



## Message from Rev Janet Park

It was advertised as 'Afternoon Tea and light music' - in actual fact it was passionate, poised perfection from Jonathan and Elizabeth Sparey on violin and piano, respectively.

What a treat - what class, what joy they brought to those forty or so folk gathered, entranced by the music emerging from those two instruments, played with love, expertise and understanding. The Lark Ascending by Vaughan Williams was as sumptuous and the afternoon tea that followed - the bird rose from its' nest, circled, dropped, rose some more, all the while the notes fluttered around the room - utterly wonderful. All created through their lifelong love of music, displaying their innate ability to play and interpret the black and white marks on the pages before them. It made me think that this is what we should all be aspiring to achieve as we read the Scriptures, those black and white marks on the page in front of us, allow the Holy Spirit to interpret and live with passion the Christian life in these dales. And passion need not be loud, as Jonathan explained before he played one piece: it means as soft as you can, and softer - hardly able to be heard, yet still there, true to the notes on the page.



### Thank you Pauline!!

Pauline Beckett has now stepped down from her role as Circuit Finance Steward. We are all very grateful to you Pauline, for everything you have done over the years to ensure our finances and properties and many other areas have been excellently managed. We welcome with thanks our now circuit finance team and look forward

to working with them.

### Welcome to Revd Richard Andrew

Darlington and District has welcomed the new Darlington District Chair, Revd

Richard Andrew.

We are sure you would like to wish Revd Richard a very warm welcome and we look forward to seeing him around and about Wensleydale and Swaledale.

His contact details are :

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## 3Generate

Rachel Pinkney is taking a group of youngsters from this Circuit to 3Generate Children & Youth Assembly at the end of November in Southport. They will be part of over 1200 young people from the Methodist Church across the country, gathered to worship, to learn more of God and one another. It's an exciting opportunity for everyone - are you passionate about making a difference to children and young people? Busy and unable to commit to a regular volunteer role and looking to develop your skills and gifts? The event still needs more volunteers - it could be YOU. For more information,

visit <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/3generate/volunteering/>

Or could you write a letter to those attending 3Generate? A letter to help them be courageous in their faith by sharing something of your own faith story. Share something about your experiences of being part of a church/faith community. Maybe you remember special people or moments from growing up in a church - could you share some of that story? You can send your letter at any time, but please make sure it arrives by the end of October at the latest.

Send your completed letter to: 3Generate 1000 Letters, 6th Floor, Methodist Church House,  
25 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR.

For more information visit <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/3generate/1000-letters/>

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

Please contact: Julie Greenslade on 01969 663878 or  
email: [julie@cornerhousewb.co.uk](mailto:julie@cornerhousewb.co.uk)

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## **The Big Cheese Comes to Wensleydale.....**

So said the church steward as he welcomed the Rev. Gareth Powell, Secretary of the Methodist Conference to Gayle Methodist Chapel, only a few yards from the Creamery made famous by Wallace and Gromit.

It was a perfect summer afternoon at the top of Wensleydale, for this annual outdoor service complete with Hawes Silver Band to accompany the singing.

Not often does the preacher say "The tractor having passed, let us pray". But at haytime the farmers cannot take Sunday as a day of rest, and clattering vehicles squeezed along the narrow lane, past the congregation.

Gareth led the morning service at Richmond, chauffeured there from Gayle by Joe Pilling, who then showed him and his wife some of the glories of Swaledale on their return journey to Gayle.

Gareth preached about Jesus, the itinerant preacher, who called to his disciples "Come and see" - as he himself as an itinerant preacher had come to see - to visit churches far from the capital.

It is encouraging for such rural congregations to know that they are in the hearts of those who work in Methodist Church House.



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## **Richmond - Saturday 8th September 2018**

"There were many hot potatoes being passed around at Richmond on Saturday 8th September. No, not more issues no-one wanted to deal with, but literal hot potatoes.

The Space Youth Group baked 70 potatoes (kindly donated by Carricks) and served them to members of the church, accompanied by a variety of delicious toppings (generously given by Angus Morton Butchers, Co-op and Tesco).

All the young people worked incredibly hard during the afternoon and evening to prepare the hall, cook the meal and clear up afterwards.

A wonderful evening was had by all and £312.00 was raised which will be divided between the charities chosen by the youth group: The Alzheimer's Society and Young Minds."

