



Message from Rev Melanie Reed



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Please, please, read me!!!

Dear Friends

Talking to one another is really important. One way we do that is through the quarterly newsletter. So please take a few minutes to read it and then encourage others to read it. Also, the newsletter will only be as good as the things you send to go in it. So, let's hear your stories. I know there are great things happening across our Circuit, so please remember to send in your stories and pictures to Julie Greenslade so that we all get to celebrate with you but also to learn from each other about what works and indeed what you have tried but has not yet worked. I am keen for us to really focus on mission, outreach, discipleship and worship in every little pocket of our beautiful circuit. So, I have 3 key phrases for us to concentrate on in the next few months:

Walk with Jesus

Witness to others

Worship the Lord

These are taken directly from our Circuit Mission Statement.

How are we walking with Jesus in our chapels in our communities in our house groups? Please share your stories. In what new ways might you like to walk with Jesus?

How are we witnessing to others? Please share your stories. What new ideas would you like to explore?

In what ways are we worshipping the Lord? Please share the variety of worship services and opportunities that you are involved with. Are there new styles that you may wish to develop?

If only we had a little bit of extra money to try that! Don't be put off, small amounts of 'seed project' money can be made available.

So, let's see where God will lead us as we enter 2020...

With God all things are possible! (Matthew 19: 26)

I am hopeful for our future together.

With Every Blessing *Rev Melanie.*

Do you enjoy the newsletter ? Have a story or any photographs that you would like to include in the next newsletter?

Please contact: Julie Greenslade on 01969 663878 or email: julie@cornerhousewb.co.uk

It's very exciting that the schools would like to continue with the Easter Tingle again this year.

Would you like to help out for a morning or afternoon?

Monday 30th March, Tuesday 31st March, Wednesday 1st April or Thursday 2nd April.

Just let me know which day could help out, and whether morning, afternoon or both. Just one session will really help take the good news of Easter to local children.

Please do pass this information on to anyone else who may be interested in helping.

Thank you so much,

God bless, *Rachel*



The beginning of Advent 2019 found 22 volunteers from across the circuit cutting out stars, sticking sheep together and folding paper doilies to make angels. This was all in aid of 'Making Christmas' with about 160 children from local schools.

The sessions started thinking about the gifts God has given us and how we have spoiled the world God made. We wondered what God might do about this. To start to answer the question each child made a Christmas box and the items to go inside it. We came back together to tell the Christmas story and find out that God wanted to make the world a better place and so sent his son, Jesus, into the world at Christmas.

Everyone was able to take home their Christmas Box and a booklet so that they could share the Christmas Story at home with family and friends.

Thank you to everyone who helped. If you think you would like to join in with sharing the Christian message to local children the Easter Tingle sessions are taking part again this year and all volunteers are welcomed with open arms.

Contact Rachel for more information. richmondschoolsandfamilies@gmail.com

In Memory of Mike Pledge

My grand daughter Hannah Hughes has a place to run in the London Marathon in memory of her Grandpa Mike and her chosen charity is Action for Children which was one Mike supported through various activities never failing to turn out carol singing whatever the weather.

As one of her fundraising events Fourum will be performing in a concert "Singing the Dales" at West Burton Chapel on Wednesday 18th March at 7pm. Tickets £8 from Julie Pledge 01969 663481.

This Folk Group have been entertaining audiences since 1972 in song and verse portraying the characters, history and legends of the North Yorkshire Dales. They have appeared in local and national radio and television. Appearances too in the Swaledale Festival. They have produced a book, discs and videos.

Please come and support us and have a jolly good evening.

Julie Pledge



Faithworks 2020

Bible Month in June offers churches the opportunity to focus on one specific book from the Bible. Previously Jonah, James and Colossians have all been under the spotlight. The book this year is based on a story of refugees suffering death, starvation and exploitation; our heroines survive through their love and loyalty to each other. Do they make it back to their homeland and find happiness? Read about it in the book of Ruth.

To take our learning further in July there will be a workshop at Richmond Methodist Church. With all sorts of creative materials provided, Alan Cous-tick and Kevin Pellatt will help you dig into the issues presented by the story of Ruth, issues that are very relevant in our world today. We hope the story will inspire you to respond in a creative way and the workshop will provide space for you to do this.

