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The Magazine of the Beverley Methodist Circuit

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Dear friends,

Easter can be seen as the arrival at the place you want to be - a place of life, joy, peace and vindication even victory.

Yet to get to Easter Jesus passed through the days of betrayal, desertion, mis-trial, scorn and a bitter execution - places of death, sorrow, violence and rejection.

We will all have our own vision of where we want to arrive - places that can be described as life, joy, peace and vindication even victory. We all have our fears about passing through places of death, sorrow, violence and rejection. In one sense Christ has passed that way for us; in another we must make our own life-journey.

The Good News encourages us to believe that we can arrive where we long to be whatever journey we undergo to get there. It also encourages us to know that we do not walk alone but travel with One who has passed through before and reached his goal.

So whatever concerns, anxieties or fears you may have at this time fix your vision on where you want to be and let Jesus guide and support you there.

Every blessing,

Stephen

BIBLE MONTH 2018.

Following the success of Bible Month in 2017 when we looked at the Book of James on Sundays and through the week we will be taking on the Book of Jonah in 2018.

This year's writer The Revd Tom Stuckey , former President of Conference (2005) says this:

"Walt Disney gave us Pinocchio. Herman Melville gave us Moby Dick. The Old Testament gives us Jonah who, a bit like Pinocchio, has to be taught a lesson. Although there is humour in this absurd story, there is little to laugh about. Jonah is as obsessed as Captain Ahab; not with the whale but with his own brand of religion."

The **Bible Month Magazine** on Jonah is now available, and can be downloaded as a PDF or ordered from Methodist Publishing. The magazine includes Bible notes and preaching ideas, small group studies, and ideas for children and youth groups. We're also delighted that this year, Tom has written the Bible Notes for us.

Bible Month Question Cards are also available to order. These are a set of six question cards designed to prompt conversation about the Bible, both for adults and youth, and could be used before Bible Month or as a follow-up. You can download and view each of the cards here and can order packs at Methodist Publishing.

While the Bible Month website is the primary resource for Bible Month, there are a range of training events taking place across the Connexion. For those unable to make an event, we also hope to provide recordings from one of the events on the website this year.

Ed Mackenzie [Discipleship Development Officer, Discipleship & Ministries Learning Network] writes on behalf of the Bible Month Planning Group:

"While Bible Month 2018 launches in June, you are welcome to run Bible Month in your church or circuit at whatever date suits you best.

I'll be in touch each month with further updates about Bible Month, and wish you every blessing as you continue to engage with this initiative."

Last year we ran Bible Month across four Circuits in November [because of the bi-annual Festival of Life]. This year, which month is chosen will depend on what works best for the four Circuits. If it's June, details will appear in the next edition of Contact.

From Peter

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My dear friends,

Plastics touch almost every part of our lives and in many respects its use has become indispensable. Every month, for example, I undergo various blood tests to determine the progress or otherwise of the cancer that is in a state called "smouldering" in my blood and bones. The tests are carried out to determine the point when the state moves from smouldering to being more active so that appropriate treatment can begin. Apart from the needles that go into my arm, almost everything used to gather and distribute the blood samples is plastic. My life effectively depends on the stuff; mine and millions of others. So, as far that is concerned and for many other ways in which plastic has improved lots of lives, thanks be to God for this almost miraculous product! However, I know that I am not alone in being appalled and horrified by the images and reports detailing the abominable damage that our **abuse** of plastics is doing to our fragile home, this earth. The pictures of sea creatures and birds being strangled, of plastic lying all over seashores, on the seabed and floating on the

sea are a sad and damning indictment of our behaviour as human beings. Sure, we didn't intentionally set out to do such bad things; we are viewing the results of the out-working of the Law of Unintended Consequences.

What, if anything, has this got to with us? Well, as followers of Christ it has *everything* to do with us. I am not naïve enough to believe as individuals or as small groups of people we going to make a huge impact, but two things to say to that thought; firstly, we must do what we can and secondly, it was an original bunch of twelve or so people that got this whole Christian movement going. In fact, more than just being bit players, we have a responsibility to set some form of standard and here's some thoughts on how. As individuals we should be avoiding the unnecessary use of plastic.

