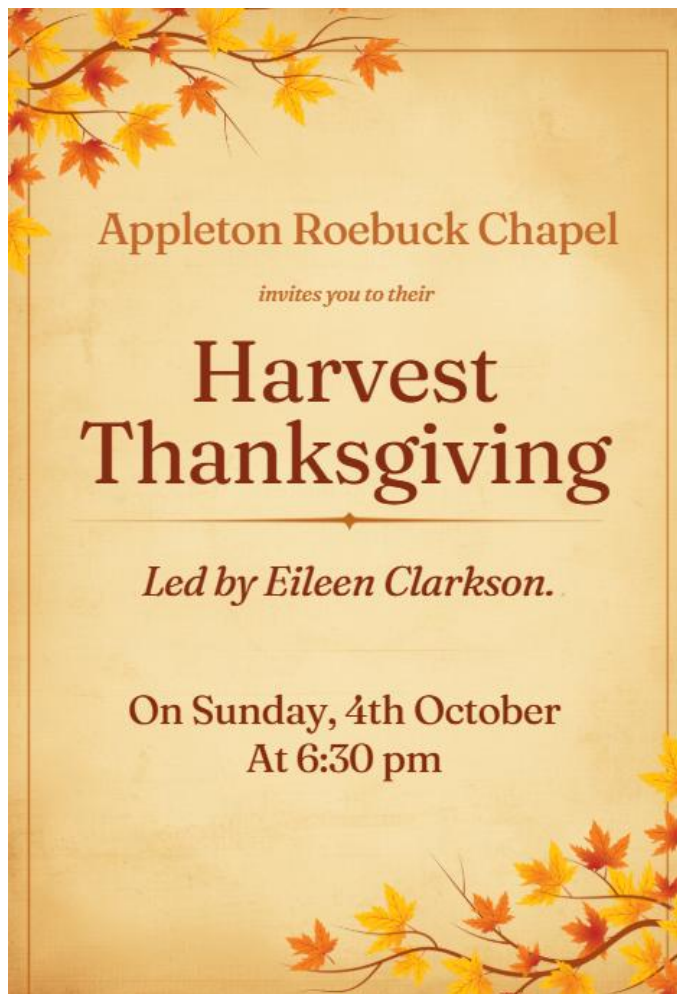
Dear Lord, we thank you for your presence with us as we discuss the life of our church. Help us to support one another and to carry on learning along the way that you have set before us. May we Remember with gratitude, Reimagine with hope, Risk with faith, and Review with humility. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

Tearfund – Zimbabwe

Please pray for Rev Ann and Dr Alan Bell, as they prepare to join Tearfund in Zimbabwe 4-11 October, meeting their church partners and learning about their work and mission in the city of Bulawayo and surrounding rural areas.

History Website

As part of the Eco Church building project at Wetherby, John McCarthy has put together a new website and digital online book of the history of Wetherby (including the churches). There is also a physical display book that John has created, which has been on display in the church and is about to be placed in Wetherby Library and then at the Town Hall. For the website see www.wetherbyhistory.co.uk and thank you to John for all his hard work on this!



Boston Spa **Methodist** Church

Lunchtime Concert

1pm, Friday 9th October 2026



Ruth and James Sanderson

TICKETS £6
Light lunches served from 12 noon

ENQUIRIES: 0113 268 2041



Wetherby
Anglican-Methodist
Covenant Group



*Join the conversation
and share your stories*



13 October 2026



7pm



at St James Church



Guest speaker:

Revd Ian Pruden
Methodist District
Ecumenical Officer



All are welcome!

THE ELYSIAN SINGERS AUTUMN CONCERT



Saturday 17th October 2026 - 7.30pm

Admission £10, under 15's free

(including light refreshments)

Wetherby Methodist Church, Bank Street

Tickets: Saturday or Wednesday morning Coffee Shops

07896241577, 07722563392 or pay on the door

Proceeds for Wetherby & District Foodbank



**EAST KESWICK
METHODIST CHURCH**



SEASONAL QUIZ!

**FUN,
FRIENDLY
& FOR
EVERYONE!**



**A SEASONAL QUIZ FOR ALL AGES
WITH A FESTIVE TWIST!**



**FRIDAY
4TH DECEMBER
7.00PM**



**TEAMS OF
UP TO 4
ALL WELCOME!**



**PIE, PEAS
& HOT DRINK**

★ £10 PER TICKET ★

email pennywood1@btopenworld.com
to reserve a place

**IN SUPPORT OF EKMC &
WETHERBY & DISTRICT FOODBANK**

FAITH • FELLOWSHIP • COMMUNITY

Boston Spa Methodist Church
presents its twelfth annual



Community Christmas Tree Festival 2026

**Friday 11th December –
Sunday 13th December**

- ❁ Come and see the stunning display of beautifully decorated trees
- ❁ Lots of entertainment
- ❁ Refreshments available throughout
- ❁ Donkey rides (weather permitting)
- ❁ Visits from Santa
- ❁ Christingle Workshop
- ❁ Tombola
- ❁ Craft and Cake Stalls
- ❁ "Get in the Picture" – Nativity photo opportunity

**Watch out
for further
details**

This year we are proud to support



Please see our website for further details:
www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk



**Lower Wharfe Methodist
Church in Church Fenton**



**All are welcome to
the café church held**

**on the 3rd Sunday
of every month**

led by Anita Metcalfe

(currently listed as LA on the plan)

Collingham Methodist Church



Musical Afternoon

With The Wesley Singers

Saturday

24 October

2.30 pm



Followed by afternoon tea

Proceeds will be donated to:

**Wetherby Foodbank
& St Gemma's Hospice**

Tickets £10, can be purchased on the door,
or in advance from Denny on 01937 520497

Tadcaster Methodist Church

Come along to a

Community Lunch

**At 12 noon on the second
Thursday of the month**



**Soup and roll, dessert, tea or coffee
£5 (suggested donation)**

All are welcome



**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
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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 (1st & 3rd)	2.00-4.00pm	Friends & Fellowship	East Keswick
Monday (2nd)	10.30am-12noon	Bacon Brunch	Collingham
Monday (4th)	10.30am-12noon	Coffee & Chat	Collingham
Tuesday (weekly)	9.30-10.00am	Circuit Prayer Gathering	Zoom
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 Speakers	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)	2pm	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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