

Northstead News

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Fun in Summer!



Saturday Social—Our next Saturday get-together will be a **Barbecue** (weather permitting) on June 1st, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. If the weather is not helpful, food and drinks will be served in the church hall. No charge, just a donation for Church funds, please.

We'll be taking a break in July and August, so have a lovely summer, and we'll see you in September!

Coffee Morning – Scalby Church hold their regular monthly **Coffee Mornings** at 10 a.m. on Saturdays, June 1st and July 6th, with a Cake Stall, Book Stall and Model trains! This month it's in aid of Scarborough Dial-a-Ride.



Safari Supper— Our Wreyfield Drive friends are busy raising money for repairs to their Church roof. We are invited to join them for a **Safari Supper** on Saturday, 8th June, at 5.30pm, a 4-course meal in 4 locations. Suggested donation £10.

Concerts - Monday night concerts at Westborough Methodist Church begin on Monday, 3rd June at 7pm. This year the opening concert will feature Mike Wademan and Paul McCann, playing a selection of well-known tunes. This year they are supporting the Alzheimer's Society, and all details are in the Concert Programme. All seats are £6 and a season ticket for all 15 concerts is £45.



From our Minister

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

My husband and I have recently enjoyed a holiday where we were able to spend quality time with family and also take time for a musical afternoon with the talented Wurlitzer organist Phil Kelsall. He journeyed from the west coast in Blackpool to a small village in County Durham called Howden-le-Wear. A team of volunteers take great care of the organ, the building in which it is housed, ensure stocks are up to date, offer a welcome and hospitality. People gather from far and wide alongside locals, all because they choose to, and they look forward to what's on offer.

It sounds like our church: there are those invited to preach, a team of volunteers take great care of all aspects of the building, we're stocked with all we need, offer welcome and hospitality, so we're in tip-top condition for those who come along.

I wonder what you love to choose to do and places you love to go. I wonder how much our online presence assists you to come and join us.

Over the summer I hope you're able to take time to do those things you love and spend time with those who are important to you. I wonder if you might consider to Take Time Together with us on the first Tuesday evening of the month, or try it online through the website. It's amazing how much better we can feel when we take time to do something that matters to us. You matter to Jesus and he loves it when you take time to be with him. Jesus loves you, this I know, for the Bible tells me so... yes, Jesus loves me.

With love in Christ,

Emma.

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Next News

The next Northstead News will be published at the end of July.
Items to be included should be passed to Ros by July 21st, please.

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

The Great Big Green Week

This is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Every year, people come together to unleash a wave of support for action to protect the planet. Tens of thousands of people in every corner of the country celebrate the heartfelt, brave, everyday actions being taken to stand up for nature and fight climate change. In 2024, Great Big Green Week will take place from 8th to 16th June. Google Great Big Green Week to find out about it, and see what's happening in our area.

Waste Not Want Not Fair on Wednesday 12th June, from 11am-3pm at The Street, Scarborough. As part of the Great Big Green Week, there will be fun activities and showcases from local organisations which will help you become more eco-friendly and self-sufficient. Activities include blacksmithing, gardening, preserve making, mini-wormery making, spinning & weaving, sewing and upcycling furniture. Everyone welcome.

Residents' Day at Scarborough Castle

On Sunday, June 16th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. families from YO11, YO12 and YO13 postcodes will once again be able to visit the castle free of charge and view Ryan Gander's sculpture. Learn about the messages behind the sculpture and roam the castle and headland. There will also be a range of activities, and guides to art and nature for you to enjoy.

16th June is part of Big Green Week, so there will be tours and activities exploring the greener side to the castle headland. For free entrance, just bring proof of your address to show at the entrance.

The Rainbow Centre ...

... are desperately in need of pots, pans, kettles and toasters. If you have any you can spare, they'd be very grateful.

The Essence of Being Human

A taster retreat day will be held at High Dalby House, Pickering, led by Rev. Dr Linda Robinson and Rev. Shena Moray, on Saturday, 10th August from 10 am to 3.30 pm.

It's a holistic, immersive day including reflective spaces, worship and adventure in the living Word of God. Join us for the day at High Dalby House Chapel, set in beautiful natural surroundings.

The day will cost £25, which includes lunch and refreshments. Booking is essential as there are only 12 spaces. To book ring 01751 460001, or email lindarobinson@talk21.com

Church Flowers

Our thanks as ever to those who give flowers and arrange them for our Sunday worship. The Flower list on the noticeboard has a number of gaps on it at present, 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.

Methodist Women in Britain Zoom meeting

We have been invited by the Yorkshire West District MWiB to join them for a zoom meeting on Thursday, June 6th at 7pm. This is an opportunity to meet the Helen Kim Memorial Scholars, Madeleine Reed (Britain) and Heidi Hogan (Ireland). It should be an interesting evening, giving us the opportunity to learn more about the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women.

Madeleine and Heidi will share their global experiences as Younger Women in Leadership Development roles with the World Federation.

Email lindacrossley@sky.com for the Zoom link enabling you to join the event.