Previous workshops have produced poems, pictures, various works with textiles, photographs and sculptures; and many other items. More importantly they have given space for people to reflect on the bible, the message within and grow in their faith. You can see some of work on this link: <http://www.teesdalemethodists.co.uk/creative-arts-workshop.html#>

Good Friday Walk

The Good Friday walk has become a regular feature in the lives of many. The event is a walk of reflection; stopping to observe key points of the Holy Week story of how Jesus was betrayed and eventually crucified on what is known now as Good Friday. We begin in the morning at Keld URC chapel and follow the 'Corpse Way' down Swaledale. There is a short lunch break at Gunnerside Methodist chapel before we march on to indulge in hot cross buns and a short teatime service at St Andrew's church Grinton. It is an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with others and to re-



Talking God

I know many of you have a heart to grow your chapel in terms of numbers and strength. There are three publications you may be interested in to help you with this. Like buses, having missed one you wait a while and then two come along at the same time. They are all published by the Methodist Church and just for the record I'm not on commission!

So, last year we had 'Talking of God Together'; and then more recently 'Talking of God with Others' and 'Our Church's Future Story'.

Both of the 'Talking of God...' books are suitable for use in a variety of contexts; such as House Groups, Local Arrangement Services, Lent or Advent groups and café style worship. They are both set up in easy to use sessions that need only a

little preparation.

The 'Talking of God Together' helps us to talk of our faith to fellow Christians and was used for Lent groups last year by Christian's Together in Swaledale; we're still talking to each other so it can't have been too bad!

'Talking of God with Others' is the next step; it's sessions are designed to give us confidence in our faith stories, so we become more confident in talking naturally about our faith to those we meet in our everyday lives.

'Our Church's Future Story' is described as a resource to help churches plan for the continuation of their mission. This is more of a toolkit; as a church 18 cards are available to help you to plan how you want to respond to 'Our calling' including how to manage difficult conversations and work out how to grow your church in numbers and strength.

There are DVD's, course guideline books and group packages available, yes, they cost and in my view they are great value; especially if you can catch the publishers on a free post and packing day.



Calendar

FEB 15 **Scorton Churches Together Coffee Morning**
- begins at 9:30am

FEB 15 **Dick Whittington**
- begins at 2:30pm
This year's pantomime at Richmond Methodist is Dick Whittington. It's on Friday 14th February at 7.30pm and Saturday 15th February at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 adults and £5 concessions. Call 01748 518148.

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FEB 18 **Scorton Bible Study**
- begins at 2:00pm

FEB 18 **Circuit Meeting**
Richmond - begins at 7:00pm

FEB 18 **Gayle Fellowship**
- begins at 7:30pm
With The Salvation Army

FEB 19 **Prayer Time**
- begins at 9:45am
There is a prayer time every Wednesday meeting 9.45 am at Joan Sirman's, home Marydene, Kingsley Drive, Middleham, Tel no. 624582. Any one is very welcome.

FEB 19 **Carlton Church Council Meeting**
- begins at 3:30pm

FEB 20 **Hymn Singing at Harmby**
- begins at 10:00am
16th January 2020 From 10.00am until 11.00am Harmby Methodist Chapel will be open for anyone who wishes to listen to Hymn Singing or Join In with Singing your choice of hymns. Free tea or coffee & biscuits will follow. This enjoyable event will continue on the Third Thursday of Every Month Please when everyone will be welcome

FEB 25 **Scorton Knit and Natter**
- begins at 1:30pm

FEB 25 **District Policy Committee**
- begins at 7:00pm

FEB 25 **Gayle Fellowship**
- begins at 7:30pm
With Pauline and Martin Beckett

FEB 26 **Prayer Time**
- begins at 9:45am
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FEB 27 **Marsett Church Council Meeting**
- begins at 2:00pm

