

Northstead News

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He is Risen! Alleluia!
Happy Easter to you all!



From our Minister

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

“Jesus is Lord! Creations voice proclaims it”
proclaims the hymn writer David J. Mansell,

a hymn I certainly love to sing. Creations voice is resounding as Spring is here, colours, sounds and fragrance fill the air. We’re in the Easter season, dare you declare that Jesus is alive in your heart and life? I hope so. We’ve just finished a Lent series on the theme Unbounded love using Charles Wesley’s hymn Love divine, all loves excelling. God’s love is unbounded, never ending, unconditional, yet in receiving His love comes a desire, I hope, to live holy lives that honour our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

My sincere thanks to Mrs Diane Robinson, Mrs Ruth Dale, Rev. Christine Hey and Mrs Christine Herbert who have helped us journey with God’s Unbounded love in worship at Church or online. They each met the challenges from the Bible text enabling us to understand and be able to face those challenges.

If you’d like to explore what this means a little more then come and join us with Queen Street as David Perry leads us through his Kindness Course. It comes highly recommended from those in our circuit who have completed it. Details are in the newsletter. If you’d like to go and transport is an issue then ask for a lift. If you don’t ask, you don’t get!

We have a number of vacancies for posts within the life of our church. Please consider whether the Lord is calling you to serve. Feel free to have a conversation with one of our stewards or myself as part of your discernment.

May Jesus continue to be your strength and give you peace.

With love in Christ,

Emma.

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Emails from the Circuit Office

Quite a few people have reported not getting Circuit emails they should be getting. We are not getting any 'bounce back' emails in the office, so if you think you might be missing some emails, please check your spam folder. Different email providers have different spam settings, and as we send to multiple addresses some providers will automatically send them to spam.

Next News

The next Northstead News will be published at the end of May. Items to be included should be passed to Ros by May 19th, please.

Our thanks, as ever, to all our delivery team.

Wreyfield Drive Fundraising Events

Our Wreyfield Drive friends are busy fund-raising for repairs to their Church roof. We are invited to join them for a variety of events:

Saturday, 20th April, 5.30pm, **Family Quiz** with Supper.

Saturday, 18th May, 6pm, **Hymn Sing** and Jacket Potato Supper.

Saturday, 8th June, 5.30pm, **Safari Supper** – 4 course meal in 4 locations. Suggested donation £10.



Coffee Morning

Scalby Church will be holding their regular monthly **Coffee Mornings** at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 6th and May 4th. There will be a Cake Stall and a Book Stall. The April Coffee Morning will be in support of Scalby Walk nominated charities, which are Newby and Scalby Library and Scarborough Mates. Please see your weekly notice sheet for details of the May event.

Easter Craft Event

Queen Street Methodist Church invite you to an **Easter Craft Event** on Saturday, 30th March, 10a.m. to 12.30p.m. Crafts to make, Easter Egg hunt, cake stall, fun for all the family, and refreshments, price £1 (cake and drink). Proceeds to Northern Lights Therapy Service. Everyone welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thornton Le Dale Ukuleles Singalong ...

.... at Cayton Methodist Church on Wednesday, 3rd April at 7pm No charge, supper provided – bucket collection in aid of the church. The group regularly presents concerts for charity and has raised over £ 87,000 since it started in 2014.

School Uniform Giveaway

The next **school uniform giveaway** will be at Westborough Methodist Church on Sunday, 7th April from 4 to 6 p.m. We have a range of primary and secondary school items including shirts, polo shirts, trousers, jumpers, cardigans, blazers, PE kits, shoes and coats (items and sizes subject to availability).

The giveaways are always busy events with lots of uniform going to families from the local community. If you are able to volunteer at the giveaway, any help you could give would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Tom if you are able to help - tom.nycmcircuit@gmail.com - thank you!

Spring Tide 2024

You are warmly invited to Spring Tide 2024 in Scarborough. This is an initiative of churches in and around Scarborough. It began in 2008, with a prayer meeting and then a conference! Following an enforced break during lockdown, we are now back and excited about this fresh season and vision to unite Christians in Worship, Teaching and Fellowship.

