



Zetland Park Methodist Church Newsletter November 2014

Worship

Church Anniversary

2 nd November	10:45 am 6:00 pm	Rev. Malcolm Newman : Communion Rev. Malcolm Newman
9 th November	10:45 am 6:00 pm	Bob Rogers : Remembrance Trevor Hume <i>at Marske</i>
16 th November	10:45 am 6:00 pm	Jason Griffiths Rev. Arthur Harbottle <i>at Newcomen</i>
23 rd November	10:45 am 6:00 pm	Rev. Arthur Harbottle : Communion Thelma Hobday
30 th November	10:45 am 6:00 pm	Lynn King Rev. Arthur Harbottle : Communion <i>at Marske</i>

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A recent Lectionary reading reminded us that despite Moses' faithfulness in leading the people of God out of slavery in Egypt and through the desert, he himself was not to enter the Promised Land but would hand on leadership to others. Though Moses played an important role, others would succeed him to take the People of God to the next stage. I guess it is a reminder that God needs many people to serve him faithfully and all need to play their part, but not take someone else's.

In the early church, Paul planted churches but then left it with others to develop the congregations. This was then passed to others, and in our own time we have those who faithfully serve the many purposes that make the church what it is.

Whenever a church meets to celebrate its Chapel anniversary I am always inspired to think of the hundreds of people who have devoted so much time, effort and resources to get the church to where it is, especially those we no longer remember. And I don't just mean those who built and developed our building but those from years before who kept the 'flame alight' often against very difficult odds and sometimes persecution.

If, in this unbroken line of followers of Christ someone had decided not to fulfil their God-given role, someone had decided they couldn't be bothered, who knows how different history might be. Could we face God if we let down the line of succession of faith?

When out in Haiti I was inspired by the selfless giving of time and energy for the good of others and the work of the church. One teacher travelled ten miles out of Port au Prince each day to run a school in a new township. He had had to save up to build the school, bit by bit, from his own resources and when the children went home at the end of the day he would try to do a bit more work on the building before going home himself (and that could take up to two hours)! Other retired teachers had come back out of retirement to run other schools because so many teachers had been lost in the earthquake.

As we approach Remembrance Sunday let us not forget those in our own part of the world who, many years ago, similarly offered selfless acts of sacrifice for our freedom and peace and for the good of the world.

Of course, sacrificial service is the calling of Christ to all followers, to take up one's cross and to help build a Kingdom founded on Love and justice - his calling to all of us. As Jesus said, "This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:12-13).

Blessings, Arthur

The next **Church Council** meeting is on Thursday 6 November 2014 @ 7pm.

Future Events

December	Friday 12 th	7.30 pm	Harrison Band and Singers with light refreshments Tickets £5.00
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Church Anniversary Gift Day

The circuit meeting has approved a small development scheme; mainly concerning the replacement of windows in the large and small halls. The total cost is £13,482 of which we are committed to fund £3,482.

This year's gift day takes place on Sunday 2nd November and is your opportunity to contribute. Please pray and think about this and respond as you feel able.

"Gift Day" envelopes are available in the foyer.

Christmas Market at New Marske Methodist Church
Saturday November 22nd 10 am -- 3:00 pm
Assorted stalls tea/coffee and mince pie £1:00
Sandwiches at lunch time

Community Lunch Club eats midday Tuesday

Fellowship meets 7:30pm every Wednesday

5th November : Mrs Thelma Barnes - Devotional

12th November : Scott Chem Ltd – Christmas Shopping

19th November : Miss Pat Rutherford - Talk

26th November : To be confirmed

3rd December : Christmas Concert – Marske Band

10th December : Devotional – Fellowship carol service

17th December : To be confirmed

Friday @10 for Prayer and meditation:

28th November 10:00

Thanks to all who contributed to World Missions from Zetland Park during 2013-14. Totals were as follows:

Easter Offering	£186.00
World Boxes	£243.50
JMA	£100.07
Total	£529.57

Thanks, Jackie

Thursday group will meet at 14 Ely Crescent, from 7.30 p.m.

20th November when we will look at Matthew 25:31-46

There will be no books or other resources to pay for; but please bring a Bible. All are welcome to any or all meetings.

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Please let Paul have items for the next newsletter by 23rd November

Either on Sunday or by email to:

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