To start with my hobby horse, bottled water. What an abomination - to take water, process it, (it's not simply a matter of taking it and putting it in bottles - that requires equipment that must be maintained and cleaned etc.) put it into individual plastic containers and then transport it, often by air with attendant pollution, to be consumed by people who have easy access to ample, readily available, high quality local water and who end up with empty, pretty useless containers that then have to be disposed of - this is madness of unbelievable proportions. What would Jesus say? Here's what we could do. Each of us who may need to drink water regularly, and the urologists say that's all of us, should carry with us a reusable drinks container (freely, well, cheaply, available in supermarkets everywhere) and fill it whenever we need to. And to help with this, public institutions, like churches, councils and public-spirited companies could provide "filling stations" for free. (What an opportunity for the by-line writers - "Come and drink and you will never thirst again.")

As churches, the use of throw-away plastic should be totally avoided; we must set an example, to the community, but more importantly, to the children in our midst - no plastic cups for tea or

coffee, no plastic cutlery, no plastic straws, no plastic coated "cardboard" plates. Use crockery and "proper" metal cutlery and wash up afterwards, and, if we must use plastic straws, make them big enough to be washed and reused. (I have been using a couple of plastic straws for my breakfast smoothie for a few years.) Generally, avoid throw-away plastic at church and we can do this at home too. Tesco actually does have a word for it: "Every little bit helps."

I do think the time has come where the whole issue of environmental care receives more attention and has a higher priority in our lives as individual Christ-followers and as the Church. Towards the beginning of the Bible, in Genesis 1:26-28 God gives humankind authority over all creation, surely not to plunder it, but to care for it. It's time we took this responsibility seriously.

Peace,

Peter



HOLY WEEK 26th- 31st March

- Monday 11.15 a.m. Walkington following Tea and Toast.
Tuesday 10.00 a.m. Tickton Lent Prayer.
Wednesday 2.30 p.m. Norwood.
Thursday 7.00 p.m. Holy Communion at Toll Gavel
7.00 p.m. Walkington. Maundy Thursday
Service/Supper.
Good Friday 9.30 a.m. at Toll Gavel followed by CTiB event.
2.00p.m. at Tickton. Reflection for the Last Hour
at the Cross.

Dates for your Diaries

LENT REFLECTIONS at TOLL GAVEL

March 7th Reflection 4

March 14th Reflection 5 and midweek Holy Communion

March 21st Reflection 6 ends the series

LENT LUNCHESES

March 4 Toll Gavel

March 11 No Lunch on Mothering Sunday

March 18 Norwood

March 25 Society of Friends

Sunday 4th March 5.00 p.m. Christingle Service at Toll Gavel:

The Annual Uniformed Organisations Christingle Parade Service will be the Circuit's Evening Service held at the earlier time. All are welcome to this family event in the church.

Monday 12th March

Local Preachers' Business Meeting at Toll Gavel

Tuesday 13th March Circuit Meeting at Tickton in the Methodist Church.

Saturday April 7th

United Reformed Church Mission and Care Group

All are welcome to this regular regional meeting of the URC meeting from 9.30 a.m. in the Spencer Room Toll Gavel.

DISTRICT SYNOD

Saturday 14th April from 10.00 a.m. Manor Academy: York

If you would like to be part of this event the Circuit Stewards are looking for volunteers to help with some of the admin. Tasks of the day.

PENTECOST Sunday May 20th see the Plan for services.

Prayer 3.

David Jackson

So, where do I go from here? There seems to be a lot to think about and the business of 'prayer' seems to be a lot more complicated than I thought! So, let's summarise a few key things:

There is no 'right' way to pray. Because we are all unique individuals in our own right, we all have different ways of seeing things, and different ways of expressing ourselves. Some of us are extroverts, some introverts. Some of us are noisy, others quiet. Some of us can't stop talking, others can't start. All of these characteristics affect the way we communicate with each other. Therefore all of these ways are legitimate ways of communicating with God.

And it's not just about words. Some of us think in pictures, colours, music, walking, gardening, etc. and these too are vehicles for prayer.

Pray as you can not as you can't. From the above, it follows that we can use any of these 'vehicles' as an effective means of prayer. In our modern world we tend to focus on words, but if words are not our thing we can miss out on prayer.

This is an encouragement to explore anything and everything that appeals to us personally in an effort to find a way of praying that suits us.

The way you pray changes. Don't feel that once you have found a way of praying that suits you, then that's the way you will pray for all time. As in relationships with other people, the way we communicate with each other changes with time. Often, the more we know each other, the less we need to use words.

Just being together is often enough. As the relationship develops, it often becomes 'quieter'.

