



North Yorkshire Coast Methodist Circuit

Weekly Notices for Sunday 11 October 2026

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*
Philippians 4:6

October Church & Circuit Notices

From Revd Jo Lightowler

Dear friends,

As many of you will be aware already, Revd Janet, with the support of the CLT and District Leadership Team, has taken the decision to remain part-time for the time being and not take up full-time ministry as planned this September. This will continue to allow her time and space for family responsibilities following the death of her brother during the summer. We are grateful that Revd Loren will have pastoral charge of Seamer Methodist Church for this connexional year. We continue to hold Janet and her family in our prayers.

Peace, Jo

Scam Calls



We received a scam call in the office last week, so I am sharing this in case it is useful to anyone else. The call said there had been unusual activity on our card, detailed the prices and where these supposed transactions took place, asked us to press one number to say this was ok and another number to say no it wasn't. As the call came from a mobile number, I just put the phone down and rang the bank. They reiterated that if anyone gets calls like this you shouldn't press any numbers on your keypad. Just hang up. If you want to check with your bank, ring the number on the back of your card to speak to them.

Westway Open Arms

Attached is a letter from Westway Open Arms. This may have reached us too late for many of you regarding harvest, but churches may wish to help in other ways.



Dementia Friendly Worship



Come and join us on Thursday 8 October at 2pm for a 30-minute dementia friendly church service for those living with dementia and their carers. All welcome. The next service after this one will be on Thursday 10 December.

Boys' Brigade, Queen Street Methodist Church

Following lots of our young people shuffling up the age groups at the start of the new year we are now on the lookout for some new recruits for our youngest age groups the Anchors and Juniors – Boys aged 5 to school year 6. The recruitment posters for these age groups are attached.



We are also running a drop in taster event on 10 October from 10am – noon. All welcome, poster attached.

Harvest Fair



Northstead Methodist Church are holding a Harvest Fair on Saturday 10 October at 3.30pm, followed by a Pie & Pea Supper at 5pm and a Harvest Themed Social Evening from 6.30-8.30pm. All welcome, poster attached.

Harvest Festival, Queen Street

Queen Street Methodist Church, Sunday 11 October at 10.30am. We are collecting items for the Scarborough Community Fridge and Pantry. All welcome, poster attached.



The Mayor's Local Transport Plan



The Mayor's Local Transport Plan will help shape future transport investment and priorities across York and North Yorkshire. As part of the consultation, they're holding a series of public drop-in events where residents can meet the team, find out more about the plan, ask questions and share their views in person.

The events will take place on:

- Wednesday 14th October, 10am to 2pm, Scarborough Indoor Market

Further information about the Mayor's Local Transport Plan as well as details of other events can be found here: <https://yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk/local-transport-plan.../>.

Rainbow Centre Open Day



The Rainbow Centre would like to invite members of CTIS, churches across the Deanery and their congregations to an Open Day on Wednesday 14 October, from 11am to 2pm (flyer attached). The event is being held in partnership with Volunteer It Yourself (VIY), who have been carrying out improvement works at the Centre. It will be an opportunity to see the work that has been taking place, hear from people involved in the project and find out more about the work of The Rainbow Centre. There will also be an opportunity to tour the building and see the different services operating from the Centre. Everyone is very welcome to come along at any point during the Open Day, and we would be grateful if you could share this invitation with your congregations. We hope to see you there.

Pudding Party

Friends at Hawsker invite you to a

PUDDING PARTY

on Saturday 17 October at 4.00pm.

Come and sample lots of different puddings

Donations for All we Can

The Forget-Me-Not Train



Our next Forget-Me-Not Dementia train departs from Whitby Station on Wednesday 21 October at 12noon. Why not come along and join the fun! [Forget-Me-Not Trains - Esk Valley Raliway](#). Also, please put the date in your diary for our Christmas Jumper Special on Wednesday 16 December.

Riding Lights Theatre Company



We are Riding Lights Theatre Company, based in York, and we are bringing our production of *The Selfish Giant* to the Stephen Joseph Theatre this October half term. It is a fun, colourful production and beautiful story with plenty of opportunities for young audience members to get up on stage and join in throughout the show. If you are able to share the details below with any local families who might like to come along, or advertise anywhere, we would love as many children to see the show as possible.

