



Letters from the Adriatic

Those with access to Facebook may well be following Les and Norma as they adventure around the Adriatic. Frequently we receive gems of wisdom and they are worth sharing.

John 3:4 "How can someone be born again when they are old" a question Nicodemus asks of Jesus. Passing through One tunnel can make a big difference. Like passing from darkness into light. We passed through the Gotthard Tunnel in the Swiss Alps yesterday, 10.5 miles of engineering genius taking us from 5 degrees C of cloud to 20 degrees of sunshine. Both sides of the tunnel are of equal beauty but sunshine and warmth is what we needed. We thank those who created the means of getting from one situation to another in the Alps and praise God for the Grace with which he offers us the means of being born again into new life.

St. Paul wrote to the people of Rome in Ch 8. ".... in all these things we are more than conquerors" He was writing to Christians being persecuted and the height of that persecution, for the early Christians of Rome, happened here at the Colosseum where we visited today. This is a place where Christians were murdered as part of the lunch time entertainment of the crowds. We arrived there in the pouring rain suffering the discomfort of our wet clothes having spent a couple of hours in St Peter's square, along with thousands of others, in the presence of the Pope! Both venues had the air of a theme park whereas the multitude of Basilicas, which are 'littered' across the City of Rome with the outward appearance of being derelict contain such peaceful, spiritual, beauty and can remind the visitor that ".....nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus." *Used with permission*

Schools Report

Melsonby Methodist have been inspected twice recently; both OFSTED and SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) have judged them as 'Good'. Gunnerside Methodist and Reeth Community Federated School was judged 'Outstanding' by the SIAMS assessors. Well done to all involved in this important work. Richmond Methodist are expecting visits soon as they were last inspected in 2012.

One Opportunity North East

Please help to identify young people to take part in this exciting new venture that may be of benefit to your church.

Do you know a 16-23 year old who would be interested in working 3 hours a week (paid the living wage £8.25/hour) for a year with yours or another local church? Someone who would also benefit from attending three residential training weekends through the year, with other young people from around the region to learn new skills and explore their vocation.

The scheme is for young people aged 16-23 years and offers a salaried position of 3 hours per week for 1 year in a project that will **enhance the life and mission of their local church** and enable the young person to work out their discipleship in new ways. Up to twenty four young people will be funded across the region (12 in each district) each year. All the young people will attend an induction day and three residential weekends during the year as part of their commitment which will enable them to be part of a community of young people learning and reflecting together.

If you want more information or think you can help then contact: John Boyd of the Regional Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network on 07791425078 boydj@methodistchurch.org.uk as soon as possible.

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E Mail Inbox

To: You
Date: Today
From: God
Subject: You and your life

Today I will be handling all of your problems for you. I won't need your help. So, have a great day. I love you.

P.S. And, remember... if life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it yourself! Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. I will get to it in my time and all situations will be resolved, in my time and my way.

Diary Dates

for full listing see: www.nydalesmeth.org.uk/aboutus.htm

Remember: Filling Station takes a break during August

Monday 1st to Friday 4th August Kings Club contact Mike Hirst for details 01969 667841

Sunday 28th August- Circuit service Day

10.30am Reeth- final service in the chapel, followed by buffet lunch

6.30pm Richmond evening Communion service led by Rev Les Nevin

8pm Marsett singalong with the Ayrton family

Monday 5th September 7pm for 7.30pm start- Circuit Leadership Team meeting at Dove Cottage

Saturday 10th September 10am till 3.30pm Darlington District Synod

Monday 19th September 7.30pm Circuit Meeting (Aysgarth)

Fear Not! A Bunch of Knitters...

What do you call a group of angels? A crowd? A flock? A swarm? A flight? Whatever we call our host of angels Christians Together in Swaledale want to create one for the advent period; to show something of the reason for the season in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. They have a knitting pattern to create a 3" (7.5cm) high angel and now just need some knitters to knit as many as possible by November.



The angels are prayed over before being distributed. They can have something with them to remind people of Christmas e.g. a tag with a simple verse, or 'A gift of love from' etc. and they can be placed somewhere in public or handed out at Advent events.

If you think you can help please contact Sue Pellatt for a pattern on suepellatt@hotmail.com or 01748 886963.

Café Church

At the new Costa coffee shop in Catterick Garrison something is stirring; it may be a cappuccino, or a latte with a dash of the Holy Spirit. During June and July there will be café church on the **first and third Sunday** of the month; drinks and eats can be purchased from 5.30pm and the 'service' begins at 6pm. As you would expect this is an informal setting and involves people in quizzes and discussion usually with live music to start and finish. As it says in Revelation 7:16 "Never again will they hunger never again will they thirst." Come along and join the fellowship as it says in Psalm 34:8 "Taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."



Band Offer

'Out Of The Ashes' are a band with a loving message to encourage and enliven local congregations at Sunday services or evening concerts. Don't worry about fee - they will agree something you can afford. Having had their latest single 'The Right Place' played on Paul Jones BBC Radio 2 show, and tours to the US, Tenerife and a new album planned for 2016 this offer is purely about supporting and blessing the local church. If you are interested to know more please see www.outoftheashesmusic.uk or email joel@soundconsultancy.co.uk

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