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# Retreat at Whitchester Christian Guesthouse



Thirteen "retreaters" travelled north of the border on Friday 22nd June to spend the weekend at Whitchester Christian Guesthouse and Retreat Centre, near Hawick. One piece of advice is important before you go!

Diet before you go because the food is delicious, especially the home baked bread which is too tempting to leave any on the plate.

As we were guided through different Bible stories by Simon and Amanda we were shown the depths of meaning within those we already thought we knew.

The Saturday night, after dinner meditation could have easily moved into a "deeper relaxation" if we had not been led by Amanda. Joan, centre leader, engaged us in lively Sunday morning worship. The weekend concluded with lunch and we returned south "fed up" in the best meaning of the phrase.

John Peters, our leader, has already booked the next visit to Whitchester in September 2019 and is planning a Christian Holiday on Arran in May 2019.



Keep your eye on the weekly notices for further details!



## Hawes Methodist Cemetery Wild flower project

Bringing new life to a graveyard – and praying for rain – are friends and trustees of the Methodist cemetery in Hawes who came to plant wildflowers in abundance.



The top corner of the two-acre cemetery, on the brow of the hill next to Gayle Lane, has been planted with 400 wildflower plugs, half hay-meadow varieties, and half pollinators to attract bees and butterflies.

Ironically, heavy rain in the past two years had caused the grass to grow quickly in the plot, making it too wet and too expensive to keep mowing it. It had not been mown during that time and the decision was taken to brighten it up for future seasons and also enrich the environment. But, says cemetery trustee Geoff Phillips, when the day came the ground was too dry to dig 400 holes. Landscape garden designer Richard Noble of Gayle came to the rescue with the bowser he uses to water the spectacular display of tubs and hanging baskets which he organises each year in Hawes.

“Now we’ve got our fingers crossed for rain and it’s not often you have to say that in this country,” said Geoff. The ground was watered and the plugs planted in record time by helpers from Hawes and Gayle and a team from Dawn Clarkson Associates, of Leyburn, as part of their commitment to community involvement. An anonymous donor helped foot the £300 bill for the plants which were supplied by Cumbria Wildflowers of Carlisle. They can also be planted in domestic gardens. <https://www.cumbriawildflowers.co.uk>.



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## *September*

- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Kings Club Management Team meeting West Burton Chapel Schoolroom - 2.00pm
- Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Harmby Harvest Concert Harmby Village Hall – 7.30pm  
with East Witton Male Voice Choir
- Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Coffee/Tea and cake in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support at the home of Les and Norma  
Nevin - 2.00pm to 6.00pm
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Carlton Harvest Service Service led by Rev Stephen Thompson - 10.30am
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Scorton Harvest Service Service led by Geoff Phillips-10.30am

## *October*

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Churches Together in Upper Dales Gayle Methodist Chapel - 7.00pm
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Carlton Harvest Concert Concert by the Uredales - 7.15pm  
Refreshments to follow and sale of goods
- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmby Under 5s Harvest Celebration led by Rachel Pinkney—11.30am
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Brompton – on – Swale Evening of Musical Entertainment – 7.30pm
- Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Across in the Woods St Andrew's Grinton - 1.00pm
- Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Middleham Harvest Concert Middleham Methodist Chapel - 7.30pm  
Within Aysgarth Singers
- Sat 13<sup>th</sup> West Burton Harvest Supper West Burton Village Hall –7.00pm  
Entertainment -The Ayrton Brothers
- Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Gayle Autumn Rally With Simple Harmony – Gayle Chapel –7.30pm
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Aysgarth Songs of Praise Aysgarth Institute - with Hawes Band - 6.30pm
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Middleham Harvest Service led by Rev David Wood – 6.30pm
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Barden Harvest with John and Sheila Bainbridge -7.15pm

## *November*

- Sat 4<sup>rd</sup> Kyrgys Cuisine Cultural Curiosities Leyburn Church Hall - 4.00pm
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> The Armistice Cantata West Burton Chapel - with The Songbirds - 6.30pm
- Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Two Creative Minds - a creative workshop Richmond - 10.00am
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Circuit Leadership Meeting Dove Cottage, Leyburn – 7.30pm
- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival Richmond – 6.00pm

## *December*

- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> African Children's Choir Richmond – begins at 4.00pm
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