"Keep at it!" One of the hardest things is to just keep at it.

Especially through the hard, dry times. But:-

Try stepping off the treadmill. If you do 'dry up' or hit a hard patch try a bit of stillness and silence. It sounds like a waste of time, but is something that is advocated by the mystics and saints of the past. If you feel that you can't pray, try sitting in a garden and just open yourself to the beauty around you. Marvel at the flowers, the trees, the insects, the colours, and simply enjoy it. This is a type of contemplative prayer. *If you do this, you may find that stillness and silence is something you can employ as a regular means of prayer, just 'being' in the presence of God is good.*

Share with someone else. Since the beginning of Christianity (and other religious faiths) there has been a tradition of sharing one's faith journey on a one-to-one basis with another person. In the Celtic Christian tradition the Anam Cara (soul friend) was an important and necessary part of one's faith. Here, we get together with someone we trust who will journey alongside us as we explore our faith. There are other terms that we use today such as prayer companion, spiritual director. Their job is not to give answers and solve problems, but to share the journey with us and help us to see where God is working in our lives. It is a tradition that has been sadly neglected over the years, but is worth pursuing. It is not just for clergy or monks/nuns, but is for all.

A Story that might help:

God in Hiding.

A legend tells how, at the beginning of time, God resolved to hide himself within his own creation.

As God was wondering how best to do this, the angels gathered round him.

'I want to hide myself in my creation,' he told them. 'I need to find a place that is not too easily discovered, for it is in their search for me that my creatures will grow in spirit and in understanding.'

'Why don't you hide yourself deep in their earth?' the first angel suggested.

God pondered for a while, then replied, 'No. It will not be long before they learn how to mine the earth and discover all the treasures that it contains. They will discover me too quickly, and they will not have had enough time to do their growing.'

'Why don't you hide yourself on their moon?' a second angel suggested.

God thought about this idea for a while, and then replied, 'No. It will take a little longer, but before too long they will learn how to fly through space. They will arrive on the moon and explore its secrets, and they will discover me too soon, before they have had enough time to do their growing.'

The angels were at a loss to know what hiding place to suggest. There was a long silence.

'I know,' piped up one angel finally. 'Why don't you hide yourself within their own hearts? They will never think of looking there!'

'That's it!' said God, delighted to have found the perfect hiding place. And so it is that God hides secretly deep within the heart of every one of God's creatures, until that creature has grown enough in spirit and in understanding to risk the great journey into the secret core of it's own being. And there, the creature discovers its creator, and is rejoined to God for all eternity.

The way of silent (contemplative) prayer can be very helpful in making this inner journey to re-unite us with God. God is not just 'out there', but is also very much 'in here' deep down inside each one of us. It's worth making that inner journey.

If you are interested in finding a soul friend then ask. There are people around who can help.

Blessing: *May your soul calm, console, renew you. May the light of your soul guide you. May the light of your soul bless the work that you do with the secret love and warmth of your heart. May the day never burden you. May dawn find you awake, alert, approaching your new day with dreams, possibilities and promises. May you go into the night blessed, sheltered and protected. Amen.*

THE POWER OF PRAYER

(Journal of a Wannabe Local Preacher) KIMM BROOK

Prayer - turns out it's more complicated than I thought. One of the most exciting things about learning to become a local preacher is the way God brings lots of different things together to lead me on in my journey and most recently the various strands have focused on prayer.

You have probably heard the acronym, ACTS.

*The A stands for adoration, C for confession,
T for thanks giving and S for supplication.*

I've always been happy just talking to God and haven't really considered using a more formal format but I've come to understand there is a need to go deeper at times in prayer so I thought I would try using it.

At first I struggled with the adoration bit. Not because I don't adore God or think he is worth it but because words don't seem to be enough. I also can't imagine God needs my pathetic words.

Pausing to remember the wonderful things God has done for me, and my family, and marvelling at His creation and power all inspire, energise and spark my passion to serve and be part of my God's plan for the world. It also made me think that I should pause to 'adore' others I share a relationship with because it provides it provides a strong and positive foundation. After forty years of marriage it's easy to take my husband for granted but so much better to celebrate all he is to me.

Confession was also a part I stumbled through, trying to convince myself I was doing my best

and I wasn't so bad. God loves me anyway etc. Plus, God knows what I am doing wrong so why do I need to tell Him. It turns out confession is also more for my sake than His. Unless I pause to consider the things I have said, done or left undone, in the light of God's love for me, how can I grow in to the person He and I want me to be?