Spring Tide's vision is a simple desire to GROW in Christ:

*GROW CLOSER to God,

*GROW CLOSER to one another and

*GROW the KINGDOM of GOD in Scarborough and beyond.

If you share our vision, please join us for a weekend of worship, teaching and fellowship from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th April, at Scarborough Christian Fellowship.



All We Can Spring Update

Huge thanks go to all who have contributed in any way to achieving the magnificent total of £405.57 raised by Northstead and Wreyfield Drive Churches working together as a Partner Church to support ALL WE CAN, during the Methodist Year 2022-23. This contributed to a total of just under £50,000 that Partner Churches around the Methodist Connexion raised.

We received a letter of thanks with this information at the end of February. All contributions, individual or corporate, are included in this total, so please, if you are sending a donation to ALL WE CAN, remember to state that you attend Northstead Methodist Church and your contribution will be added to this year's grand total. Our Partner Church Impact Certificate is now displayed on the All We Can table at the back of church, where you will also find booklets and envelopes with further details of the work that this Methodist organisation does to support relief and development around our needy world.

Over the years we have journeyed with communities in various parts of Africa, Last year we concentrated on Malawi. In the rest of 2024, as a church, we will have the opportunity to explore the theme 'Charity begins at home' in Refugee Week (17th to 23rd June), at Harvest and in Advent, as we explore stories from Liberia, learning about All We Can's work there, but also what it means for us in the UK to fruitfully work with our own communities. Please continue to remember in your prayers the work of ALL WE CAN and their partners around the world, as they help communities fulfil the potential that God has already blessed them with, giving thanks for the movement towards charity beginning in the homes of local people, not imposed from outside.

District Gathering

The District Gathering takes place on Saturday 11th May, from 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Join us for an exciting day of inspiration, workshops, and conversation as we explore together the theme "The Kingdom of God is like...". Open to everyone - we are hoping to have 250 people from around the district gathering at York Manor Academy. We are hoping to have an exhibition space, the opportunity to learn and discuss, formal workshops, and creative spaces for craft and prayer.

The day will start with worship and include a small amount of Synod business. Topics and themes we hope to explore are asking good questions, caring for the environment, being justice seeking, missional ideas for our churches, the future of online church, homes for all, food for all and much more. The day is free, but please book. For more information and to book, please go to District Synod - Yorkshire North & East Methodist District (yorkshirenemethodist.org). Bring your own lunch and reusable mug!

Social Saturdays

Our next Saturday evening get-together will be an Easter Egg Drive on April 6th, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. with tea or coffee and cakes or biscuits.

The next two Saturday Socials will be on May 4th and June 1st, (June feels a long way off, doesn't it?) with music, quizzes and games - no charge, just a donation for Church funds, please.

Sunday Afternoon Songs of Praise

The next Sunday Afternoon Songs of Praise at Emmanuel St John's church, Falsgrave, will be at 2.30pm on April 7th (not April 14th as stated on the Circuit plan).



Church Flowers

We are always grateful to those who give flowers and arrange them for our Sunday worship. The Flower list is on the noticeboard, so if you would like to provide flowers for church, maybe in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, please sign on your chosen date. You can ask one of our regular flower ladies to arrange your flowers, do it yourself or simply bring some flowers to church on the Sunday morning, as early as possible, to place in a vase. Or if you would like to donate to the Flower Fund, don't forget the donation box at the back of the Church.

If you know of anyone who would appreciate a gift of flowers from church, please let Emma or one of the stewards know - thank you.

Soup and Sweet Lunch

Soup & Sweet Lunches will be served from 12 noon, at Snainton Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 8th. Donations are in aid of Church funds and everyone is welcome!

If you can't manage this date, don't worry, there are several more dates planned through the year! Watch out for them in your newsletter and notice sheet.

Beach Cleans

Saturday, 6th April, 11a.m.
Scarborough North Bay, run by Waves of Waste. For more information and to book go to Waves of Waste beach clean at Scarborough North Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite.

Saturday, 20th April, 10a.m.
Filey South Beach, run by Waves of Waste. For more information and to book go to Waves of Waste beach clean at Filey South Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite.

Safeguarding Training

The in-person advanced safe-guarding training planned for Queen Street on **Friday, 3rd May** is currently severely under-subscribed and is at risk of being cancelled. A decision is going to be made after Easter, so if you are thinking of booking onto this training but haven't yet done so, please book over the next week via this link – [Advanced Safeguarding Training - In Person Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#).