*Step into the magical world of the Giant's garden. It's full of music, beauty, bird song and stories! But the Giant is cross. He returns to find children playing happily in his beautiful orchard. Every day after school, they laugh and play games under the blossom trees. So he puts up a big wall to put a stop to all the fun. Then winter seizes the garden in its icy fingers... Will summer ever come back? Through storytelling, interactive games, live music, and puppetry, Riding Lights Theatre Company brings you *The Selfish Giant* – a wonderful play for family audiences (perfect for those 3+) and inspirational tale of love and generosity.*

Performance details:

26 Oct, 2pm and 6pm

27 Oct, 11am and 2pm

Stephen Joseph Theatre

Tickets: <https://sjt.uk.com/events/the-selfish-giant>

<https://www.ridinglights.org/theseelfishgiant>

Autumn Fair



Saturday 24 October 10am-12noon at Cayton Methodist Church. Tea, Coffee with scone and jam, and various stalls including cakes, raffle and pull-a-ribbon. All welcome, come and join us! Poster attached.

Charity Saturday Pop-In

Queen Street Methodist Church is running their Pop-In on Saturday 31 October in aid of Yorkshire Coast Sight Support, from 10am-12noon. All proceeds from the regular Saturday Pop-In along with sales from Bric-a-Brac and Cake Stalls will go to Yorkshire Coast Sight Support. The charity provides valued assistance to two registered blind members of our congregation, making this cause especially close to our hearts. All are welcome, poster attached.



Libraries

Posters showing the October events in Scarborough and Filey Libraries are attached.

Advance Notices

Safeguarding Sunday – 15 November

Many thanks to all of you who are embracing Safeguarding Sunday on 15 November 26. Below is a link that contains some shared resources. The aim of the shared folder content is to inspire and guide your thinking around what might be included in your churches – it is not prescriptive and certainly not exhaustive. You may only have a few minutes or a whole service that can be dedicated to Safeguarding, but we do hope you can mark the day with some focussed and directed reflection. [Safeguarding Sunday Resources to share](#). It is DSG's intention to make this an annual event in our District, so this is just a taster of what may come in future years. Your feedback of how you find the resources, how you have used them will help shape our approach next year. I will be circulating a feedback sheet towards the end of November to try and capture some of your views and stories.

Just a reminder to please revisit the Checklist and Things to Consider document before you hold your event – it is crucially important that sufficient safeguarding trained people are available on the day, and after, should anyone need advice and want to raise any concern/incident/experience. Please have contact details of your Church and Circuit Safeguarding Officers to hand and visibly displayed. Ruth Lloyd, Regional Officer of Safeguarding (ROS) has very kindly offered to be available by telephone or email on 15 November, and she has asked that her contact details be promoted at any event you may be holding. This may be particularly welcomed for anyone who prefers an external source of support. On that note, please take time to download and explore the resources I have included (particularly the videos, if you have the facility to show them in your churches), however you may find other resources that you wish to use on Thirtyone:eight website here [Safeguarding Sunday](#). If you haven't let me know already of your plans, then please drop me an email or give me a call. If you have any comments/queries or need anything further then please do come back to me, and if for any reason you are not able to access the resources via the link then please let me know too. Thank you for all the energy and commitment dedicated to trying to make our churches safer spaces – not just on Safeguarding Sunday but all year round!!
Jane Masterman – District Safeguarding Advocate

Churches Together Notices

Doves of Love

St. Columba's, Dean Road, Scarborough 10am-4pm Thursday 8 – Sunday 11 October. Artworks created by local artists, the Dean Road community, St Columba's staff and families, Cross Lane Hospital, Personalised Learning College, Castle Grange Care Home, St James' Toddler Group, Hayley's Munchkins and St Martin's Primary. All welcome, poster attached.

Nexus

Attached are 3 documents relating to Nexus at Kingdom Faith Church, The Summit, over the weekend of 16-18 October.

Wider Methodist Church Notices

District Newsletter

The October Newsletter can be found at [October 2026 #142](#).

Reparative Justice: A Conversation Across the Methodist Church

York Saturday 10 October 11am-3pm. This is part of work we are doing across the Methodist Church on reparative justice for the transatlantic traffic in enslaved African people. In this coming Connexional year, we are working towards bringing recommendations to Conference 2027 on how the Church might respond in the light of our history. This autumn, we will be launching a consultation to hear from people across the Connexion about what they think the Methodist Church could do to shape our apology and action. This will include online events, materials for local groups to run sessions, an online survey – and two in person events across the Connexion.