Thanksgiving has always been the easy part, there is so much to be thankful for. Learning, in the most horrible times of my life to search for the good in every situation has been a gift. Taking time to be thankful bubbles up the joy and makes me feel good.

Supplication flows more easily by the time I've worked through the first three parts. I know what areas I need help and guidance with and am filled with longing for transformation, I also need to include intercessory prayers in here (prayers for others) and often, if I leave space, the Holy Spirit will whisper a name or situation for me to pray for.

Prayer isn't a totally selfish act, God like the perfect Father he is, desires time and relationship with us. He wants to see us more mature in faith, understanding and fullness of life.

(Kim Brook is a member of the Holmfirth Methodist church. She is the author of the book 'A life less lost' the story of how she and her family coped with the potential loss of their young son to cancer and how her faith was challenged but helped them through.

Easter Offering 2018



The Easter Offering 2018 Dedication Service will have the theme "Seek peace and pursue it" and features stories from Mission Partners in Sri Lanka, Japan and Israel/Palestine supported by the World Mission Fund. Each one is working towards peace and reconciliation in their own situations.

The worship will encourage us to consider how we might learn from these situations and find ways to "seek peace and pursue it", in our daily lives, churches and communities.

The service provides an opportunity for our churches to gather and celebrate God's mission activity in the wider world. It includes the dedication of the Easter Offering - all of which goes to the World Mission Fund and is our Circuit's main giving for this fund. Last year the Beverley Circuit donated very generously. Thank you for making a difference by contributing to God's mission in this way. The Easter Offering envelopes will be distributed during the weeks leading up to Easter and can be returned at any time but if possible before 22nd April so that they can be dedicated at our special service. It is written for the whole Church as it is the whole church who contribute to the World Mission Fund.

We will be having 2 services in the circuit again this year - one at Toll Gavel on 29th April and one at Norwood on 6th May. If you can't make one then perhaps attend the other. You will be welcome at either. Thank you. Elaine Turner

Coffee Mornings at Toll Gavel

& Drive Sales March - May



March 10th Fairtrade

March 17th 99 Club - Jacobs Well on the drive

March 24th Tickton

April 7th Toll Gavel

April 14th Foodbank

April 21st Norwood

April 28th Newbald YPP - Jacobs Well on the drive

May 5th Toll Gavel

May 12th Trefoil Guild - Christian Aid on the drive

May 19th Jacobs Well on the drive

THE WALKINGTON SINGERS

You are invited to a relaxing afternoon
Songs you know and humorous readings

Monday 12th March 2 p.m. (Doors open 1.30 p.m.)
Walkington Methodist Schoolroom

Contact Jill Booth - 01482 864735

News

from the Chapels

Toll Gavel

Senior Steward, John Turner, 01482 867573

Sunday Worship - Services at 10.30am & 6.30pm (see Plan)

The Christmas Festival was well celebrated at Toll Gavel. A huge number enjoyed the entertainments, coffee and mince pies during the Beverley Christmas Fair which began the season and many enjoyed the 'Mary's Eve' Service which finished it. So many talented musicians at both events. Thank you to all who took part or supported. The Chapel Christmas Card raised monies for 'Bundles of Joy' a local charity supporting mothers, with their children, in need. Other highlights were The Messy Monday Nativity and the Cultural Orchestra Christmas Concert.

Join us for the Pancake Party on 13th February.

Our District Chair - Rev. Leslie Newton was asked if he would like to preach in the circuit this quarter and he chose to come and see what goes on at IGNITE so come and join us on 27th May.

Sunday School at Toll Gavel is changing - see overleaf...

Family Café Hour Sundays 10.30-11.30 Church Hall

On Sunday mornings in the Church Hall, the new Family Café hour is set up like a café, with a colourful play and craft area for children. The Sunday Club Team with support from members of the congregation will run this venture weekly 10.30-11.30am.

The aim is to invite and attract new families along and to cater for the few children we currently have at Toll Gavel Church. There will be an activity and a relaxing, chatting area for teens who come along also.

The programme is simple and includes play, themed craft, support and friendship for parents, and of course refreshments. At the end of the Family Café Hour, we gather everyone together for a bible story, a game, a song and a prayer.

We would like the Family Café Hour to be a welcoming place of first contact with Church for families who may not usually attend.

