



Grenfell Tower Fire

A message from Rev Ruth Gee, Chair of District

We have all been deeply moved by the recent fire that has claimed so many lives and made so many homeless. It is possible that there may be circuits, churches or individuals who want to contribute to the funds being collected to help the people affected. The London District of the Methodist Church are co-ordinating the donations that people wish to send and there is a message from the Chairs of that District below which gives details of how contributions may be made.

Our prayers are with all those affected.

"We continue to receive calls from those who wish to donate to the community of Grenfell Towers. We would ask that at the moment financial donations are sent through the District so that we can collect and process. This will then be sent to help the families and emergency services affected by the fire."

Please either send a cheque noting on the back for 'Grenfell', or via direct payment as below:

Account Name: London District of the Methodist Church

Sort Code: 40-52-40

Account No: 00030154

Recruiting Now

We have started the process of recruiting a Schools and Family worker, adverts are out and the closing date for applications to be received is 10 July 2017, so you need to act now if you want to apply.

SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES WORKER Required for September 2017

(30 hours per week) Annual Salary £17,160

You will be part of the Circuit Team and based at Richmond Methodist Church.

The main purpose of the Schools and Families Worker is to:

- grow our relationship with our Methodist School (and other local schools) and initiate and develop opportunities to engage pupils, and their families, in worship and faith development.
- strengthen existing relationships with families and children already attending church-linked groups
- develop relationships within the community to encourage and draw more people into the life and teaching of Christ.

Application packs are available from the Circuit Admin Assistant: nydcpaperclip@gmail.com

Interviews are planned for Tuesday 25th July

Closing date for applications: Monday 10th July 2017

Circuit Team

Superintendent: Rev Janet Park revjanetp@gmail.com - Leyburn, Harmby, Carlton, Middleham, Melmerby, Gayle (*inc Hawes*), Aysgarth, Bainbridge, Marsett, West Burton.

Rev Les Nevin lesnevin@icloud.com - Richmond, Barden, Brompton-on-Swale (*including Colburn*), Hunton, Scorton, Ravensworth, Reeth (*including Arkengarthdale*), Gunnerside .

Deacon Joy Sykes jascmc@aol.com - Catterick Garrison

Circuit Stewards: John Ridley, Angie Bailey, Graham Di Duca, Liz Haythornthwaite, *Vacancy*

Circuit Safeguarding Officer: Kathryn Stabler 07375813063 nydsafeguarding@hotmail.com

Circuit Treasurer: Pauline Beckett pal.wegber@outlook.com

Circuit Admin Asst : Kevin Pellatt, nydcpaperclip@gmail.com

Circuit Rural Admin Asst: Julie Greenslade

Church on Show 2017

Wensleydale Show – Saturday, 26 August 2017

Wensley Deanery and the local Methodist Circuits are again hosting *Church on Show* at the Wensleydale Show on the Saturday before Bank Holiday Monday.

The format follows the one adopted for the last several years. The *Church About the Dale* trailer, a marquee and an outdoor refreshment area will occupy the plot. This year's challenge for children and young (and older) families is centred on the *Noah's Ark* story and there will be related craft and play activities. *God's Promises* will be at the heart of the trailer centred spiritual refreshment. And of course free teas, coffees, bottled water and cake and biscuits will be served to Show visitors.

Volunteers at the 2015 and 2016 Shows have been invited to help out again but everyone is welcome. Reimbursement will be offered of volunteers' Show entry ticket costs. Volunteer roles include setting up and clearing away on the Friday evening, Saturday morning and Saturday tea-time; inviting visitors into *Church on Show* ("Fishers") and supporting them as they work through *God's Promises* ("Guides"); running the *Noah's Ark* challenge and supervising craft and play activities; preparing and serving refreshments; and welcoming and chatting to visitors as they take a rest from the exertions of the Show. A briefing for volunteer Fishers and Guides will be offered in a session at Leyburn Methodist Hall from 10.00am to 12 noon on Saturday 15 July 2017.

As ever *Church on Show* depends on your generous donations of home made cakes and biscuits. With as many as 1,000 visitors to sustain the hospitality tent is typically eaten and drunk clean. Cakes and biscuits can be delivered to the Show site on the Bellerby road just outside Leyburn before the gates open to visitors at 10.00am or to Leyburn Vicarage (l'Anson Close, Leyburn, DL8 5LF) on the Friday evening or else they can be collected – just contact Terry Marshall to sort out collection arrangements.