If you prefer, please contact Fiona in the office and she can book for you.

Further dates for training:-

Thursday, 25th April, 2 p.m. at Northstead, Circuit Foundation Safeguarding Training.

Friday, 3rd May, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Queen Street, District Advanced Safeguarding Training.

Thursday, 9th May, 7 p.m. Circuit Foundation Safeguarding Training via zoom.

Antisemitism and Islamophobia

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have expressed their concern and sadness at the increase in antisemitism and Islamophobia in the UK. They call on Methodists to challenge discriminatory speech and behaviour. You can read their statement here: [Statement on Antisemitism and Islamophobia \(methodist.org.uk\)](#).

Response to the Budget

Methodist leaders have responded to the Chancellor's budget on 6th March, highlighting the lack of acknowledgement of people struggling against poverty in our communities. To read the response go to [Poverty is ignored in the Government's latest budget \(methodist.org.uk\)](#).



The Kindness Course

An invitation to join us at Queen Street Methodist Central Hall for 'The Kindness Course'.

Following on from our Lent series on the Unbounded Love of God, we join with Queen Street to explore The Kindness Course, led by Rev. Dr. David Perry. A six-week Bible study on the theme of generosity and kindness, to help us explore and practice generosity and kindness as disciples of Jesus. Come and learn together and share in conversation. Venue: Queen Street Methodist Church. If you would like a lift, please contact one of the stewards or Emma Morgan.

Session 1 Wednesday, 24th April, 7 p.m.

The theology behind extravagant generosity and unexpected acts of kindness .

Session 2 Wednesday, 1st May, 7 p.m.

Exploring extravagant generosity and unexpected acts of kindness: getting the fundamentals right.

Session 3 Wednesday, 8th May, 7 p.m.

Exploring extravagant generosity and unexpected acts of kindness: the witness of the Old Testament

Session 4 Wednesday, 15th May, 7 p.m.

Exploring extravagant generosity and unexpected acts of kindness: encountering Jesus

Session 5 Wednesday, 22nd May, 7 p.m.

Exploring extravagant generosity and unexpected acts of kindness: the witness of Jesus

Session 6 Wednesday, 29th May, 7 p.m.

For followers of Jesus extravagant generosity and unexpected acts of kindness are normative.

Colouring Fun for all ages



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Dates for your Diary

- Saturday, 6th April, 10 a.m. Coffee Morning, Scalby.
6.30 p.m. Saturday Social evening.
- Sunday, 7th April, 10.30 am Morning worship, Mrs. A. Brown.
4 to 6 p.m. School Uniform Giveaway,
Westborough.
- Sunday, 14th April, 10.30 am Morning worship, Rev. B. Russell.
- Saturday, 20th April, 5.30 pm Family Quiz and Supper,
Wreyfield Drive.
6 pm Chocolate Bingo at St. Andrew's
U. R. Church.
- Sunday, 21st April, 10.30 am Communion, Rev. E. Morgan.
- Friday, 26th -Sunday 28th April, Spring Tide 2024 at
Scarborough Christian Centre.
- Sunday, 28th April, 10.30 am Morning worship,
Mrs. C. Margaret.
- Saturday, 4th May, 10 a.m. Coffee Morning, Scalby.
6.30 p.m. Saturday Social Evening.
- Sunday, 5th May, 10.30 am Morning worship, Mrs. C. Herbert.
- Saturday, 11th May, 10 am-3.30 pm District Gathering,
York Manor Academy.
- Sunday, 12th May, 10.30 am Local worship.
- Saturday, 18th May, 6 pm Hymn Sing and Jacket Potato
Supper at Wreyfield Drive.
- Sunday, 19th May, 10.30 am Morning worship, Mrs. K. Charter.
6.30 p.m. CTIS Pentecost service,
St Peter's Church, Castle Road.
- Sunday, 26th May, 10.30 am Morning worship, Mrs. N. Warner.
- Saturday, 8th June, 5.30 pm Safari Supper, organised by
Wreyfield Drive.
- Sunday, 9th June. General Church meeting,
after the morning service