We ran one such café hour in Dec and this is our third one in January. So far five new families have attended. One parent commented " I wanted to bring my 3 year old along to hear some bible stories, I want him to hear about the bible for his life" Another parent said " It's so good you offer something like this on Sundays, I work all week and I can't go to groups with my child, thank you."

If you would like to visit this new venture or help support by serving refreshments please let one of the Sunday Club Team know. Kate Clarke, Claire Barnes, Richard Whomersly, Jan Whitfield, Sally Knapp.

Norwood

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Sunday Worship - 10.45am (unless stated otherwise on the plan).

We also host the Circuit evening service on a rotating basis - see plan for when this is at Norwood.

Creating Space For God - alternative, non-traditional worship, usually held on the first Friday of the month (not summer). Refreshments are served from 6.30pm in the hall behind the Church, and worship begins at 7pm. A chance to step out of the busyness of life and experience something different - an excellent way to start your weekend.

This quarter Creating Space For God really will be different, with a series of guest leaders who will lead worship themed around personality types, Stoicism, and Methodism and social justice. It's happening on Friday 2nd March, 6th April and 4th May.

Equal Rites - worship for all from a LGBT perspective, where we seek to worship in a way that recognizes the presence and faith of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people, provide a safe worship space for the LGBT Christian community, and actively seek what God is bringing into everyone's faith journey through the LGBT perspective. While we aim to create a positive, creative, affirming, safe space for all who are LGBT, you *don't* have to be LGBT to attend, straight

is fine too, and so are other identities and orientations - **this worship is for everyone.**

This quarter, Equal Rites will be on Friday 13th April at 7pm.

You can find Equal Rites on Facebook @equalritesnmc

Norwood Coffee Morning

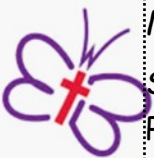
Our Coffee Mornings will be returning on Friday 25th May - more news to come about this but save the day and come along!

Norwood Nippers

Norwood Nippers meets every Wednesday morning in term time from 9am for babies, toddlers and their carers.

The Nippers can always use more volunteers to help things run smoothly - if you can help (doesn't have to be every week) please contact Karen Eyre on 07517 710591 or email her on karen36eyre@btinternet.com

As well as practical help it is particularly valuable for church members to come and share faith stories, life experience or



MWiB forthcoming events

Saturday 24 March A day with Jill Baker, Vice President of the Methodist Conference, at Knaresborough

Wednesday 18 April A Quiet Day at Stanbrook Abbey, nr. Wass, North Yorkshire

Saturday 19 May An Area Day at Central Methodist Church, York led by Sandra Goodwin, MWiB President.

For all these events - see posters nearer the time.

Tiekton

Sunday Morning Worship - Services at 10.30 am (see Plan)

Steward/Church Warden, Kate Powell, 01964 524189

Christmas was busy as always with the children's Christmas show, school events at which Peter presided, our Traditional carol service welcoming Jonathan Baker as the new vicar and a packed Christmas Eve Christingle service.

A new departure was to open the church building of St.Pauls' for people to visit for quiet reflection. This seems to have been welcomed with several people contacting us with thanks. It was welcomed by people who wanted a quiet space but we also met with someone who said they had been married in St.Pauls 50 years ago and then moved from the village only returning yearly to visit family graves. This was the first time she had been in the church since her wedding and was thrilled to do so.

With a full complement of clergy now and an active youth worker we seem like its all change for business as usual.

Our plans for the future quarter include;

A (mainly) children's Easter tree festival in St.Pauls church starting with an opening with refreshments on Wednesday 21st March from 4 p.m. to 7p.m and then open during the day until Easter Sunday.

March 24th Coffee morning at Toll Gavel.

30th March ,Good Friday 2.pm a reflective service for the last hour at the cross.

Walkington

Senior Steward, Kathryn Knox, 01482 861164

Sunday Morning Worship - All Services at 9.30am
unless stated otherwise (see Plan)

Last Sunday we had the joy of welcoming three new members into our Church and also one by transfer. The Service was led by Peter and was a very joyful occasion.

Our Friday Night Club is becoming well established. "FNC" meets monthly in the school room from 6-8pm. It is open to school years 5-9. There is a core of around 10 children who attend on a regular basis with up to 18 children coming along each month. The focus of the group is on fun and friendship but with structured activities that the children can participate in.