MAR 2 **Thy Kingdom Come**
- begins at 2:00pm
Inspire and Equip is a free, two hour session hosted by the National Thy Kingdom Come team, this will explore simple and creative prayer activities for everyone, including Churches, families and young people that will suit a wide variety of styles of worship and prayer. This is for anyone who would like to get involved - church leaders and clergy, lay people and prayer coordinators from any denomination. 2pm to 4pm . Tea and cake will be served. Please contact admin@nydalesmeth.org.uk for more details

MAR 2 **Local Preachers Meeting**
- begins at 7:00pm
Leyburn Methodist Church

MAR 3 **Scorton Bible Study**
- begins at 2:00pm
Everyone Welcome

MAR 3 **Scorton Lent Meeting**
- begins at 7:30pm

MAR 3 **Gayle Fellowship**
- begins at 7:30pm
Marsett Group

MAR 3 **Lent Group**
Low Row URC - begins at 7:30pm

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MAR 4 **Richmond Lent Meeting**
- begins at 12:00pm
Soup lunch and discussion following this year's York Course



North Yorkshire Dales Circuit

Walk with Jesus - Witness to Others - Worship the Lord

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World Day of Prayer

Leyburn Methodist Church - begins at 10:30am
Annual World day of prayer hosted by Leyburn Methodist Church. All welcome- refreshments afterwards

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World Day of Prayer Service

St Mary's Church , Arkengarthdale - begins at 2:30pm

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City of Bath Male Voice Choir Concert

- begins at 7:00pm
Richmond Methodist Church at 7.00pm
Tickets Â£8

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Scorton Soup and Pudding Lunch

- begins at 12:00pm
Lunches are served from 12.00pm to 1.30pm. There is not charge, donation s can be made if desired. Everyone welcome.

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Marriage and Relationships Discussion Forum

Leyburn Methodist Church - begins at 2:00pm
GOD IN LOVE UNITES US
Marriage and Relationships

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Want to hear what others think?
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Monday 9th March 2pm - 4pm Leyburn Methodist Church
Tuesday 10th March 7.30pm - 9pm Gayle Methodist Church
Thurs 12th March 10am-noon West Burton Methodist Church
Rev Les will be leading discussion forums:
Wed 18th March 7.30pm - 9pm Richmond Methodist Church

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Scorton Knit and Natter

- begins at 1:30pm
Everyone Welcome

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Marriage and Relationships Discussion Forum

Gayle Methodist Chapel - begins at 7:30pm
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Scorton Lent Meeting

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Gayle Fellowship

- begins at 7:30pm
With Rev Melanie Reed

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Lent Group

St Mary's Arkengarthdale - begins at 7:30pm

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Richmond Lent Meeting

- begins at 12:00pm
Soup lunch and discussion following this year's York Course

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Marriage and Relationships Discussion Forum

West Burton Methodist Church - begins at 10:00am
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Marsett Chapel Singalong

- begins at 7:30pm
Singing by The Longton Family
Chaired by Allen Dinsdale
Everyone Welcome

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Scorton Bible Study

- begins at 2:00pm
Everyone Welcome

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Scorton Lent Meeting

- begins at 7:30pm

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Gayle Fellowship

- begins at 7:30pm
With David and Sarah Clark



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Lent Group

Gunnerside MC - begins at 7:30pm

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Richmond Lent Meeting

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Fourum - Singing The Dales

West Burton Chapel - begins at 7:00pm

Fourum - Singing the Dales and Other Tales
In aid of Action for Children
Tickets (including refreshments) Â£8 - available from Julie Pledge

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Richmond Methodist Church - begins at 7:30pm
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District Circuit Leadership Team event

Darlington

Date for the diary - District Circuit Leadership Teams event - Saturday 21st March - Darlington

MAR
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Mothering Sunday Service West Burton

- begins at 10:45am

Mothering Sunday service at West Burton, ecumenical service with St Andrews, Aysgarth.

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Scorton Knit and Natter

- begins at 1:30pm
Everyone Welcome

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Scorton Lent Meeting

- begins at 7:30pm

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Gayle Fellowship

- begins at 7:30pm
With Askrigg Ladies Singing for Pleasure

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Lent Group

Keld URC - begins at 7:30pm

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Gayle Fellowship

- begins at 7:00pm
Annual Fellowship Meeting

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Lent Group

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