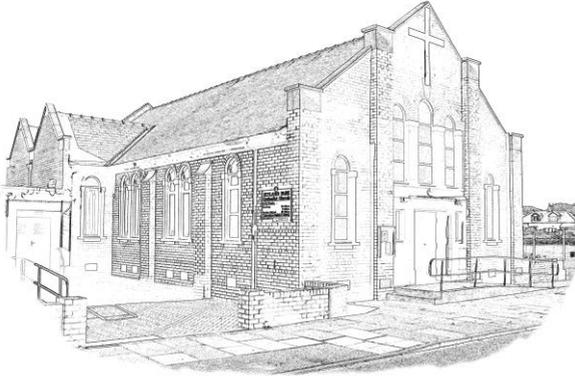


Zetland Park Methodist Church

Newsletter

October

2013



Worship

29 th September	10:45	Revd. Keith Martin: Harvest
	18:00	Revd. Arthur Harbottle: Harvest
6 th October	10:45	Bob Rogers
	18:00	Revd. Arthur Harbottle <i>at Marske</i>
13 th October	10:45	June Feather: Café
	18:00	Pam Stenson
20 th October	10:45	Vic Humphreys
	18:00	Brian Clare <i>at Marske</i>
27 th October	10:45	Revd. Ken Harris
	18:00	Chris Eddy <i>at Saltburn</i>

Church Anniversary

3 rd November	10:45	Revd. Dr Jonathan Hustler
	18:00	Revd. Dr Jonathan Hustler

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Congratulations to Julia and Simon on the birth of their baby boy, Max.

A couple of recent events on train journeys have inspired me this month. In the first, a couple of Mums with pushchairs and loads of bags were alighting at Allens West station, clearly having been shopping in Middlesbrough. They had chatted to each other non-stop on the journey and continued as the conductor helped them off-load pushchairs and bags before they went on their way down the platform still in deep conversation. As he got back on the train I heard the conductor mumble, "Well don't bother to say thank you, will you!" In the second incident another young mum was getting off the train at Darlington with a double pushchair. Someone

awaiting to join the train lent forward and helped lift the pushchair off, and was rewarded with a lovely smile and profuse thanks for their kindness and help. Two very different responses to help being offered!

It is so easy for us to forget just how well provided for most of us are in material terms, and therefore easy to forget to say thank you to God for our many blessings. But in terms of so many in the world we are greatly blessed and Harvest is a great time for us to catch up on our often missed opportunity to heap our thanks on God and to show our appreciation in practical ways!

It has been suggested many a time that the world can produce more than enough food so that no one needs to go hungry. The fact that so many in the world still go without an adequate and regular source of food and a clean source of water haunts those of us who almost weekly see pictures on one programme or another of adults going hungry and children suffering the consequences of malnutrition. Where political upheaval is the reason for such injustice then one can feel a sense of helplessness, but where the cause is of a more natural origin then at least we know that the aid agencies can provide a necessary life-line for those most in need, if they are well enough supported.

At this time of year when we celebrate the bounty of our harvests at home in our harvest festivals, were even in a bad year the worst

Shoeboxes

Can all items, donations and shoeboxes be handed into church or me by 27th October, so I can have them ready to be collected the first week in November.

Thank you for all your continued support. We are off to a good start. Jenny.

effect on the consumer is usually only price increases, it is easy to forget the increasing number of those in the UK, and yes even in our own communities, who due to circumstances beyond their control and not of their making find they have no food for themselves, or sometimes their children, for days at a time. It is to help such people in crisis that Foodbanks have flourished in recent years at an ever increasing rate - there are at least eleven which Methodist Churches in our own Darlington District are involved with alone! I am proud to be involved with the Redcar Area Foodbank, though still deeply troubled and saddened that it is needed. In recent months the number of people referred to the Foodbank for support has risen dramatically and despite the generous giving of churches and individuals and regular food collections at the Tesco store in Redcar, the supplies are often going out more quickly than they are coming in.

As we come to sing our beloved harvest hymns and songs let us truly give thanks that we are so well provided for. And please can we not forget those across the world and in our own communities who are not so fortunate, and do everything in our power to do something to help them as a sign of our gratitude for all we have.

Blessings. Arthur

Thursday @Church

Thursday @Church is an opportunity to discuss, ask and respond to questions. Everyone is welcome and you do not need to commit to the whole series, simply come as and when you can. All meetings start at 7.30p.m., in Church and finish by 9 p.m.

Over the coming weeks we will be reading John's Gospel and using resources produced by Scripture Union. The table below gives the dates and information on the sessions. The booklet which goes with the series is entitled 'Meet Jesus' and costs £3.60. Most sessions will be led by June Feather.

Date	John's Gospel	Theme
3 October	Chapter 5 – 6:24	Like Father, like Son
17 October	Chapter 6:25 – 8:11	The 'I am' sayings
31 October	Chapter 8:12 – 9:23	Is the devil for real?
14 November	Chapter 9:23 – 10.30	Jesus as Shepherd
28 November	Chapter 10:31 – 11:57	Where it happened – place and time
12 December	Chapter 12: 1 – 50	Painful paradoxes

Church Anniversary



November 3rd is our Church Anniversary and the preacher will be Revd. Dr Jonathan Hustler.

As is our custom this is also our gift day and the only one we have in the year.

The morning service will be followed by a 'faith lunch' and food can be brought along as you come to the service.

It would be good if we could encourage as many people as possible to join us for this celebration so that we can spend some time together and with Jonathan.

Don't Forget

Community Lunch Club eats midday Tuesday
Fellowship meets 7:30pm every Wednesday
Friday @10 for Prayer and meditation:
27th September, 25th October, 6th December

Diary Dates

30 th September	6:00pm	Harvest Supper and picture show
10 th October	7.00pm	Church Council
2 nd November	7:45pm	Manhattan Voices concert
16 th November	2:30pm	Prayer meeting <i>at Newcomen</i>
22 nd November	7.00pm	Haiti mission fundraising <i>at Marske</i>
7 th December	11:30am	Soup and Sweet lunch

Next Newsletter

Please let Paul have items for the next newsletter by 27th October.

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