The group is run by our children's worker Anne and supported by a small group of parents and volunteers. If anyone has a particular skill or interest they would like to share with the children, they would be more than welcome!

Little Angels - each Friday during term time continues to flourish and is a very inclusive friendly group. This is run by Anne with a volunteer for refreshments and general help! We have at least three grannies who we know are finding friendship here and meeting other carers.

Our Easter Holiday Club is at the planning stage - Holiday Club tends not to be as well supported as in the past but those who come have lots of fun.

We are, again, hosting an evening at the Pantomime Players summer play - week beginning 14th May - our night is not designated yet so watch this space. Tickets will be on sale soon. This year's production is "Under Canvas" a comedy by our own Claire Sreeves. We have a great overlap between pantomime and church with 16 of us involved this last time.

The Carpenter

I wonder what he charged for chairs at Nazareth.

And did men try to beat him down

And boast about it in the town-

"I bought it cheap for half-a-crown

From that mad Carpenter?"

And did they promise and not pay,

Put it off to another day;

O, did they break his heart that way,

My Lord, the Carpenter?

I wonder did he have bad debts,

And did he know my fears and frets?

The gospel writer here forgets

To tell about the Carpenter.

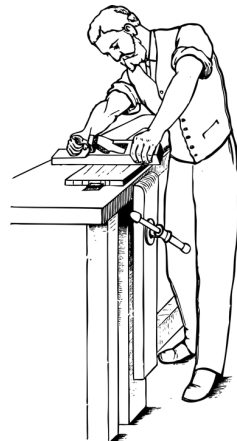
But that's just what I want to know.

Ah! Christ in glory, here below

Men cheat and lie to one another so;

It's hard to be a carpenter.

G. A. Studdert - Kennedy



Only a Donkey

The donkey awakened, his mind still savoring the afterglow of the most exciting day of his life. Never before had he felt such a rush of pleasure and pride.

He walked into town and found a group of people by the well. "I'll show myself to them," he thought.

But they didn't notice him. They went on drawing their water and paid him no mind.

"Throw your garments down," he said crossly. "Don't you know who I am?"

They just looked at him in amazement. Someone slapped him across the tail and ordered him to move.

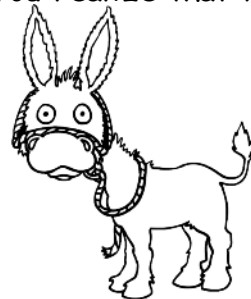
"Miserable heathens!" he muttered to himself. "I'll just go to the market where the good people are. They will remember me."

But the same thing happened. No one paid any attention to the donkey as he strutted down the main street in front of the market place.

"The palm branches! Where are the palm branches!" he shouted. "Yesterday, you threw palm branches!"

Hurt and confused, the donkey returned home to his mother.

"Foolish child," she said gently. "Don't you realize that without Him, you are just an ordinary donkey?"





Jacob's Well Appeal

Jacob's Well Yard
Swiremoor Lane HU17 OJX
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Jacob's Well is an aid charity that has been sending medical and humanitarian aid overseas since 1982

Jacob's Well Christmas Giving

We had a wonderful response to our appeal for teeth cleaning and/or small stationary items for the After School Clubs in Moldova. Thank you all for your contributions. The gifts arrived steadily, at Church, on each Sunday in Advent until we were almost running out of storage space. There was a dedication of the gifts, on Christmas Eve, by John & Elaine Turner.

We thank our volunteers for providing numerous little, handmade bags in which the children can keep their gifts safe. The waterproof bags, for the teeth cleaning items, were made from shower curtains (new). It proved to be a rather slippery fabric for the sewers, but the end products looked appealing.

The money that was kindly donated totalled over £100 thus allowing us to purchase more stationery items. The remainder of the money has been put towards the cost of transporting the 14 boxes of gifts that we send, with our love, to the children of the After School Clubs in Moldova.

Trish Waller & Anne Mitchell

TG ... York ... Sentamu ... and Zimbabwe...

At Toll Gavel we have established a connection with Zimbabwe through our support for a partner project with All We Can which is distributing chickens to help raise income for poor families

A few weeks before Christmas, Zimbabwe was in the headlines as the 37-year reign of Robert Mugabe as its leader came to an end. The world breathed a sigh of relief. There was rejoicing throughout the country.

As we now have a member of our family in the Anglican priesthood I now have access to the Church Times. In an edition from last December I read this remarkable story about Archbishop John Sentamu.

