



Zetland Park Methodist Church Newsletter July 2014

Worship

- 6th July 10:45 a.m. Revd. Betty Bell : Communion
6:00 p.m. Brian Stephenson & Rosemary Taylor *at Marske*
- 13th July 11:00 a.m. Service at United Reformed Church
6:00 p.m. Revd. Alan Coates : Communion and Healing service
- 20th July 10:45 a.m. To be confirmed
6:00 p.m. Revd. Trevor Haigh *at Newcomen*
- 27th July 10:45 a.m. Trevor Hume
3:00 p.m. Circuit farewell Service *at Saltburn*
- 3rd August 10:45 a.m. Graham Cottam
6:00 p.m. Liz Chadwick *at Marske*

Prayer meetings

Saturday 5th July 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Westerdale CE Church
Saturday 2nd August 8:30 to 9:30 am at Hinderwell

Power Praise at Marske

Worship in a contemporary style. 8th July 7 p.m.

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Letter from Haiti

I am writing this with only a few days left in Haiti. Needless to say there are many stories and observations to be told, though most can wait for now. However, what I want to reflect upon is based upon the experiences of the vast majority of those living in Haiti at this time - chikungunya! No, it is not food, nor drink - it a very, very disabling virus. Originally discovered in the 1950's in Africa, in recent months it has been sweeping across the Caribbean in epidemic proportions, locally transmitted by mosquitoes, it is believed.

Like most viruses it lays you low for 5-7 days with a fever and various other symptoms including severe joint pain which often leaves people incapacitated for varying periods of time. Chikungunya actually means, 'bent double', a very fair description of how it attacks you! Strangely it seems to be able to tell where you have a past weakness as that is often there where it is most acute. In my case it found out my left ankle, right knee, left wrist and neck; injuries from years ago, and struck me down with amazing pain and difficulty in moving. It is not uncommon to see folk staggering along the road, bent over and stopping for frequent rests, and there now seem to be few who have not sufferer from it! It is the everyday conversation here and has severely disrupted examinations and workplaces.

Reflecting on Chikungunya and its ability to seek out weaknesses, I was reminded how similar it is to the effect of the evil of division on the church! Whether you personally believe in Satan, the devil, evil forces, or just our own general propensity to be selfish, the church is most vulnerable where we are divided ... where there is a lack of unity of mind or purpose, where insisting on our likes and dislikes causes friction and disharmony within the 'body' of Christ, and where we dare to insist that our way/belief/understanding is the only right way. It is in our divisions that we show our weaknesses, be it at local church or ecumenical levels. It is the divisions which often divide us further.

Jesus prayed that his followers would be one that world would believe, and he reminded his followers to, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God", ie God's way, not ours! It is most notable that the countries where there is a real attempt to bring the Christian denominations together (some of the "Uniting churches") or where they make any real effort to work together, that it is at its strongest.

May we always seek the way of humility before God, not by being 'bent double' by our divisions, but rather by being obedient to the rule of Christ over all Christians, regardless of our race, denomination, or individual congregation. Then, one in Christ, the body of Christ today will be strong and grow the Kingdom to his glory.

Blessings

Arthur.

The Smiles Foundation 2014 Tour - CEO & Friends visit

Smiles CEO, Kevin Hoy, five Romanian teenagers and their co-ordinating mentor Ritza Duciuc will be visiting the UK. They will be at Zetland Park Methodist Church on Monday 1st September at 7pm.

You are all invited to come and join the team in an evening of songs, testimony and video from our Romanian guests - learn more of the work in Romania and share God's message for the days ahead. There will be light refreshments. Entry is free with a retiring collection.

Please come along for what will be a great evening. Jenny

Future Events

July	Saturday 5 th	4 pm	Afternoon Tea with Barry playing Piano and Keyboard
September	Monday 1 st	7 pm	Smiles Foundation
September	Friday 5 th	6 pm	Beetle Drive with Pie and Peas
September	Friday 26 th	10 am— 11:30	McMillan Coffee Morning
September	Monday 29 th	6 pm	Harvest Supper
November	Saturday 1 st	7:30 pm	85 th Chapel Anniversary Concert Steven Ridley Concert Pianist with Buffet Supper
December	Friday 12 th		Harrison Band and Singers with light refreshments

Sabbatical Cover

Arthur is away until the end of August.

During this time Rev. Trevor Haigh (01642 480104) will be the first point of contact for funerals and Revd Chris Eddy (01287 623245) for critical Pastoral issues which require a Minister rather than a Pastoral Visitor. Once Chris Eddy has left the Circuit at the end of July then contact could be made with Revd Isabel Stuart (01287 623245) who will be returning from her Sabbatical. If all else fails, the Rev. Alan Coates (01287 660252) or one of the Supernumerary Ministers would help or advise.

If you visit anyone in hospital and you know that they would like pastoral care, you are asked to contact the Chaplaincy service on 01642 854802 but, unless you are sure, you should ask the patient first.

Sandra Carter (Co-ordinator, Sabbatical Support Group)

Fellowship meetings – Wednesday at 7:30pm

9 th July	Network Presidents Evening
23 rd July	Lunch, details to be confirmed
6 th August	Beetle Drive
20 th August	Details to be confirmed
3 rd September	Devotional

The Revd. **Chris Eddy** is leaving the Cleveland and Danby circuit at the end of July. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift a box for this purpose is in the Foyer.

Would holders of **World Boxes** please bring them in for Jackie Rae to empty?
Thank you.

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

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