There will be a gas fired boiler to heat water for teas and coffee but in the interests of the health and safety of visitors and volunteers hot water is dispensed from pump action vacuum flasks. If local chapels or churches have any of these flasks which they are happy to lend to *Church on Show* this will be much appreciated – again, contact Terry Marshall to arrange their collection and return.

Terry Marshall Contact details: Telephone: 01325 378278, Mobile: 07881613723,
E-mail: terry_w_marshall@icloud.com

We do hope to see many of you and your families and friends at the Show, as visitors or volunteers or both.

Michael Hepper and Janet Park

CREATING SAFER SPACES TRAINING

Please book your place....

The majority of church office holders need to attend 'Creating Safer Space Foundation Module' training. The refresher course is required 4 years after completing the Foundation Module Training. Both courses are due to be delivered in NY Dales Circuit during the coming months:

On Thursday 3rd August in Leyburn Methodist Church Hall: 1:30-4pm (provisional timing) 'Creating Safer Space Foundation Module, then the refresher course will be held at the same venue, in the evening, 7-9:30pm (provisional timing) for those who have done it in the past.

On Thursday 14th September in Richmond Methodist Church: 1:30-4pm (provisional timing) the refresher course will take place, the 'Creating Safer Space Foundation Module' will be delivered at the same venue, in the evening, 7-9.30pm (provisional timing).

If you haven't yet booked your place please contact NY Dales Circuit safeguarding officer: **Kathryn Stabler**- phone (Tel:07375 813063) or email (nydsafeguarding@hotmail.com)

We are always looking for stories and photographs about who we are and what we do. Publishing them on our website and in the newsletter is a great way to share our faith and reflect the love of Christ for the people around us.

Contact: Kevin Pellatt on 01748 886963 or nydcpaperclip@gmail.com

Back to the Future...

Middleham Chapel Anniversary Weekend, 12th, 13th and 14th May 2017

Our history correspondent was sent to Middleham the weekend of 14 May; the Methodist Chapel was celebrating 220 years of Methodist worship in the town. The current chapel building is 100 years old. The current crop of worshippers there organised a weekend of celebration; with a concert by Leyburn Ladies Choir on the Friday evening and a service on Sunday evening led by the Rev David Wood.

Our correspondent arrived Saturday afternoon towards the end of a day when coffee, tea and cake were being served. There was an exhibition in the chapel itself describing the history of the chapel in Middleham and several others in Wensleydale.

Suitably fortified by the excellent refreshments served by the lovely folk of the chapel the exhibition was duly visited. A number of people had dropped in throughout the day and were able to see a timeline outlining the years of Methodist worship in Middleham. This was supported by several excellent drawings of buildings in the town linked to the Christian community over that time. One key exhibit was a letter that had been discovered as a result of someone in Wiltshire seeing an advert for the event on the circuit website; the letter dates from 1817 addressed to Elizabeth Duckworth from John Claridge on behalf of Lord Ailesbury threatening to evict her from her house in East Witton if she continued to hold public worship assemblies there. It wasn't until 1882 and a new landlord before a Methodist chapel could be built in the village.

There were also Sunday School registers and accounts books to be examined; there were circuit plans where the Local Preachers were listed and numbered; and the number appeared against a church and time; this was many years before squad numbers appeared in top flight football! The building looked in pristine condition and the congratulations are due to the organisers for all their hard work and making this interesting event happen. Pictures of the event are available on the circuit website under 'News'.

Prayerful Imaging: creative quiet days

Keld URC, Wednesdays 28 June 2017, 26 July 2017, and 23 August 2017. 10 am until 4 pm.

Led by Rev Stephen Collinson, a URC Minister and Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society. He uses images and meditations as ways of stimulating reflection on faith. Bring With You

- whatever you need to create your own image
- packed lunch (or buy at Keld Lodge or café)
- suitable clothing and footwear for the rural location

Coverdale Fellowship

With some sadness, it has been decided that now is the time to finish holding the Coverdale Fellowship meetings. The Fellowship was started by Mr Dick Simpson, Mr Alf Suttill and Mr Harold Walls in the mid-fifties, around 1954-55, when Rev Donald Wright was the Methodist Minister in Coverdale.