10 years ago he was interviewed on the Andrew Marr show. During the programme he took off his clerical collar and cut it into several pieces. He did this as a protest against Mr Mugabe and his treatment of the Zimbabwean people. He vowed he would not wear a dog collar again until Mugabe was no longer in charge. So after Mugabe left office towards the end of 2017 the archbishop was invited back onto the Andrew Marr show and presented with a new dog collar. Andrew Marr had actually kept the pieces of the old collar and offered to give them back too.

The archbishop explained why he had done this as a protest. It was his personal choice of protest against the Zimbabwean president and it helped him to be constantly reminded of the suffering that ordinary Zimbabweans had to endure on a daily basis. What a wonderful simple act of solidarity with a suffering people, and a good example to us all of finding some simple act of remembrance for a difficult situation. We may not be able to change a situation but we can through a gesture appropriate to our personal circumstances stand by a suffering people.

Mugabe lived a life of luxury and left office with a golden handshake. Let's hope his successor has the ability and the vision to restore some of what the country lost with its previous leader.

John Sentamu has worked closely with our daughter in law during her training and taken a personal interest in her situation especially when things were not running smoothly. She is now a curate because of his intervention and support.

York Minster are organising an ecumenical celebration in the spring to mark the restoration of the Great East Window. The date is Saturday May 12 which just happens to be the start of Christian Aid Week. Everybody is invited to attend Evensong on that day. It has been agreed that Christian Aid can raise sponsorship money through joining up with this event.

John Eckersley has put forward several ideas:

- a) He and his wife will walk from Filey to York Minster during the week preceding May 12. They are experienced long distance walkers. They will follow the Coastliner bus route and return home every night. People are invited to join them on any sector of the walk.
- b) Another suggestion is to use the Wilberforce Way route from Beverley to York.
- c) Devise your own route and do it with some friends
- d) Cycle to York (and back)

John can offer other suggestions for those who would like to try a limited amount of walking towards York.

If anybody reading this is interested in following any of these ideas up please let me know. Any of these ideas could be fun if done with others.

John Turner.

The Resurrection

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." Mark 16:6 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 16:1-8



K Q B N Q U A S I D N A O H C
 Z Z Q O T F S W E E K L J J O
 B I D M D B H I U G T M O C Z
 V U U X A Y F N Y J E S U S T
 K V M L K I V W D F N I Y N E
 I S P I C E S I M A R Y I S F
 K O F U U J A W E C Z O I I M
 Y Q R F V R H N N S N R F R R
 V C Y A F Z O H U A N B I I C
 A Q R A B T U I S U A M R T I
 A H G I S N R Z S R U G S C Y
 T Q G Y S G H O F Y Z N T P F
 B O T T J E T D R O L L E D M
 P E M V B O N L A V T L A J R
 L W N B E D N Y G Y B O T J K

AFRAID	BODY	FIRST	DAY	CRUCIFIED
RISEN	MARY	TOMB	SPICES	ROLLED
SUNRISE	JESUS	WEEK	ANOINT	STONE

Lent Lunches 2018

February 18	Minster
February 25	St Mary's
March 4	Toll Gavel
March 11	No Lunch
March 18	Norwood
March 25	Friends

All lunches will begin at 12 noon or soon after
and proceeds will be given to Christian Aid



FAIRTRADE

Fairtrade Fortnight is February 25 to March 11
FT Coffee Morning at TG Saturday March 10
Come on In to Fairtrade

A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he had gone.

"I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the pastor, "why didn't you do that before the service?"

"Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."



Members of the Beverley Fairtrade Group, Fairtrade supporters from Toll Gavel United Church , Helen Clark Town Clerk and Councillor Ann Willis, Mayor of Beverley

Fairtrade Town signs

Fairtrade Town signs appeared on the town council noticeboards during December 2017. You may have been wondering where they came from. Well last year we celebrated 10 years as a Fairtrade town. This is a scheme organised by the Fairtrade Foundation across the UK.

To receive this award we had to submit detailed evidence that we had the support of the town council. In addition, we had to provide evidence from the retail and catering sectors in the town that we were selling Fairtrade products or serving them in their cafes. We also had to hand in evidence that the local media were supporting us by sending in copies of newspaper articles and a list of interviews with the local radio stations.

Since then we have had to renew our Fairtrade status every 2 years and provide evidence that we are continuing to increase support and awareness in the local community and organise events to promote Fairtrade.