Westborough Café

A reminder that the café at Westborough Church is open from Tuesday – Thursday from 10am to 2pm, for drinks, light snacks, cakes and our Thursday morning special – bacon sandwiches! If you are passing, do come in for a cuppa – you will be very welcome.

Filey Music Festival

Filey Music Festival continues, with Hackness Ladies Choir singing at 7.30pm. on Friday, June 7th. On Saturday, June 8th, Scarborough Concert Band perform at 7.30 p.m. Both events take place at Filey Methodist Church, and tickets are £5, pay on the door, in aid of the Church Organ Fund.

Social Justice and Evangelism Webinar

Finding Jesus on the streets, 10th June, 7pm. This webinar is for anyone interested in exploring the most sustainable and impactful ways to do mission. God invites all of us to join in with the work of Kingdom building in our local communities—what does that mean for us? Join in to hear stories, share stories, and explore how 'love in action' is at the intersection of justice work and evangelism.

Weekly Prayer Meeting for Israel Palestine

Join Methodists from around the world to pray together for Justice and Peace in the Holy Land, every Wednesday from 6pm (UK time) for 40 minutes.

Each week there will be updates and theological reflections from local voices and MLO staff members followed by the opportunity to pray together. To join email office@mlojerusalem.org to receive joining instructions.

We Have Voices

This is a new book of prayers for peace and justice produced by Methodist Publishing, suitable for public worship, collective or group prayers, services and reflections. A blog by the book's editor, the Rev. Barbara Glasson, can be found at We Have Voices: Praying together for peace, justice and change (methodist.org.uk).

Is this ministry making a difference?

Does children's or youth work make a difference? Why is the Church short of volunteers? Does anyone value younger generations in the church?

We want to find the answers to some of these questions by asking a wide range of people for their views about ministry with children, youth or families. So, anyone who grew up attending church...or church leaders...or Christian parents and grandparents...or volunteers or paid youth or children's workers, family workers, regional or national workers, chaplains, schools ministry, and even those who are no longer involved in these ministries... we want to hear about your views and experiences as part of CYM's research: Taking the pulse of ministry amongst children, youth and families!

Please spend four minutes completing the online survey to share your views. Everyone who participates has the opportunity to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

Eve's wisdom from Diane Robinson.

When we visit our daughter and family in Darlington, our 17-year-old granddaughter moves out of her room and hands it over to us for the length of our stay. What a privilege it is to live in 'her space'! She collects cards etc with sayings she likes and her mirror is almost covered with notes she has hand-written containing sayings and Bible verses she likes. We visited in May and I was particularly taken with the following, which she had 'copied from somewhere' and is certainly advice worth sharing.

Some day everything will make perfect sense. So, for now,
Laugh at the confusion,
Smile through the tears.
And keep reminding yourself that everything happens for a reason.
Today will never come again. Be a friend. Take time to care.
Let your words heal and not wound.
Love, Love, Love. Because Love conquers all.

(The underlining is Eve's)

As I was saving this in my family documents folder on my computer I noticed a document entitled 'Eve's prayer' and opening it I remembered that at Eve's Christening back in 2007, Hugh (Eve's paternal grandfather) and I were asked to share a prayer at the service. This is what we wrote together and shared.

O Loving heavenly Father, it is our prayer that Eve will come to know the joy and suffering of being concerned about everyone she meets; that she will see each person as worthy of dignity and acceptance. We hope that she will grow into fuller and deeper levels of humanity as expressed through Jesus.

We pray that Eve will live in a world where justice is increased and where violence is decreased as a way to settle differences.

Our hope is that Eve will understand that You alone can give life meaning, purpose and direction, O God; and that she will come to know and love you and want to serve you with deeds of love.

This is our prayer. Amen.

Colour in Summer!



Dates for your Diary

Saturday, 1st June, 10 a.m.	Coffee Morning, Scalby Church.
6.30 p.m.	Barbecue.
Sunday, 2nd June, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Mr. P. White.
Monday, 3rd June, 7 p.m.	Concert, Westborough Church.
Saturday, 8th June, 5.30 pm	Safari Supper, organised by Wreyfield Drive Church.
June 8th to 16th.	Great Big Green Week.
Sunday, 9th June, 10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion, Rev. E. Morgan. General Church meeting, after the morning service.
Wednesday, June 12th. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Waste not, Want not Fair, The Street.
Sunday, 16th June, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Mrs. R. Dale.
Sunday, 23rd June, 10.30 a.m.	Local worship.
Sunday, 30th June, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Mr. T. Clayton.
Saturday, July 6th, 10 a.m.	Coffee Morning, Scalby Church.
Sunday, July 7th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Mrs. L. Baker.
Sunday, July 14th, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Mrs. R. Dale.
Sunday, July 21st, 10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion, Rev. E. Morgan.
Sunday, July 28th, 10.30 a.m.	Local worship.
Sunday, 4th August, 10.30 a.m.	Morning worship, Mrs. K. Charter.

