



Looking ahead with Wensley Deanery.....Vision 2030

During the Autumn Wensley Deanery Synod, a significant piece of work was presented to members of the meeting, showing how the rural Anglican communities are facing similar challenges to that of the Methodist Church. Clergy numbers are declining whilst financial burdens increase, driven by the statistics shaping the Diocesan understanding that the generally accepted normal ratio of priests to population was 1:4,000 against that found in Wensley Deanery of 1:3,000.

The meeting was urged to consider how members could respond positively to these circumstances, with Lay Worship leaders forming a vital part of maintaining a pattern of regular worship in many rural local churches. Clearly there was a need to rethink mission in terms of communities, not church buildings, as the overarching question was posed: "Are there more effective ways of ensuring a Christian presence in every community?"

Previous extensive Parish consultations, exploring opinions and possibilities raised around the concept of Vision 2030, included various ecumenical conversations, and I was encouraged as Deanery Synod members continue to be willing to include the Methodist communities in these challenging discussions.

As a result, it was agreed that proper consideration of Vision 2030 merited more thinking time and a dedicated day of discussion. This evolved into the proposal for a full day meeting which will be held at Newton-le-Willows Village Hall on Saturday 24 February 2018. The gathering will be open to members of congregations of Anglican churches and Methodist chapels across the deanery, further details will be available in the New Year.

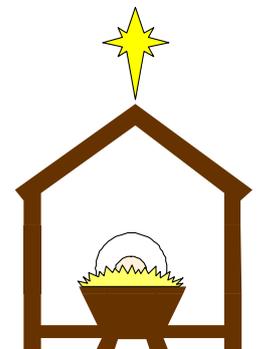
I have more details, facts, figures and creative options offered to Deanery Synod, and if you wish to learn more of the situation faced by our Anglican friends in Wensley Deanery, please contact me for further information- save the date! *Rev Janet Park*

Advent

- Thu 14th Reeth & Gunnerside Schools Community Carol Singing, Gunnerside Chapel 6pm
- Mon 18th & 19th Carol Singing W Burton, All around West Burton 6:00pm
- Mon 18th Carols by Candlelight, Brompton-on-Swale, 7:30pm
- Wed 20th Christmas Concert Middleham Methodist 7:30pm, East Witton Male Voice Choir
- Thu 21st Shortest Day Carol Service Gunnerside Methodist 7:00pm
- Sat 23rd Children's celebration of Christmas, Carlton Methodist Chapel 2:30pm

Christmas Eve Services

- 10.30am Leyburn Methodist led by Rev Janet Park.
- 10.30am Richmond Methodist with Rev Les Nevin
- 10.30am Scorton Methodist Christmas Service locally arranged.
- 10.45am Brompton-on-Swale Carol Service locally arranged.
- 2.00pm Marsett Methodist Carol Service
- 6.00pm Gayle Methodist Holy Communion led by Rev Janet Park.
- 6.30pm Richmond Methodist Holy Communion with Rev Les Nevin
- 6.30pm Melmerby Family Carol Service led by Mrs Candy Rogers.
- 8.00pm West Burton Methodist Holy Communion led by Rev Janet Park.



Christmas Day Services

- 8.30am Scorton Methodist Holy Communion with Rev Les Nevin
- 10.30am Leyburn Methodist United Family Communion with Rev M. Hepper & Rev J.Park
- 10.30am Richmond Methodist Holy Communion with Rev Les Nevin
- 10.30am Hunton Methodist Christmas morning service led by Mrs Marion Moverley.
- 11.00am Aysgarth St Andrews United Service Christmas Day Service

Walk with Jesus...

Witness to Others...

Worship the Lord

Diary Dates 2018 see www.nydalesmeth.org.uk/calendar.html for more

Circuit Meetings:

5th March 2018 Monday Circuit Meeting (Richmond)

7th June 2018 Thursday Circuit Meeting (Aysgarth)...note change to Thursday from original date.

Circuit Services:

Sunday 11th February- 10.30am Leyburn preaching service with Rev Ruth Gee

Sunday 27th May 2.30pm Songs of Praise in Tennant's Garden Rooms, with Leyburn band

Sunday 15th July 10.30am Richmond preaching service with Rev Canon Gareth Powell

& 2pm Gayle Camp meeting with Hawes Band & Rev Canon Gareth Powell

Sunday 25th November 10.30am Richmond Revs Paul Wood & Ian Worsfold

Entertainment

Richmond Methodist, Pantomime, Snow White & the Magnificent Seven...

Friday 9th Feb 7:30pm

Sat 10th Feb 2.30pm & 7:30pm Tickets £7 adults / £5 concessions Call 01748 518148 to book

Tues 17 April Evening Gunnerside Methodist, Adrian Plass, details to follow...

Welcome to Rachel

I am the Schools and Families Worker for the circuit, based in Richmond. In this exciting role I am hoping to support existing projects and start some new initiatives. I link with local schools, particularly Richmond Methodist School. I work with the fantastic volunteers at junior church, at youth groups and community groups.

I was brought up in the Midlands and lived in various places before settling in Richmond just over 10 years ago, attending Methodist Churches throughout my life. I am married with two children and a rather crazy dog.

I am training to become a local preacher; hard work but I'm thoroughly enjoying it. If I get any spare time I enjoy cooking, baking and curling up with a good book.

The role of Schools and Families Worker is very close to my heart and I want it to be a service and witness to the whole community. So, if you have any ideas, please do get in touch, all suggestions considered! *Rachel Pinkney*

Tea and Toast...

Rachel has a brilliant volunteer opportunity, which she would love to share with you...

Are you able to make toast and pour a cup of tea? Are you happy to chat and give a warm welcome to parents at Richmond Methodist School?

The school have asked that the circuit help to set up a 'Tea and Toast' group every Monday morning for the parents of the Reception Class children.

We would like to establish a rota so that volunteers help out about twice a term, although you can help more often if you wanted to. It would be a maximum of an hour of your time (approximately 8.45 - 9.45) each Monday that you help out. This is a wonderful opportunity to support and serve our local school community. Thank you.

Circuit Team

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

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Circuit Stewards: Angie Bailey, Graham Di Duca, Liz Haythornthwaite, Eunice Page

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"You are a light to the world" Matt 5:14 So tell your stories and share your 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. Share the Love.

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

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