At the end of 2017 the town council agreed to our idea of displaying a 'Fairtrade Town' sign on their seven noticeboards scattered around the town. The idea behind this was to remind you, the residents of the town, and inform visitors that we are a Fairtrade town.

Beverley is part of the East Riding which is a Fairtrade county. Across the country there are over 600 Fairtrade cities, towns and villages. There are separate schemes for schools and churches to work with. The Fairtrade town scheme has also grown to be an international one encompassing 1600 towns across the world. It is particularly strong in Europe but there are Fairtrade towns in every continent. A member of the Beverley Fairtrade groups visited the first African example Koforidua in Ghana in 2014. This is in the heart of the cocoa growing region providing cocoa beans for Divine chocolate.

So Beverley is connected to the rest of the world through this scheme, where people are demonstrating their commitment to justice and fairness for producers in developing countries, small holder farmers growing coffee, tea, bananas, sugar and cotton among many other products we use on a regular basis.

If you would like to know more please ask for one of our leaflets or check out the Fairtrade Foundation website, www.fairtrade.org.uk. If you would like to help us in our future planning of events please get in touch with John Turner 01482 867573 or email jetbev2@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

It seemed only right that one of the knitted angels should go to Berkhamsted, as that was where the first email making me aware of the Christmas Angels came from, so three came on the journey with us down the M1. One angel remained at the manse; one was left at St. Martha's church, along side a painted stone, under a small cross inside the church. The last of the three was taken by a visitor to the manse and then to Hitchin.

On December 10th at the parade service we had 415 angels under the church Christmas tree ready to be dedicated during the service.

Everyone at the service was invited to take at least one. Perhaps they would keep the angel or give it away.

The ones that were left went to various places; the care homes we visit, Norwood Leisure Day, Tuesday lunches and then some were put on the tables and seats in church and also offered to people who came in during the Festival of Christmas. The demand was such that we did not have enough for everyone.

Some people carried on knitting after the event to try and satisfy the demand.

We hope that the new to knitting found the knitting of angels a worthwhile exercise and will carry on to greater things. I hope the people who were frustrated by the more difficult wings managed to sort out the pattern in the end.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in this event and for making it happen. Is it something we should repeat??

I would be pleased to receive any feedback.

If we started now we could easily double the amount!!!???

Margaret Chastney

2nd
Monday in
the month
(unless stated
otherwise)

NORWOOD Free Admission

NITES



Look us up on-
Norwood
Methodist Church

If you
require
transport to
and from
this event
please
contact
Beverley
Community
Lift on Tel
01482
868082

For
programme
information
please ring
07990
510541 for
more details

Community Cinema
@ Norwood Church

Spring 2018
Programme

Refreshments
& Raffle

Dates & film synopsis:

Monday 12th March 2018 @ 7pm "A Street Cat Named Bob"

James, a young homeless man, is struggling to defeat the intense drug addiction that has turned his life completely upside down. He is very talented but has been reduced to being a street performer begging for money on the street to survive. He soon meets and becomes friends with an orange tabby cat that is in a similar predicament. Having something to care for and love is the just the rope that James needs to hold on to the hope of the life he desires and keep him sliding back into his addiction

Monday 9th April 2018 @ 7pm "Jesus Christ Superstar"

(1973) "Jesus Christ Superstar" is a bright and sometimes breathtaking retelling of the rock opera of the same name. It is, indeed, a triumph over that work; using most of the same words and music, it succeeds in being light instead of turgid, outward-looking instead of narcissistic. Jewison, a director of large talent, has taken a piece of commercial shlock and turned it into a Biblical movie with dignity.

Monday 14th May 2018 @ 7pm "Four Weddings and a Funeral"

(1994) British romantic comedy film directed by Mike Newell. It was the first of several films by screenwriter Richard Curtis to feature Hugh Grant, and follows the adventures of Charles (Grant) and his circle of friends through a number of social occasions as they each encounter romance.

Films shown in the schoolroom to the rear of the Church

A chance to see a film again or, missed at the cinema! Make new friends!

See you there

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www.tollgavelchurch.org.uk

Norwood Methodist Church is on Facebook as:

'Norwood Methodist Church, Beverley'

The Church in Tickton's website is: www.ticktonchurch.co.uk

Walkington Methodist Church has a web page at:

www.walkington-news.org/the-methodist-church.html

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