One of these in person events is on Saturday 10th October in York, at the Priory Street Centre. The event will be free and is open for anyone to join, with a capacity of around 35 people. We will be promoting it across the Connexion. It will be an interactive event, exploring new historical research, contemporary legacies, our theology, and giving people a chance to contribute to the connexion-wide consultation. If there's anyone within the circuit you think would be keen to join, please do share this with them. Some promotional information is below, and a graphic is attached.

Reparative Justice: A Conversation Across the Methodist Church

York / Saturday 10 October 11am – 3pm

How could the Methodist Church respond to its historical links to the transatlantic trade in enslaved African people and their ongoing impact today?

Join us to explore the history, discuss its legacy, and help shape the Church's future response.

Learn more, listen, and share your views. Book your place at: [Reparative Justice: In person event - York Tickets, Saturday, October 10 • 11 AM - 3 PM | Eventbrite](#).

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Worshipping at Home

North Yorkshire Coast Circuit Services: The link for the weekly service is:

<https://youtube.com/@NYCMC>

Burniston Methodist Church offers a livestreamed service from the church on Sunday at 10.30am through its YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/@burnistonmethodistchurch>.

Northstead Methodist Church offers a livestreamed service from the church on Sunday at 10.30am through its YouTube channel most weeks. The link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/@northsteadmethodistchurch2404/streams>.

Attached is a copy of The Vine at Home for this week.



Diary Dates

* Denotes new entry this week.

October 2026

- Thursday 8 October** 2pm Dementia Worship, Queen Street Methodist Church.
- Saturday 10 October** 9.30am-12.30pm Foundation Safeguarding Training, Burniston Methodist Church
10am-12 noon Drop-in Taster for Boys' Brigade, Queen Street Methodist Church
11am-3pm Reparative Justice Consultation, Priory Street Centre, York.
3.30pm Harvest Fair, Northstead Methodist Church.
5pm Pie and Pea Supper, Northstead Methodist Church.
6.30-8.30pm Harvest Themed Social Evening, Northstead Methodist Church.
- Sunday 11 October** 10.30am Harvest Festival, Queen Street Methodist Church.
- Wednesday 14 October** 10am-2pm Mayor's Transport Consultation, Scarborough Indoor Market.
*11am-2pm Open Day, The Rainbow Centre, St. Mary's Parish House, Scarborough.
- Thursday 15 October** 7pm Circuit Meeting, Northstead Methodist Church.
- Friday 16 October** 7pm-7am SASH 30th Anniversary Sleepover, York Racecourse.
- Saturday 17 October** 4pm Pudding Party, Hawsker Methodist Chapel.
- Sunday 18 October** 6.30pm Rooted, Queen Street Methodist Church (refreshments from 6pm).
- Wednesday 21 October** 12noon-3.37pm Forget-Me-Not Dementia Train, Whitby-Middlesbrough.
- *Saturday 24 October** 10am-12noon Autumn Fair, Cayton Methodist Church.
- *Monday 26 October** 2pm & 6pm The Selfish Giant, Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough.
- *Tuesday 27 October** 11am & 2pm The Selfish Giant, Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough.
- Saturday 31 October** 10am-12noon Charity Pop-In, Queen Street Methodist Church.

November 2026

- Friday 6 November** 2-5pm Foundation Safeguarding Training, Cayton Methodist Church.
- Saturday 7 November** 9.30am-3.30pm Joined Up, Queen Street Methodist Church.
4pm Festival of Remembrance, Filey Methodist Church.
- Saturday 14 November** 9.30am-12.30pm EDI and Unconscious Bias Training, Burniston Methodist Church.
- Sunday 15 November** Safeguarding Sunday.
6.30pm Rooted, Queen Street Methodist Church (refreshments from 6pm).

December 2026

- Friday 4 December** MWiB Advent Meeting.
- Thursday 10 December** 2pm Dementia Friendly Worship, Queen Street Methodist Church.
- Wed 16 December** 12noon-3.37pm Forget-Me-Not Dementia Train, Whitby-Middlesbrough.
- Sunday 20 December** 6.30pm Rooted, Queen Street Methodist Church (refreshments from 6pm).

March 2027

- Friday 12 March** MWiB Meeting.

May 2027

- Friday 7 May** MWiB Quiet Day.