In those days, the meetings were held every week at Carlton Chapel with local people taking part. Mr Harold Walls was the first Treasurer and then Miss Mildred Horner was Treasurer for many years until she left the area in 2002. Others have done the job since then and many donations to various charities have been made from the collections.

Mr Dick Simpson was Secretary for many years, until 1989 when he left the area. Then Mr Edwin Clarkson took on the role of Secretary until 1995 when Mrs Janet Harker did the job until she finished last year. Rev David Joynes arranged the meetings for the last Session.

Recently the meetings were held at various Chapels, Melmerby, Middleham, Carlton and West Scrafton until it closed. Over the years many speakers and Choirs have come to take the Fellowship and at one time, groups from the four Chapels each took an evening.

Thanks go to all who have either taken a meeting or faithfully attended and hopefully found friendship and fellowship by doing so.

"Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark". James 3:5

It's Church... but not as we know it....

Chapel Walk in Sheffield is just opposite the Crucible Theatre and no. 35 houses an art space where all are welcome regardless of background or status. Ric Stott is the minister there, he is an artist who painted the images found in 'Holiness and Justice' and together with Naomi Gordon they manage the building used by the community to bring creativity and spirituality together.

They want to see lives transformed by creativity, community and love. It is a 'safe place' to reflect, wonder, question and allow time for new things to emerge. They offer regular talks, monthly quiet meditation gatherings, creative coffee drop ins and life drawing classes.

The way they do church may seem alien to us; yet already one church in the circuit does a similar thing every Tuesday. With a little imagination we could build this into our existing events and make space for people to think, reflect and create something in response.

For more information about this church contact: 35chapelwalkgallery@gmail.com or facebook.com/35chapelwalk

The Great Methodist Bake Off

It was 'Blooming Marvellous' at the Richmond Methodist Spring Fair on Monday 29th May.

The organisers were pleased with the Fair and commented that it was "a great success." Toby the tortoise came for 'Guess the weight of the Tortoise'. Eunice Page's Home Missions Group ran an old fashioned sweet stall. Norma Nevin sold some lovely handbags. There were cakes and a bran tub and lots of handmade gifts.

Moira White was the winner of the 'Great Methodist Bake Off' which was judged by our local 'celebrity' Rev Les Nevin.

The fair raised £510 and donations have gone to Bunny Burrows Rabbit Rescue and Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team and the remainder has bolstered church funds.

Diary Dates for full listing see: www.nydalesmeth.org.uk/calendar.html

June

Every day Bible Month, a study of the letter of 'James'.

Tue 20th 10.00am 'Faithworks... James, a letter forever' creative workshop at Richmond.

Wed 21st 10.00am 'Faithworks... James, a letter forever' creative workshop at Richmond.

Sat 24th 10.00am 'Faithworks... James, a letter forever' creative workshop at Gunnerside.

August

Mon 5th until Fri 9th Kings Club Askrigg

Mon 21st 7.30pm Circuit Property Meeting

Wed 23rd 7.30pm Circuit Leadership Team at Dove Cottage, Leyburn

Sun 27th 10.30am Leyburn preaching service led by Rev Dr Roger L Walton

3pm Singing hymns on the green in Reeth, with Reeth band

3pm Semerwater open air service on the shore, with Hawes band

6.30pm Richmond evening communion service

8pm Marsett singalong

September and Beyond

Wed 13th Sep Circuit Meeting 7.30pm at Richmond

Mon 20th Nov Circuit Leadership Team 7.30pm at Dove Cottage, Leyburn

Mon 11th Dec Circuit Meeting 7.30pm at Leyburn

See www.nydalesmeth.org.uk for details of all forthcoming events in and around the circuit.

If you want your event advertising send details to nydcpaperclip@gmail.com or by post to:

Circuit Administrative Assistant, Angram Cottage, Angram, Richmond, DL11 6DT

Welcome to Julie

We welcome Julie Greenslade to our team; she started this month as our Circuit Rural Administrative Assistant and you should be meeting her soon. Julie lives in Wensleydale and is here to assist chapels where some help is wanted with the increasingly challenging administrative tasks with which we are faced. You will have opportunity to meet her at your Church Council meetings in Autumn if not sooner. We hope to bring you a bit more about Julie's story in due course.
